

Tourist information of KINOSAKI

Kinosaki Onsen

Izushi

Kinosaki Onsen is located in Toyooka city, to the northwest of Kyoto. It is famous for its seven public hot springs and tradition of wearing yukata. Nearby is the historic town of Izushi, home to a three hundred year old castle.

There is so much traditional Japanese scenery and culture in this one area, why don't you come and discover it for yourself?



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Onsen Town Kinosaki Yukata Village

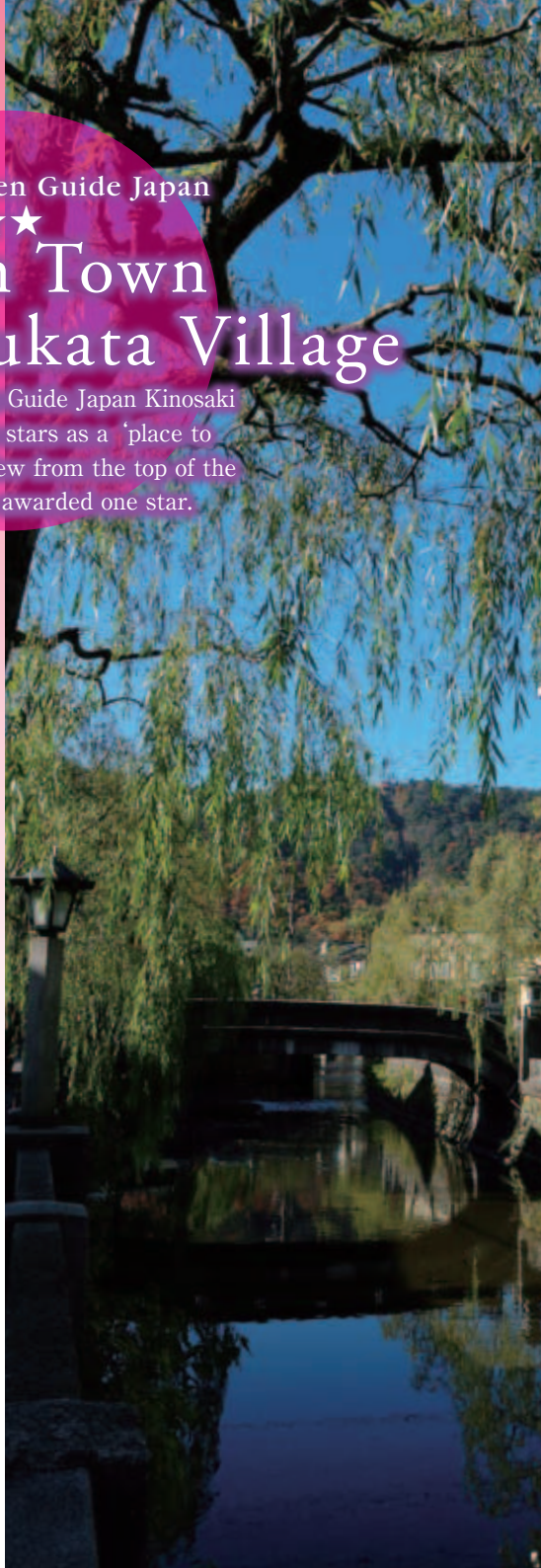
In the 2013 Michelin Green Guide Japan Kinosaki Onsen was awarded two stars as a 'place to visit on a side trip'. The view from the top of the Kinosaki ropeway was awarded one star.

In Kinosaki Onsen, an atmosphere of the good old days still remains. Here, you can experience true Japanese culture, first hand. Stay at a traditional lodge called "ryokan" and enjoy Japanese-style dinners. Or slip on a comfortable yukata (light cotton kimono) and stroll around the town enjoying the quaint traditional stores or hot springs.

Traditional Wooden Ryokan



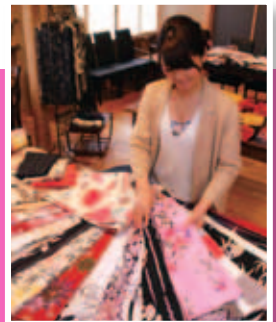
There are only a few traditional style onsen towns, which retain the look and atmosphere of old Japan left in the country. In the central area of Kinosaki Onsen, there are no modern large hotels, and the beautiful townscape of old times is preserved.





The Station is the Front Door and the Town, One Ryokan

Kinosaki has welcomed tourists as one town since old times with the mentality that, "The whole town is a ryokan (Japanese inn), the inns are its guest rooms, the hot springs the baths, and the roads the hallways." Everyone can relax in yukata, even outside because after all, the roads are the hallways of one big ryokan!



Yukata Rental

At the ryokans of Kinosaki Onsen yukata are lent to guests staying for free. They will show you how to put one on, and will offer tips for wearing it while walking around the town. There are some shops which provide Yukata rental services for day trip visitors.

The History of Kinosaki Onsen



It has been said that the hot springs of Kinosaki were discovered in the Asuka period (717 AD), when an oriental white stork was seen

healing its wounds in the waters. But the official history of the town doesn't start until the Nara period (8C). According to legend, Kinosaki's waters were discovered by a priest named Dochi Shonin. He received a vision from the village guardian god Shisho Myojin, and after performing the secret prayer of the Mandala of Eight Great

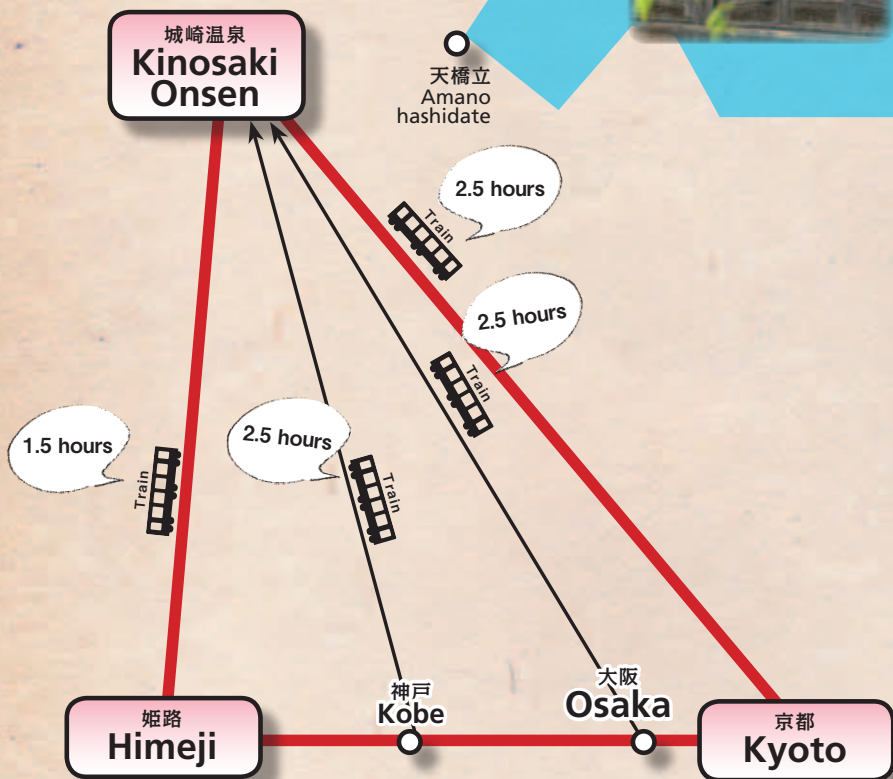
Bodhisavatta for 1000 days, the water rushed forth from the ground. In the old times, people who came to Kinosaki to visit the hot springs for their health visited Onsenji Temple, the main temple of Kinosaki, first. There, they worshipped the spirit of Dochi Shonin and after receiving a ladle and learning the manners of bathing went to the public hot springs. The ladle is the substitute for the sacred hands of Dochi Shonin.

Kinosaki Onsen gained widespread fame in the Edo period (17C–mid 19C). A great doctor named Kagawa Shutoku praised Kinosaki as “the best in Japan” in his book Yakusen. Since then, the name “Kinosaki” became known nationally. In 1909, the JR Sanin main Line opened as far as Kinosaki, and the town prospered even more. It was loved by many writers and artists. Among them was the great writer Shiga Naoya, who wrote a book about his time in Kinosaki which led to the town becoming even more well known.



World Heritage Sites & Kinosaki Onsen Course

Kyoto and Himeji - both home to World Heritage Sites - are two of the most popular tourist spots in Japan. Kinosaki is easily accessed from both these cities. After you have visited the sites, we invite you to come to Kinosaki and experience traditional Japan for yourself.



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Kansai International Airport

JR-WEST RAIL PASS

A convenient and affordable rail pass for visitors to Japan. With this pass, tourists can take unlimited rides on JR trains in Western Japan. For more information on which pass would suit you best, please see the following JR website:
www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/



Yukata Village Kinosaki Onsen

Many visitors enjoy walking around this traditional town and visiting the public hot springs while dressed in yukata.



Highlights Onsens (Hot Spring Baths)

In Kinosaki's onsen town, there are 7 public hot springs called "sotoyu." Each hot spring has its own distinct atmosphere and style. Visitors staying at local ryokan get free tickets to visit sotoyu as many times as you like until 10 a.m. of your checkout day. If you haven't tried onsen yet, come to Kinosaki Onsen and experience the ultimate in relaxation and comfort.



Goshono-yu



Mandara-yu



Kouno-yu



Ichino-yu



Yanagi-yu



Jizo-yu



Satono-yu

YUMEPA



YUMEPA is a free ticket which allows you to enter 7 hot springs in Kinosaki Onsen. It is provided for those who stay in Kinosaki.

There is also a one day ticket available for day trip visitors.

Onsenji Temple



Founded by Dochi Shonin in 738, the name “Onsenji Temple” was granted by Emperor Shomu and designated “the guardian temple of Kinosaki Onsen.” It is located halfway up Mt.Taishi.

Access

Get off at the middle station of the Kinosaki Onsen Ropeway.

Mt.Taishi



The view from Mt.Taishi received one star in the Michelin Green Guide Japan.

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Get off at the top station of the Kinosaki Onsen Ropeway.

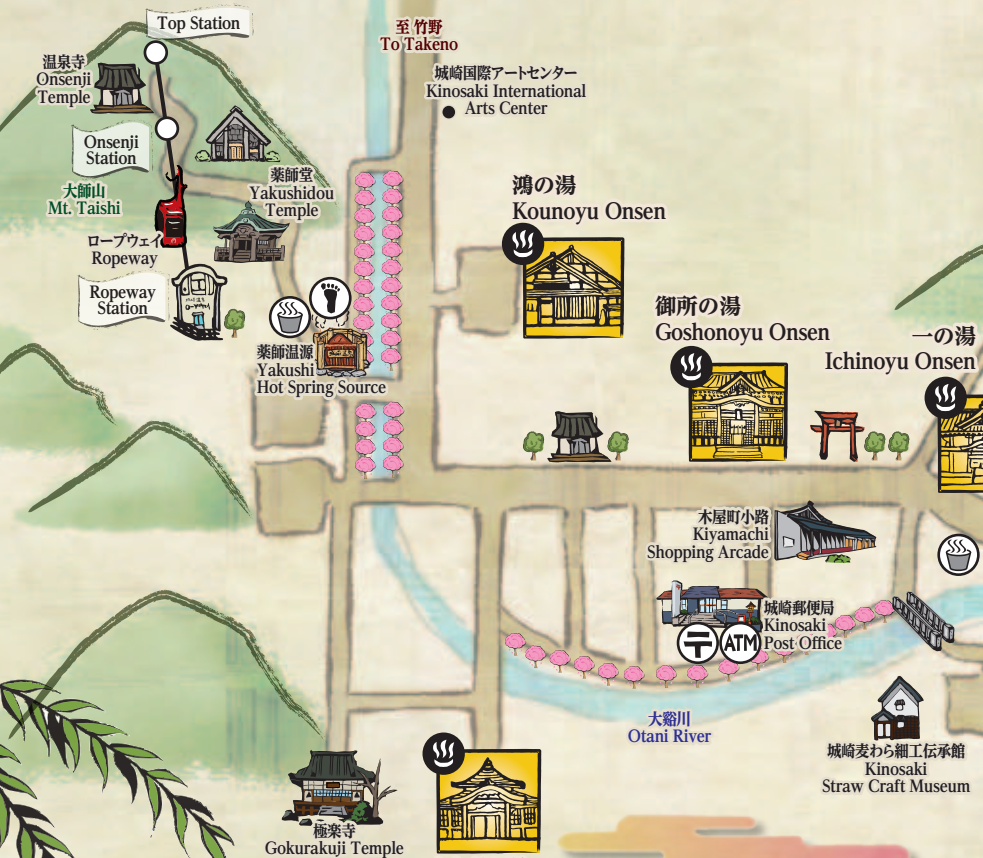
Strolling Around Kinosaki at Night



The real pleasure of staying in Kinosaki is taking a walk at night. Most of the public hot springs are open until 11 p.m. Some shops are open until around 10 p.m. You can look for souvenirs or relax at a cafe or a bar. You can even try your luck at shateki (Japanese shooting game). How about taking an evening stroll in your yukata, clip clopping your way down the street in geta (wooden clogs)?



Shateki (Japanese shooting game)



Explanatory notes

	Information Center		Foot Bath
	Onsen		Bicycle Rental
	Exchange (Bank)		ATM
	Post Office		Onsen Drink Fountain
	Luggage Service		Shuttle bus

There is a free shuttle bus to each ryokan from JR Kinosaki Onsen station.
 ※ The actual bus may differ from the photo.

お宿案内処
 Hotel/Ryokan
 Information Center
 Luggage
 Service

至 竹野
To Takeno

城崎マリンワールド
Kinosaki Marine World
(Aquarium)

日和山海岸
Hiyoriyama
Coast

柳湯
Yanagiyu Onsen

地藏湯
Jizouyu Onsen

さとの湯
Satonoyu Onsen

城崎文芸館
Kinosaki Bungeikan
Heritage Museum

JR
Kinosaki Onsen
Station

城崎温泉駅

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Kinosaki Onsen
Tourist Information
SOZORO

BUS
Shuttle
bus

JR
Kinosaki Onsen
Station

至 豊岡
To Toyooka

至 玄武洞
To Genbudou Caves

Izushi Castle Town

Izushi prospered as a castle town during the Edo period. Sights related to samurai families such as the chief retainer's residence and entrance way gate still exist today. The central area is designated as a national area of importance for the preservation of traditional buildings.



Highlights Eirakukan

The only remaining theatre in the Kinki region that was built in 1901. It is the oldest theater building in Japan that is still standing in the same place it was built. Various performances such as grand kabuki, kyogen, and rakugo are performed even today since its restoration in 2008. Take a tour and get a behind the scenes look at the stage, dressing rooms and more. Unique Japanese theater mechanisms such as a revolving stage, trap cellar, actor's road and suppon (a small hidden elevator in the actor's road) are just some of the interesting attractions.



Highlights Izushi Castle Ruins

The ruins of a castle built in 1604 by a samurai of the Sengoku period named Koide. Elements such as the wooden bridge used by samurai have been recreated. If you go up the impressive entrance path lined with tori gates you will reach the Inari Shrine, which sits at the foot of Arikoyama Mountain and provides a nice, expansive view of Izushi.

Sukyoji Temple



A zen temple that served as the family temple for the lord of Izushi Castle. It is the quasi-head temple of Kyoto's Daitokuji branch of the Rinzaï school of Japanese zen in Tajima. The temple was restored by Takuan Osho, a priest famous for influencing swordsmen like Yagyu Munenori and Miyamoto Musashi. Besides having a look around the garden, you can experience* zazen meditation at a real Zen meditation hall. *Advanced reservation required.



Izushi Sara Soba



Izushi is a soba noodle town with about 50 noodle shops. If you plan to have lunch at Izushi, soba is a must. Generally, Japan's soba is served on a large dish. But Izushi Sara Soba is served in small portions on small plates. Enjoy a variety of taste by using many types of seasonings. The seasonings served differ with shops. It might be fun to visit 2 or more places. There are also many Japanese confectioners in Izushi, so after you had soba, enjoy some sweets.

Other tourist spots



Takeno beach (Kinosaki Coastal area)

Beautiful beach by the Japan Sea. Just 1 station away from JR Kinosaki Onsen.



Oriental White Stork Park

At this park discover how Toyooka city brought the Oriental White Stork back from extinction.



Genbudo caves

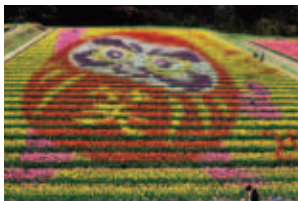
Caves formed from the cooled magma of a volcano which erupted 1.6 million years ago.



Kei beach

The nearest beach to Kinosaki Onsen, this is a popular spot in summer.

Tulip Festival in Tanto



Ancient lava flow in Kannabe



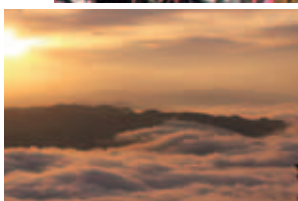
Spring

Cherry blossoms in Kinosaki Onsen

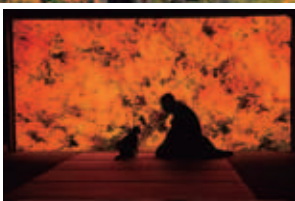
Cherry blossom trees illuminated by paper lanterns and snowscape in winter. The town is full of charm,



Autumn



Sea of clouds at Mt.Kuruhi



Red leaves in Kinosaki Onsen

Red leaves in Tanto

Dragon Palace at
Hiyoriyama Coast



Sea kayaking in Takeno



Summer



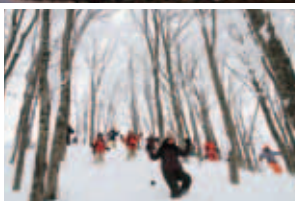
Fireworks festival in Kinosaki Onsen

in spring, fireworks in summer, red leaves in autumn,
no matter which season you visit.

Winter



Snow in
Kinosaki Onsen



Snow shoeing in Kannabe



Skiing in Kannabe

Food & Drink

Washoku (traditional Japanese cooking) was recently registered in UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage. At most ryokans in Kinosaki Onsen, traditional washoku meals are served for breakfast and dinners. In Izushi there are approximately 50 shops that serve the local Japanese speciality, "soba" (buckwheat noodles).



Matsuba Crab

The best winter food of Kinosaki Onsen is the local snow crab, referred to as the "Matsuba Crab" in this region. The crabs unloaded at Tsuyama Port near Kinosaki are especially high quality and have become their own brand name, "Tsuyama Crab".



Tajima Beef

Kobe Beef is a world famous luxury food. The stock cattle of Kobe Beef are cows bred in the Tajima region of Hyogo prefecture, which includes Toyooka City. Be sure to enjoy the high quality taste of Tajima Beef while you are visiting Toyooka!



Japanese Sake

The world famous Japanese alcoholic beverage, brewed from rice. The quality of sake depends much on the quality of rice and skills of the brewer, called a "Toji". Don't miss a chance to try the many excellent sakes of Tajima where many skilled brewers reside.



Stork Natural Rice

Rice is a staple food of Japanese people, so its now wonder there are so many different types. Toyooka City is a producer of an especially tasty rice known as "Konotori Rice", named after the Oriental White Stork which is the symbol of the city. To restore the stork to the region, special environmentally friendly rice cultivation techniques are used which makes a delicious rice.

Information

Where to go

Kinosaki Onsen Tourist Information SOZORO

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the tourist information in Kinosaki Onsen. Staff who speak foreign languages are stationed there. Open daily 9a.m. to 6p.m.

Services: free-wifi, rental bicycles, coffee, souvenirs,
optional local tours

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Using the buses

ZENTAN GREEN PASS

Once you have arrived, buses are a convenient way to access many sites near to Kinosaki Onsen. The Zentan Green Pass is a one day pass for foreign tourists (residents & students excluded).

Price 500 yen (valid for printed day only)

Valid bus routes In Kinosaki Onsen and surrounding areas
(excluding express & community buses)

Sold SOZORO

How to Use When purchasing: please show your passport and a document to prove that you are a temporary visitor (return trip air ticket, itinerary, etc.).



Foreign Money Exchange

International ATM Service of Japan Post Office Bank

You can draw cash at all Japan Post Bank ATMs in the country using your credit card or cash card issued by financial institutions overseas.

Need Cash?
International ATM Services

①Reserve inquiry is not available.
②Transaction fee may be charged.



Tajima Shinkin Bank

Purchased Currency · US dollar bills

Tajima Bank

· US dollar bills
· Euro bills

*For exchange rates, please contact the bank counter.

*You will be asked for your identification, such as your passport (with address written).



Access to Kinosaki Onsen

- From Kyoto-JR limited express train:2.5hours
- From Osaka-JR limited express train:2hours 40min.
Zentan Express bus:3hours 20min.
- From Kobe-JR limited express train:2.5hours
Zentan Express bus:3hours 10min.
- From Himeji-JR limited express train:1hours 50min.
Zentan Express bus:2hours 15min.
(Available weekends and national holidays)

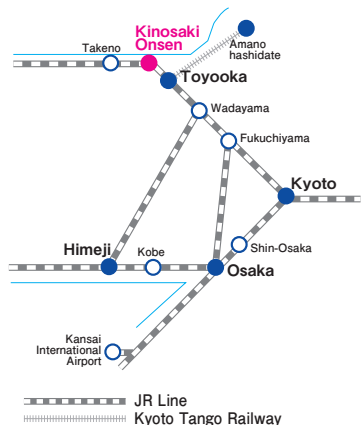
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in Kinosaki Onsen.
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