



Kinosaki Onsen by Night Embark on 5 Evening Adventures



Ask anyone who has donned a yukata and hopped from one mystic hot spring to the next - in all of its 1,300 years, a night lacking magic in Kinosaki Onsen has yet to be experienced. Whether it be morning or midnight, a whimsical mix of charming traits including sweeping willow trees, fairytale architecture, and cozy old-world charm lifts this quaint hot spring town into the ranks of enchanting vacation destinations akin to storybook settings.

Many local businesses in Kinosaki Onsen tend to close between 5 PM and 8 PM when many visitors are savoring home-cooked dinners courtesy of their ryokan served in guest rooms. But once the sun retires and the moon emerges during the final bites of scrumptious kaiseki banquet feasts, Kinosaki Onsen reawakens from its midday slumber as shops, bars, and other businesses prepare to welcome the yukata-clad night owls in search of evening fun. In the dark on where to start? Read up on our recommendations below:

[Play the Night Away at a Retro Arcade](#)

After dinner, the first stop on many a moonlit escapade is one of Kinosaki Onsen's retro-style arcades. Senta and Taniguchiya arcades are both nestled in between Ichino-yu and Goshono-yu Bathhouses, making these two amusement centers ideal pit stops in between hot spring soaks. Choose from carnival-esque shooting games and pachinko machines for a chance at winning a novelty prize.



[Slip in a Nightcap Before Bed at a Local Pub](#)

Upon first glance, Kinosaki Onsen is a charming, sleepy town lined with early bird cafes and trendy restaurants. That is, until night falls - dotting every corner of Kinosaki are izakaya. Also known as Japanese pubs, these small family-run haunts open late, serving up light eats and, of course, delicious sake among other drinks. Non-alcoholic beverages are almost always available at these pubs, so no worries if bar-hopping isn't your thing. Grab your family and friends after a hot spring soak and give a toast to an unforgettable trip!

[Shop til you Drop](#)

Missed out on your afternoon shopping? Not a problem in Kinosaki Onsen! From 8 PM to 10 PM, many souvenir boutiques in town re-open their doors for night owl shoppers. Among the best sellers include traditional straw craft creations, handbags, and even yukata. Some shops even sell street food such as Tajima beef buns and Matsuba crab buns - perfect for chilly nights strolling the willow-lined streets of town.



[Treat Yourself to a Facial](#)

You're already in one of the relaxation capitals of the country - what's one more touch of self-care during an already indulgent hot spring getaway? Leave the inner healing to the hot springs - and for the outside? Consider opting for an all-inclusive facial course courtesy of Salon de Apaiser, Kinosaki Onsen's local aesthetic salon. Choose between two natural nutrients, amber or mud, and leave the rest to your professional esthetician. Couples are especially encouraged to try these luxurious treatment packages for exceptional pampering before bed, or they can be purchased as a gift for a loved one.

[Catch a Show at the Kinosaki International Arts Center](#)

Close the curtains on a night in Kinosaki Onsen with a show or workshop at the Kinosaki International Arts Center, also known as KIAC.

Every month, artists from Japan and abroad dazzle theater-goers with intricate artistic exhibitions and moving performances, even featuring the occasional interactive experience for guests to jump in and participate in the show. The schedule for performances is updated frequently in both Japanese and English. For an especially artsy getaway in Kinosaki, consider a multiple-night visit during the annual Toyooka Theater Festival in September, boasting an impressive and sizable repertoire of events held at KIAC.





[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 tulips in the spring and brilliant red leaves in the fall.

