Press Release

Kinosaki Onsen, Toyooka Tourism Innovation

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All in Kinosaki



As Japan's borders gradually open to tourists, we at Visit Kinosaki are looking forward to greeting visitors back to our cozy hot spring town. Our doors are finally open, and we can't wait to welcome you!

2 Days & 1 Night of Blissful Relaxation

As a cozy hot spring town with over 1,300 years of history, it's no wonder <u>Kinosaki Onsen</u> is the ultimate destination for a relaxing hot spring getaway. Activities ranging from tranquil cultural experiences such as zen meditation and straw craft (Kinosaki's traditional art form), to more adventurous pursuits including hiking up <u>Mount Daishi</u> and <u>Mount Kuruhi</u>, are sure to excite visitors of all interests and ages. Check out

our hand-picked suggestions for your next trip to Kinosaki, one of Japan's best hot spring spots!

Day 1: Getting Acquainted

After arriving at Kinosaki Onsen Station from either Kyoto or Osaka, drop of your luggage at the Kinosaki Onsen Ryokan Service Center and be on your way to discovering one of Japan's oldest hot spring towns. Enjoy lunch at one of the countless locally acclaimed



eateries such as Off, a hip café serving Tajima beef burgers, or Orizuru, Kinosaki's premier sushi restaurant. Start your trip with a visit to Onsenji Temple via the Kinosaki Ropeway. Once at Onsenji Temple, a local monk will be happy to teach you the traditional way of first paying respects to Kinosaki Onsen's guardian temple before entering the town's seven mystic hot springs. Afterwards, check into your inn, and before the hot springs, savor yet another filling Japanese meal in the comfort of your own room.



Day 2: Crafts and Baths

After a hearty breakfast served in your accommodation's room and checking out, wave goodbye to your hosts and walk over to Kamiya Mingei, the workshop of one of only 4 craftsman who practice the art of straw craft. Exclusively found in Kinosaki Onsen, straw craft involves cutting colored pieces of wheat straw and cutting them into shapes to create unique and detailed works of art. Mister Kamiya, the owner of Kamiya



Mingei, will be there to guide you through <u>creating your very own</u> <u>designed keepsake box</u>.



Examples of box designs

After creating your straw craft box, enjoy one last round of soaks in Kinosaki's hot spring baths. In addition to the <u>seven public hot springs</u>, it is also recommended to try soaking your feet in some of the town's free <u>footbaths</u> while waiting for your train back to Osaka or Kyoto.



See you at the hot springs!

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Toyooka is home to the Oriental White Stork, a bird that was revived from extinction in this very town. Tour the storks' natural habitat with an English-speaking guide and learn about the town's sustainability efforts, such as stork-friendly farming methods, to keep stork populations thriving and healthy.



Kannabe is a mountainous area teeming with natural wonders and scenic views. Take flight into the highland skies on a paragliding adventure, hike a lava flow trail with an experienced guide, and enjoy relaxed camping and picnic spots together with the town's locals.



<u>Tanto</u> is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature—including a festival of tulips in the spring and sunflowers in the summer.







Kinosaki Onsen is a town of time-honored hot springs dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven public bathhouses, all located within walking distance of each other and the train station. Guests are encouraged to wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and go onsen-hopping.



Izushi, lovingly referred to by locals as "Little Kyoto," is popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-era Japan. Together with an English-speaking guide, tour Izushi Castle Ruins, Shinkoro clock tower, and Eirakukan Kabuki Theatre. Enjoy Izushi Sara Soba for lunch, buckwheat noodles served on five small plates.



Takeno is a quaint fisherman town that is a hidden gem among the northern coast of Hyogo Prefecture. Enjoy a plethora of outdoor activities such as sea kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and hiking Nekozaki Peninsula, the northernmost point in Japan's Hyogo Prefecture.

