

## Spectacular Spring Fun in Kinosaki Onsen



The snow melts, flowers bloom, and you're in Kinosaki Onsen on holiday in the height of cherry blossom season. Besides hot spring-hopping, what's the plan? Check out our springtime activity recommendations below, and we guarantee you'll be waving farewell to the winter chills with a smile:

### [A private car bound for cherry blossom treasures](#)

Hanami, the Japanese tradition of viewing cherry blossoms with family and friends, is a must-do during any springtime trip to Japan. Venture beyond Kinosaki Onsen and hanami like a local at the hidden cherry blossom spots in Toyooka City with Gregory, a local guide and taxi driver. Three fantastic locations await your arrival in a choose-your-own-adventure style of traveling: explore the hidden blooms and natural wonders of Kannabe, stroll through the retro castle town of Izushi, or savor the salty sea air during a cherry blossom-dotted walk through the fishermen's town of Takeno. Whatever the route, enchanting cherry blossoms will dot the way!



### [Spring clean the soul: aromatherapy massages](#)



Have some leftover knots in your back from those pesky winter shivers and chills? While in Kinosaki Onsen, forget about the house and apartment: instead, consider some spring cleaning for the body and mind. In between hot springs, indulge in some massage self-care at Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei's Relaxation Salon Fuka, home to a variety of aromatherapy courses ranging from hot stone therapy to full body massages. After a soothing session infused with your choice of the wonderfully floral aroma oil of lavender, rosemary, cananga, or tea tree, continue your stroll through town as the subtle notes accompany your journey and dazzle your senses.



[Budding memories: book a photoshoot in Kinosaki Onsen](#)

In Kinosaki Onsen, a picture can be worth a thousand words - and a thousand cherry blossoms! After donning a yukata, capture the dreamy Kinosaki memories with a private photo session for you and your loved ones. Local photographers will guide the way to delightful spots brimming with whimsy unique to a cherry blossom spring. Scrapbook-worthy snaps under Kinosaki Onsen’s canopies of fluttering cherry blossoms will leave you enchanted long after your visit to the charming hot spring town.

[A catch-all for the best of Kinosaki Onsen: Must-Visits Pass](#)

Available for purchase both online on [visitkinosaki.com](http://visitkinosaki.com) and in-person at SOZORO Tourist Information Center near Kinosaki Onsen Station, the Must-Visits Pass is your insider go-to for all of Kinosaki’s must-see attractions and shops. Along with access to the Kinosaki Onsen Ropeway, Onsenji Temple, Kinosaki Museum of Art, and Kamiya Mingei (Kinosaki’s famous straw craft workshop), you can get special gifts and discounts at certain local businesses by showing your Must-Visits Pass to shop staff.



[World-class barbeque in the Kannabe Highlands](#)



Picture this: no prep, no grocery shopping, just you, your friends, and some of the world’s best beef barbeque. In the Kannabe Highlands south of Kinosaki Onsen, savor the taste of Japan’s legendary Tajima beef at a countryside garden terrace surrounded by lush mountainscapes. No need to lift a finger, just bring yourself and an appetite for the scrumptious, marbled, melt-in-your-mouth meat that is characteristic of Tajima beef, the origin of Kobe beef.



[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 300 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 sunflowers in the summer and brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall.

