

Cultural Experience



Time	Details
Day1	Arrive at Kinosaki Onsen Station & meet your guide → Depart from Osaka at 9:10 and arrive to Kinosaki at 11:52 → Depart from Kyoto at 11:25 and arrive to Kinosaki at 13:49 ※Trains tickets are excluded. Please make your own reservation.
	Lunch at Kinosaki or on the train (bento) ※Lunch is excluded.
	Guided walking tour “Hot Spring Therapy Origins” including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk through Kinosaki Town (90 min) • Onsenji Temple and ancient bathing ritual explained by head monk (45 min) • Ride the Kinosaki Ropeway & admire the Michelin Star view (30 min)
	End of the tour at Kinosaki Onsen (Ryokan or Ropeway Station)
Day2	Meet your guide & pick-up at your accommodation in Kinosaki Onsen (private taxi)
	Guided tour “The Storks Journey & Nature’s Wonders” (3hrs)
	End of the tour at Kinosaki Onsen (Ryokan or Station)
	Option : Straw Craft Activity and Craftsman Workshop (2hrs30min) Option : DIY Kintsugi Ceramics Workshop (2hrs)
Day3	Meet your guide & pick-up at your accommodation in Kinosaki Onsen (private taxi)
	Select your own experience at Izushi Castle Town : Option : Private Izushi Castle Town Historical Architecture Tour (5hrs05min) Option : Nihon Buyo Japanese Traditional Dance Experience at Kabuki Theater (5hrs20min)
	End of the tour at Toyooka Station → Depart from Toyooka Station at 14:25 and arrive to Osaka at 17:05 → Depart from Toyooka Station at 14:45 and arrive to Kyoto at 17:06 ※Trains tickets are excluded. Please make your own reservation.

Participant	Tour Price
For 2 people	¥100,000 / per person
For 4 people	¥67,000 / per person
Details : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tour is only available from April-October. • Comfort of Private Taxi. • The above prices do not include option fees. 	
On demand the following service can be included for an additional fee: luggage collection upon arrival, additional restaurant reservation, accommodation reservation, etc.	

Optional activity in Kinosaki (DAY 2 – Afternoon)

OPTION

Cultural Experience

Activity reserved only for travel agencies

Highlights

- ✓ Learn from one of the last straw craftsmen in Japan
- ✓ Experience Kinosaki's traditional craft
- ✓ Immerse into the dedication and wonders of a Japanese craftsman's world

Straw Craft Activity and Craftsman Workshop

Straw craft, called “mugiwara zaiku” in Japanese, is a unique, traditional handicraft with vibrant colors and intricate patterns that, in all of Japan, is only produced in Kinosaki Onsen. Observe the fascinating and complex straw craft process, learn about its history, and get a private tour of the craftsman's workshop. Make your own original straw craft design on a small box to keep as a lovely souvenir.

Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2 people : ¥20,000/person • For 4 people : ¥14,000/person
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private local guide for interpretation and instruction courtesy of an artisan • Private artisan workshop • Materials fee
Meeting place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In front of Kinosaki Onsen Station or pick-up at ryokan
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirement : 12 years old and up • Min~Max participant : 2~6
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration : 2 hrs 30 min • Last tour departure can be scheduled at 1:30pm
Available times	All year



Optional activity in Kinosaki (DAY 2 – Afternoon)

OPTION

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Highlights

- ✓ Immerse into the kintsugi history and philosophy
- ✓ Meet a craftsman well versed in both European and Japanese ceramics repairs
- ✓ Restore old traditional ceramics (some are over 100 y.o.)

DIY Kintsugi Ceramics Workshop

Under the guidance of a professional kintsugi artisan, revive broken ceramics into a beautifully imperfect art piece. In this workshop, you are invited to experience kintsugi for yourself, mending the broken into something beautiful.

While the centuries-old kintsugi techniques usually take over two months to fully complete one project, a professional artisan will guide you through a simplified, food-safe kintsugi method while still maintaining the timeless elegance of its predecessor.

Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2 people : ¥31,500/person • For 4 people : ¥28,500/person
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private local guide for interpretation and instruction courtesy of an artisan • Privatization of the event space • Materials fee
Meeting place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearby Kinosaki Onsen Station (to be communicated after confirmation) or pick-up at ryokan
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirement : 12 years old and up • Min~Max participant : 2~6
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration : 2 hrs • Last tour departure can be schedule at 13:30
Available times	All year
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please do not participate if you are allergic to glue or crafting materials. • This activity involves using knives. Please exercise caution during the workshop. • Please wear clothing that can get dirty.



Optional activity in Izushi (DAY 3)

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Activity reserved only for travel agencies

Highlights

- ✓ Travel through centuries of traditional architecture evolution
- ✓ Guide with more than 30 years experience in traditional building preservation in Izushi
- ✓ Registered "National Preserved Traditional District"

Private Izushi Castle Town Historical Architecture Tour

Explore an ancient samurai town with a local architect expert!

Mister Kotera is an Izushi Castle Town local with expert knowledge on Japanese architecture throughout the samurai era and into the modern age. This guided journey weaves a tale of cultural and traditional changes throughout Japan's history with Izushi Castle Town as the stage. With a local English interpreter at your side, listen to Mister Kotera's extensive knowledge about Izushi Castle Town's various neighborhoods, streets, and even buildings he himself renovated!

Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2 people: ¥12,000/person • For 4 people ¥9,000/person
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions courtesy of a local architect in Japanese • Facility entrance fees for Izushi Castle Town walking tour • Transportation by private taxi • Soba lunch <p>※Private car and English-speaking private local guide fee are <u>not included</u>. On demand these service can be included for an additional fee.</p>
Meeting place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinosaki Onsen Koyado Enn, 219 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho, Toyooka-shi
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirement : 12 years old and up • Min~Max participant : 1~4
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration : 5 hrs 5 min • Last tour departure can be scheduled at 9:00am
Available times	All year
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tour will be conducted in the event of light rain



Optional activity in Izushi (DAY 3)

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Highlights

- ✓ Meet a professional traditional dancer
- ✓ Traditional Kabuki theater or traditional home completely private
- ✓ Visit a nationally registered "Preserved Traditional District"

Nihon Buyo Japanese Traditional Dance Experience at Eirakukan Kabuki Theater/Former Fukutomi Residence.

Get dressed for your performance with some help from local kimono dressers. Experience Nihon Buyo dance, a pillar of traditional Japanese Kabuki theater, at Eirakukan Kabuki Theater or the Former Fukutomi Residence! Learn some Nihon Buyo moves and perform them onstage with the guidance of a professional instructor, Ryoko Awashima. With her patient style of teaching, anyone can follow her instructions! Afterward, enjoy some free time strolling around the scenic Izushi Castle Town.

Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2 people : ¥54, 000/person • For 4 people: ¥33, 000/person
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction from a dance instructor in Japanese • Kinomo Rental • Nihon Buyō dance lesson • Privatization of Eirakukan Kabuki Theater or Former Fukutomi Residence • Transportation by private taxi <p>※Private car and English-speaking private local guide fee are <u>not included</u>. On demand these service can be included for an additional fee.</p>
Meeting Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick-up at ryokan
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirement : 12 years old and up • Min~Max participant : 2~6
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration : 5 hrs 20 min • Last tour departure can be scheduled at 8:45am
Available times	All year

