

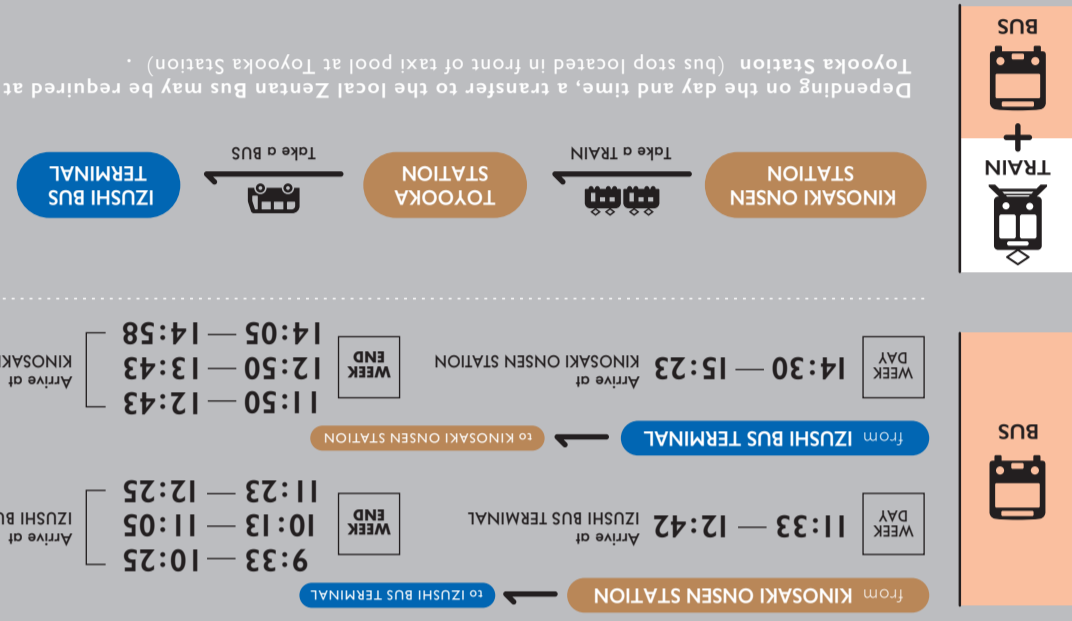


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Access

Izushi Castle Town MAP



Place / IZUSHI ERAKUKAN



出石永楽館

出石ライオンズクラブ



1

Izushi Castle Ruins

Izushi Castle sits at the base of Mount Arikoyama and has been a hallmark of the region for centuries. Although the main building was destroyed during the 1800s, some architecture still remains including restored turrets, a bridge, and gate.



2

Samurai House Karoyashiki

This home was the former residence of a high-ranking samurai living in Izushi long ago. It now holds many samurai artifacts, and from the outside, it looks like a one-story building. But once you step inside, you will discover a two-story building full of secrets to deceive enemy spies!

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98 Uchimachi, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0214, JAPAN
OPEN 9:30am to 5:00pm
(Closed every Wednesday and from December 28 to January 4)



3

Shinkoro Clock Tower

Built in 1871, Shinkoro Clock Tower located in the town center is known for being the oldest Japanese-style clock tower in the world. Originally, this clock tower had no mechanical clock. Instead, drummers up in the tower keep would bang their drums to notify locals of the time.



4

Sasazuru Sake Cellars

Sasazuru is a sake brewing company that has had roots in Izushi Castle Town since 1708. Multiple flavors and varieties of sake are available to purchase, along with sake-infused sorbet depending on the season. In addition to purchasing Sasazuru Sake, visitors can also get up close with a traditional rice cooker used in the process of making sake.

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114-1 Uoya, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0215, JAPAN
OPEN 9:30am to 6:30pm



5

Izushi History Museum

The Izushi History Museum is housed in the former residence of the Fukutomi family, wealthy merchants who traded raw silk and cast metal products. Visitors can discover historical documents and samurai armor and relics during a walk through the main building, annex, and storehouse.

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78 Yoida, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0232, JAPAN
OPEN 9:30am to 5:00pm
(Closed every Tuesday and from December 28 to January 4)



6

Takumi Kougei Willow Craft Shop

Yanagi-gori (willow craft) is wickerwork that is made by hand using a species of willow that thrives in the Izushi area. This sturdy and supple material produces durable items. Woven baskets were an important product when the area was a growing castle town. The craft is still practiced by a few artisans, including Takumi Terauchi at Takumi Kougei.

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99 Uoya, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0215, JAPAN
OPEN 8:30am to 5:00pm



7

Eirakukan Kabuki Theater

Built in 1901, this is one of the oldest Kabuki theaters in Japan. Various performances are performed even today, including grand Kabuki. On days with no performances, visitors can explore the theater's mysterious workings behind and below the stage.

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17-2 Yanagi, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0234, JAPAN
OPEN 9:30am to 5:00pm
(Closed every Thursday and from December 31 to January 1)



8

Sukyoji Temple

Sukyoji Temple was built in 1392. This was the family temple where the ruling family of Izushi Castle had worshipped for generations. Here the Buddhist monk Takuan Soho created his namesake pickled daikon radish (takuan), now popular all over Japan, and for this reason the temple is also referred to as "Takuan Temple." Takuan Soho was also the instructor to the great swordsman Musashi Miyamoto.

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33 Tojyo, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0217, JAPAN
OPEN 9:00am to 4:00pm
(Closed January, February, July, August)



Access



BUS

from **KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION** → to **IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL**

WEEK DAY

11:33 — 12:42 Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL

WEEK END

9:33 — 10:25

10:13 — 11:05

11:23 — 12:25

Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL

from **IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL** → to **KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION**

WEEK DAY

14:30 — 15:23 Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION

WEEK END

11:50 — 12:43

12:50 — 13:43

14:05 — 14:58

Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION



TRAIN



BUS

KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION



Take a TRAIN

TOYOOKA STATION



Take a BUS

IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL

Depending on the day and time, a transfer to the local Zentan Bus may be required at Toyooka Station (bus stop located in front of taxi pool at Toyooka Station).

城崎温泉 KINOSAKI ONSEN



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