



A Rainy Day in Kinosaki Onsen



Don't let a little rain put a damper on your hot spring vacation to Kinosaki Onsen! While Kinosaki Onsen's seven tattoo-friendly hot springs feel wonderful even in the rain, check out some rainy day activities to complement your visit:

[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 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!

[Book Cafe Un](#)

Book Cafe Un is Kinosaki Onsen's modern-day twist on the town's tradition of being a haven for the arts, furnished with mod-art lamps, book sculptures, and even private work spaces inspired by popular symbols found around Kinosaki. Those looking for a cozy retreat during their stay are welcome to pop in for a coffee and some sweets while they browse through the endless walls of books lining the cafe.



[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.

[Snack Pub Hopping](#)

It's a Kinosaki tradition to follow a session of soaking in a hot spring with a cold drink. But don't just opt for a vending machine! Kick it old-school with a Kinosaki Onsen local on a pub hopping tour of the town's friendliest bars! Also known as "snacks" in Japanese, the retro-style pubs are a part of Kinosaki Onsen's local culture. Go beyond the guidebooks and experience a truly authentic experience with the town's locals under the wing of a snack bar pro!



[Kinosaki Marine World Access Pass with Fishing Experience](#)



Kinosaki Marine World is an aquarium united with nature, where the Japanese sea unfolds before your eyes. Located high up on the coastal cliffs in Hiyoriyama, about 5km north of Kinosaki Onsen, Marine World can be accessed by bus from Kinosaki Onsen Station. With Visit Kinosaki's Marine World Access Pass, enjoy shows with dolphins, sea lions, and walruses. Prep your own lunch at the aquarium with a fishing session, and enjoy your fresh catch as tempura with some ice cream as dessert!



[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.

