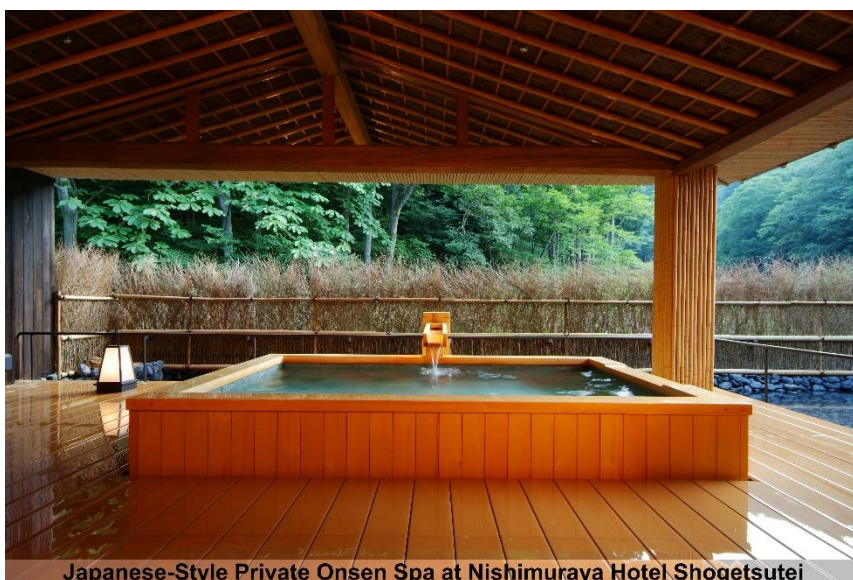


Relaxing in a Private Hot Spring without the Crowds

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and the need for social distancing, a private hot spring bath (or *onsen*) is the perfect way to enjoy the hot springs without crowds. Kinoshiki Onsen is known for its seven public onsen spread out through town, but it also has around 40 private onsen inside various accommodations. The private hot spring baths inside *ryokan*, or traditional Japanese inns, can be used per reservation or on a first-come-first-served basis, sometimes for an extra charge. That way, guests can enjoy a relaxing soak either by themselves or with their friends, family, or partner, away from other guests. There are three different ways to enjoy a bath privately: a private onsen in a ryokan, a private session in one of the public onsen, and a private bath inside the guest's room.



Japanese-Style Private Onsen Spa at Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei

Three fragrant baths are available for reservations at [Yuraku](#), a ryokan surrounded by greenery and woods located in the backroads of town. Guests can choose between orchids & roses, oranges & limes, and apples for a relaxing dip perfect for couples.



Yuraku



Shinonomeso

Another ryokan in Kinoshiki with private hot springs is [Shinonomeso](#), an inn with a cozy wooden exterior and interior complimenting the ambience of the town. Here, guests can relax in a bath accented with a beautiful tiled mural and a hot tub. This spacious bath is perfect for families.

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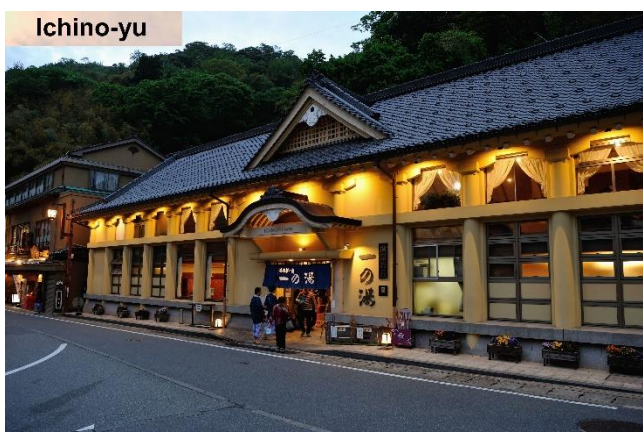
For an all-out relaxation experience, [Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei](#) has three different private onsen spas, each complete with their own rock sauna and lounge. Guests staying at Nishimuraya (both Hotel Shogetsutei and Honkan) can reserve their desired time and bath, which is available in either a Japanese, Balinese, or Chinese style. With some complimentary sparkling wine, these open-air hot springs are perfect for those on a romantic honeymoon. The ryokan also provides various massages and aroma treatments at the Relaxation Salon Fuka.



In [Nishimuraya Honkan](#), a traditional Japanese-style inn with over 150 years of history, some of the guest rooms have their own private bath; however, these baths do not use hot spring water. Whether staying with family or friends in a room together, one can enjoy an intimate experience in a private outdoor bath with a gorgeous view.



Additionally, for a fee, families can enjoy a private hot spring bath within one of two public baths, Ichino-yu or Jizo-yu, upon arrival in Kinoshiki. The seven public onsen and many of the town's private onsen, including Yuraku and Shinonomeso, are also completely tattoo friendly. For other private onsen, please contact the ryokan in advance, as the rules differ by business. Private onsen are the perfect solution for those looking for a quiet, relaxing space to themselves at the hot springs.





[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.

[Toyooka](#) is a downtown area home to the Oriental White Stork, a bird that was revived from extinction in this very town. The city's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now about 140 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known for the Genbudo Caves.



[Izushi](#) is the resident castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on small plates.

[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with fun activities year-round. In the winter, one can go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding. In the warm months, one can go camping, paragliding, fishing, tree climbing, and more. Kannabe is the perfect destination for adventurers.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fisherman town that is a hidden gem among the northern coast of Hyogo Prefecture. The beach has clear, blue waters while the mountains surrounding it offer great hiking opportunities. It is encouraged to stroll through the peaceful town, where one can find small shops and traditional landscapes.

[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature—including a giant field of tulips in the spring and brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall.

