



# **KINOSAKI ONSEN**



# Experience a traditional Japanese hot spring vacation with 1300 years of history

Kinosaki Onsen's first hot spring was discovered over 1300 years ago. Today, there are 7 hot spring bathhouses located within the town. Each bathhouse has its own unique style, from an open-air cave to bathing alongside a waterfall.

Yukata were basically made to help you enjoy the hot springs even more. They are easier to slip on and off, and they also absorb any excess water that your towel might have missed. Walk from hot spring to hot spring in your yukata; it's about a 5-minute walk between each one.

## WELCOME TO KINOSAKI

Kinosaki is located near the north shores of Hyogo prefecture, one train stop from the Sea of Japan. The town has its own train station located along the San'in line of the Japan Railway system, and a JR Pass or a JR West Rail Pass can be used to reach Kinosaki.

You can also get here by car or bus just as easily and swiftly from Kyoto City, Osaka City, Kobe or Himeji.





# Day 1 Kinosaki Onsen

Morning

Afternoon

# A cozy hot spring town for the most authentic Japanese experience

**Kinosaki Onsen** 

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Take a 10:25 JR train from Kyoto to Kinosaki Onsen and arrive at 12:51. Leave your luggage at the Ryokan Service Center and afterwards enjoy lunch at one of our recommended restaurants:

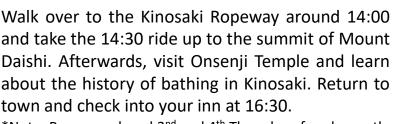
Okesho (seafood), Kinosaki burger (Tajima beef hamburger), OFF (local cafe), Orizuru (sushi)





**Kinosaki Ropeway** 





\*Note: Ropeway closed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month





Enjoy a traditional Japanese kaiseki dinner in the comfort of your room from 18:00. Delicacies range from crab, Tajima beef, fresh seafood, and locally sourced produce. After dinner, enjoy the tranguil hot spring setting and stroll through town in yukata. Relax your body and soul in the natural hot spring water of Kinosaki's seven public baths.



# Day 2 <mark>Kinosaki Onsen</mark>

Morning

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Straw Craft Workshop

What is straw craft?

Afternoon



Okesho (seafood), Kinosaki burger (Tajima beef hamburger), OFF (local cafe), Orizuru (sushi)





Try your hand at making your very own straw craft creation in Kinosaki Onsen. Straw craft involves an intricate process of cutting and pasting colored straw to create unique designs and patterns. Straw craft is readily available to be experienced with the help of 1 of 4 remaining craftsmen at a workshop in Kinosaki.



Kono-yu, one of Kinosaki's baths

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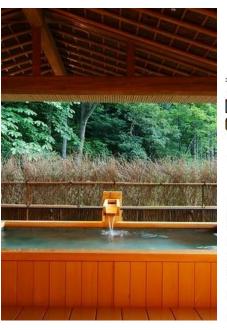


From 14:00, enjoy souvenir shopping or a final soak in Kinosaki's hot springs before leaving for Kyoto via train at 16:31.





# Accommodation



## ★ Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei

〒 1016 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho III Japanese-style room only
■ Most major credit cards

### Number of guest rooms: 98



Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei is a combination of a modern hotel & traditional ryokan. Non-smoking Japanese-style and western-style rooms, in-room kaiseki dinner, free shuttle service, complimentary Wi-Fi, private onsen spas & aroma treatment massages are just some features to make your stay a relaxing one. Renovated in 2017.



# Ryokan | TRADITIONAL ONSEN VACATION HOTEL

The ryokan offers an experience unique to Japan. There are 74 various ryokan in Kinosaki to meet a wide variety of needs.

Some serve you your meals in your room, while others serve them in their dining hall or offer simpler stays without meals. Many ryokan also offer private baths in their guestrooms or on a reservation-basis. Some of the buildings are designated as Cultural Properties of Japan.

### ★ Nishimuraya Honkan

 〒 469 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho
 Iapanese-style room (1 with western-style beds)
 Image: Most major credit cards



Number of guest rooms: 33

Traditional Japanese-style inn with over 160 years of history. Nishimuraya Honkan is a proud member of Relais & Châteaux, rated as the "Best Onsen Ryokan" in the Lonely Planet travel guide. Enjoy our traditional-style guest rooms, expansive Japanese garden, soothing onsen baths, and delicious kaiseki course dinners.

### Yamamotoya

〒 643 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho
 ☑ Japanese-style room only
 ☑ Visa, MasterCard



Number of guest rooms: 14

Centrally located in the hot spring town, perfect for touring the public hot springs. The weeping willows that line the Otani River allows guests in Kinosaki to fully experience the feel of a traditional Japanese town. While here, also enjoy trying our 4 different types of locally-brewed beers.

### Morizuya

 〒 417 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho
 ☑ Japanese-style room only
 ☑ Most major credit cards, (cash only if paying at accommodation)

### Number of guest rooms: 12



Located in the middle of the bustling hot spring town, conveniently located for shopping and visiting the public baths. Within our inn is our famous cave bath and open-air bath. Also on display inside the inn is the owner's personal collection of model replica cars, Harley Davidson Motorcycles, warplanes, and more. The popular designs of the guest rooms are thanks to the inn's proprietress.

### ★ Kawaguchiya Kinosaki Riverside

〒 880 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho
 ☑ Japanese-style room,
 Western-style room
 ☑ Most major credit cards
 Number of guest rooms: 37



This 6-story reinforced ryokan style hotel features warm wooden interiors, a spacious lobby, a karaoke room, a night lounge, and open-air Japanese style baths that can be rented for private use by our guests. Stay in one of the beautifully designed Japanese style rooms or if you prefer sleeping on a bed rather than a futon, ask about one of our Japanesewestern rooms. Group tours welcome!

### Mikuniya

〒 221 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho
 ☑ Japanese-style room only
 ☑ Visa, MasterCard, AMEX,

Visa, MasterCard, AM Diners Club, JCB



#### Number of guest rooms: 12

Mikuniya is a medium-sized Japanese inn compared to the other inns in Kinosaki. A 3-minute walk from the train station, this ryokan is a hidden retreat. We offer 3 free private baths, a beauty salon, and a delicious breakfast. Dinner is served in the guests' rooms, letting them enjoy the meal in private and at their own pace.

### **Onishiya Suishoen**

〒 1256 Momoshima,
 Kinosaki-cho
 Iapanese-style room,
 Western-style room

Most major credit cards

Number of guest rooms: 34



Tatami mats (traditional Japanese straw mats) extend to the end of the corridor in the modern Japanese style building. A small trickling stream flows through the middle of the central garden with torches and a Noh (traditional Japanese dance-drama) stage. Guests are treated to extraordinary scenes of elegance.