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Cozy Cafés in Kinosaki
Great Views, Peaceful Atmospheres, and Delicious Coffee

While Kinosaki Onsen has many traditional shops and sights, a number of modern, stylish cafés have recently emerged, allowing guests to relax even more during their stay in town.

The first noteworthy location is Kinosaki Tokiwa Garden, a modern space with indoor and outdoor seating that doubles as a DIY-style seafood barbecue restaurant. In the front part of the restaurant you can find a small coffee stand serving DRIP & DROP COFFEE SUPPLY coffee, a micro roastery from Kyoto. Coffee beans are roasted at the main shop in Kyoto and then delivered fresh to Tokiwa Garden, ensuring each cup of coffee has a rich flavor. To accompany your next cup of coffee, caramel latte, matcha latte, or other drink are original homemade sweets including tofu donut holes and creamy custard pudding.

While Tokiwa Garden is near the station, visitors can travel to the other end of town and ride the Kinosaki Ropeway to the top of Mt. Daishi to enjoy the beautiful view at Miharashi Terrace Cafe. Guests can enjoy a cup of Kinosaki’s special blend coffee while taking in the landscape of the

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entire town and nearby coastal area. In addition to coffee, this café serves desserts such as parfaits and soft-serve ice cream, as well as savory dishes like Tajima beef or Yoka pork hot dogs. The café’s wooden interior and cozy fireplace make for a relaxing stop. No matter the season, the Michelin-star-awarded view of Kinosaki Onsen alone is worth the trip.

To enjoy both a relaxing atmosphere and art gallery, visitors can head over to Utsuroi Tsuchiya Annex. The café’s owners have a commitment to quality through their hand-dipped coffee, locally-produced bread and baked goods, and vegetables grown right at home in the Tajima region. The back of the establishment houses an art gallery that depicts historical landscapes of Kinosaki and its surrounding areas. This artwork is also featured in the form of giant paintings spanning the walls of the café, transporting its guests to various scenes of the past and present.

Guests can visit OFF Kinosaki located along the quiet backstreets of town, a café that became an instant hit with locals and visitors back when it opened in 2018. OFF was created as a place to “take time off” and just enjoy the simpler things in life, like good company, good food, and good wine. OFF is known for its healthy, yet hearty lunches made with local ingredients, including organic vegetables. Among the lunch menu items is an open sandwich made with homemade bread and topped with protein such as Yoka pork or beer-battered fish, fresh vegetables, and other toppings depending on the daily market and current season. They also offer freshly baked à la carte and specialty pastries at the counter for a quick bite. Their sweets pair well with specialty coffee and an extensive selection of wines.

As visitors explore town and go onsen-hopping, they often want somewhere to rest and have a snack. These and other cafés throughout town provide the perfect way to relax and enjoy Kinosaki Onsen even more.
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 over 200 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.