



## Solo Traveling in Kinosaki Onsen

Enjoy some me-time during a hot spring getaway in Kinosaki Onsen!

### Activities for Solo Visitors

#### [Traditional Straw Craft Box Creation Activity](#)

Straw craft, called “mugiwara zaiku” in Japanese, is a unique, traditional handicraft with vibrant colors and intricate patterns that, in all of Japan, is only produced in Kinosaki Onsen. Observe the fascinating and complex straw craft process and make your own original straw craft design on a small box to keep as a lovely souvenir. While reading English instructions and observing the craftsman you will get to trim, position, and glue delicate pieces of straw into a beautifully detailed design.



#### [Zen Meditation, Buddhist Sermon, & Matcha at Gokurakuji Temple](#)



Kinosaki Onsen’s Gokurakuji Temple is in a secluded part of town, and is home to a peaceful rock garden, zen meditation practice, and a friendly Buddhist priest. Experience zen meditation in a local temple while gazing outside at the tranquil rock garden. The chief Buddhist priest is a friendly man who will show you the proper way to sit, breathe, and meditate. Afterwards, you will be served matcha and local Japanese sweets. Try communicating with the priest over tea. It will make the experience all the more rewarding!

#### [Kinosaki Picturesque Riverside Cycling Tour](#)

Discover breathtaking landscapes located just a short bike ride away from Kinosaki Onsen in this one-of-a-kind cycling tour! On this tour, you’ll meet up with an English guide in Kinosaki Onsen and bike together past lush green rice paddies, quaint rural homes, and along the Maruyama River. See sights best reached by bike that very few tourists find, as well as the mythical Dragon Palace atop a small island out at sea. Learn history and see places not found in any English guidebooks or websites from your guide!



## Accommodations for Solo Visitors

### [Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei](#)



Solo travelers longing for a luxurious stay will be pleased to spend a night at Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei, a high-end accommodation in Kinosaki Onsen boasting gorgeous guestrooms, three private bath villas, a restaurant, and even a fitness center. The impressive array of on-site facilities are perfect complements to a lone getaway far from everyday worries.

### [Yu-Kura](#)

For a private home away from home in Kinosaki Onsen, look no further than Yu-Kura. This charming tiny house rental home originally has roots as an old liquor warehouse. While its days as a warehouse are gone to history, the two-story home still serves Kinosaki Onsen as a charming retreat for solo guests. A first-floor kitchen fully stocked with utensils including a toaster, rice cooker, pots, mugs, and more also opens into an outdoor seating area with its own garden. After hot spring hopping through town, guests can either enjoy a private night out on the porch stargazing, or inside watching the living area's flat screen TV.



### [Hanakouji Saigetsu](#)



This ryokan just a three-minute walk from Kinosaki Onsen is a perfect option for solo visitors. While remaining in the bustling town center, Hanakouji Saigetsu is a quiet retreat only accepting guests aged thirteen years old and up. Two private baths grace the premises for guests, one infused with fragrant cypress wood and the other elegantly crafted with a granite finish. All rooms are Japanese-style with slightly raised beds, perfect for international visitors seeking an authentic ryokan experience with some familiar comforts.



[Kinosaki Onsen](#) is a town of time-honored tradition dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven tattoo-friendly public hot springs, all located within walking distance of each other. Guests wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and enjoy onsen-hopping.

[Toyooka](#) is home to the Oriental White Stork, a national natural treasure that was revived from extinction in this very city. Toyooka's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now over 300 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known as one of Japan's largest producers of handbags.



[Izushi](#) is a residential castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of samurai-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a Japanese-style clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on five plates.

[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with outdoor activities year-round and a perfect destination for adventure travelers. In the winter, visitors go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding, and during the green season, camping, paragliding, fishing, and tree climbing are popular pastimes.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fishing and beach town with landscapes part of the UNESCO San'in Kaigan Geopark. Takeno beach has clear, blue waters while the surrounding mountains offer great hiking opportunities. Visitors stroll through the peaceful town, discovering small shops and traditional cedar wood homes.

[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature including a giant field of sunflowers in the summer, brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall, and waterfall meditation year-round.

