



# Explore More KINOSAKI

## Tour Package 2 nights 3 days



## 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



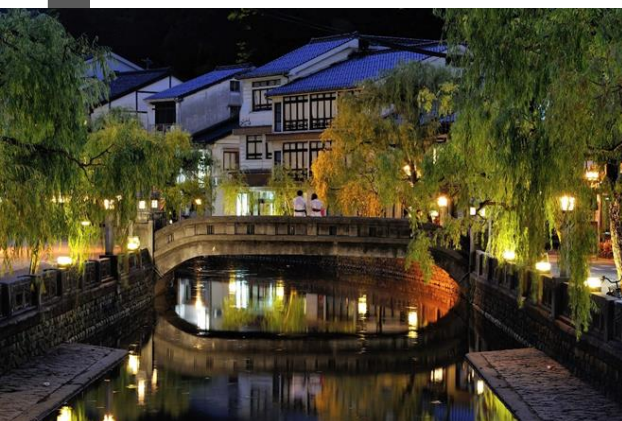
Kinosaki Onsen

Afternoon



Kinosaki Ropeway

Evening



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

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)



Walk over to the Kinosaki Ropeway around 14:00 and take the 14:30 ride up to the summit of Mount Daishi. Afterwards, visit Onsenji Temple and learn about the history of bathing in Kinosaki. Return to town and check into your inn at 16:30.

\*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 tranquil 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.



## Option 1 of Day 2 (Izushi Course)

### Izushi Castle Town

Morning



*Transport yourself back into  
Edo-Era Japan*



Izushi Castle Town

Afternoon



After breakfast at your ryokan, meet with an English-speaking guide at in front of SOZORO Tourist Information Center at 9:45. Depart for Izushi and arrive in this historic Edo-era style town at 11:05. Enjoy the sights of Izushi Castle Ruins and Shinkoro Clock Tower (the world's oldest Japanese-style clock tower).



Eirakukan Kabuki Theatre

Evening



Savor the local Izushi Delicacy of Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served on five small plates. Afterwards, visit a samurai house and take a detailed tour of Eirakukan Kabuki Theatre, going on and underneath the stage. Return to Kinosaki Onsen at 14:35.



Stroll through Kinosaki Onsen for the rest of the afternoon before settling into your ryokan for a filling kaiseki dinner at 18:00. After dinner, enjoy your last evening in Kinosaki while visiting the seven mystic hot springs, and relishing in the lively evening atmosphere.



# ***IZUSHI***



Izushi is a castle town that flourished about 200-300 years ago, and is famous for Izushi pottery, soba, and a wonderfully preserved traditional Japanese townscape.

Izushi soba is a local delicacy that is served on five porcelain plates, historically enjoyed in this manner to display the fine craftsmanship of porcelain Izushi pottery.

Willow crafting, the ancient artform of weaving wicker baskets and bags, is alive and thriving in this quaint castle town thanks to the skills of Japan's last surviving willow craftsman.





## Option 2 of Day 2 (Toyooka Course)

### Toyooka

Morning



### *An ecological town home to the Oriental White Stork*



Hachigoro Toshima Wetlands

Afternoon



After breakfast at your ryokan, meet with an English-speaking guide at Kinosaki Onsen Station at 9:00. Depart for Toyooka in a private taxi. Arrive at Hachigoro Toshima Wetlands and enjoy a walk through this wetland before driving to the Oriental White Stork Museum. Observe storks up close and learn about their history through an English-language video.



Oriental White Stork

Evening



Travel to the Morizuru and Fukuda Rice Fields and look for storks in their natural habitat. Afterwards, enjoy a lunch made by locals with Stork Natural Rice, a local and organic crop sustainably farmed with preservation of the Oriental White Stork in mind.



Return by car at 14:00, and stroll through Kinosaki Onsen for the rest of the afternoon before settling into your ryokan for a filling kaiseki dinner at 18:00. After dinner, enjoy your last evening in Kinosaki while visiting the seven mystic hot springs, and relishing in the lively evening atmosphere.



# TOYOOKA



The Oriental White Stork once lived in the wild in Japan, but in 1971, the last wild Oriental White Stork disappeared from its skies.

Due to harmful farming practices, Hyogo Prefecture's Toyooka City felt responsible for the loss of the stork population, and the citizens created a breeding and research facility to begin breeding and raising storks in captivity. In 2005 they were successfully reintroduced into the wild for the first time. Currently, about 260 Oriental White Storks fly grandly in the skies of Toyooka. We continue to preserve their habitat.





## Option 3 Day 2 (Takeno Course)

### Takeno Beach Day

Morning



*Crystal clear waters and one of Japan's top 100 beaches*



After breakfast at your ryokan, take an 8:58 train from Kinosaki Onsen to Takeno Station. From 10:30 begin a two-hour sea kayaking activity under the instruction of a local certified guide (w/ pickup and drop off at Takeno Station). Traverse the sparkling waters of the San'in Geopark Coast and venture out to the natural gems dotted across the waters, including the mythological monster cave.

Geopark Sea Kayaking

Afternoon



Finish sea kayaking at 12:30, and afterwards enjoy free time exploring the beach town of Takeno. Grab a bite to eat at one of the local cafes, and then choose between relaxing at Takeno Beach, one of Japan's top 100 beaches, or hiking to the tip of Nekozaki Peninsula, the northernmost point of Japan's Hyogo Prefecture.

Takeno Beach & Nekozaki

Evening



Take a 16:52 train from Takeno Station back to Kinosaki Onsen. Savor a kaiseki dinner in your ryokan room at 18:00. After dinner, enjoy your last evening in Kinosaki while visiting the seven mystic hot springs, and relishing in the lively evening atmosphere. Relax your body and soul in the natural hot spring water.



# TAKENO



Takeno is a beautiful fishing town located next to the Sea of Japan. Originally famous for being a port of call for the Kita Mae cargo ships from Hokkaido, Takeno is now renowned for being home to Takeno Beach, one of Japan's top 100 beaches, picturesque wooden architecture, and outdoor activities. With the different seasons, one can enjoy different activities such as kayaking, hiking Nekozaiki Peninsula, and stand-up paddleboarding.





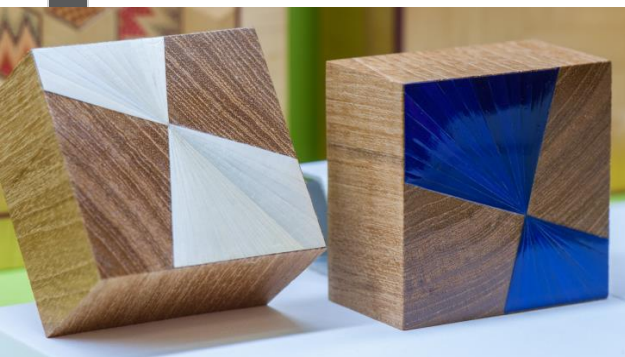
## Day 3 Kinosaki Onsen

Morning



Straw Craft Workshop

What is straw craft?



Afternoon



Kono-yu, one of Kinosaki's baths



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Enjoy a hearty Japanese breakfast in your room from 8:00 and check out at 10:00. After check-out, walk over to Kamiya Mingei and experience the art of straw craft, a traditional art form only found in Kinosaki. Afterwards enjoy lunch at one of our recommended restaurants:

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.



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

 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  
 🏠 Japanese-style room (1 with western-style beds)  
 💳 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.

## ★ 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 Japanese-western rooms. Group tours welcome!

## 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.

## Mikuniya

〒 221 Yushima, Kinosaki-cho  
 🏠 Japanese-style room only  
 💳 Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, 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.

## 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.

## Onishiya Suishoen

〒 1256 Momoshima,  
 Kinosaki-cho  
 🏠 Japanese-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.