



## Hot Springs & Cherry Blossoms 2.5 Hours From Kyoto



As dustings of pink buds scatter across Kinosaki's trees, eager townspeople flock to the narrow paths alongside the Otani River for a glimpse of one of Kinosaki's most magical sights of the year: the blooming of the cherry blossoms.

Cherry blossoms are recognized across Japan as an optimistic symbol of rebirth and fresh beginnings, and this sentiment rings especially true for the locals of Kinosaki Onsen.

From its start as a small hot spring resort over a millennium ago to the modern day as new cafes and stores become part of the [1300-year-old townscape](#), Kinosaki Onsen undoubtedly has had its share of rebirth and new beginnings. In the midst of constant change and development throughout the centuries, Kinosaki's cherry blossoms, blooming every year in April, are a consistent reminder that no matter how much change time brings to Kinosaki Onsen, the traditional beauty and ambience of the town will be ever-present for [locals and visitors alike](#).



## Beautiful Cherry Blossoms in a Tattoo-Friendly Hot Spring Town

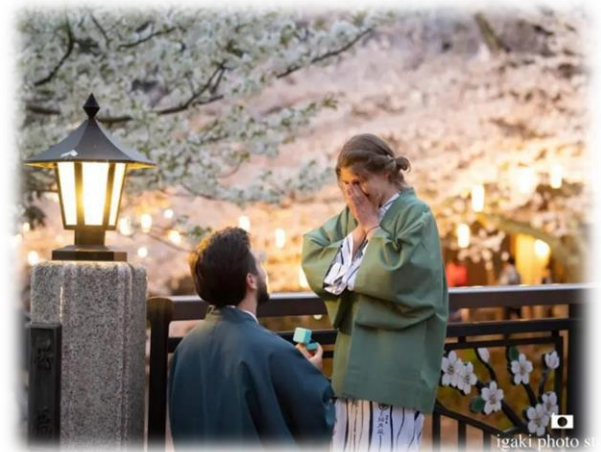


From early to mid-April, walk along a cherry blossom-lined canal through a hot spring town steeped in 1,300 years of history and culture. A fundamental part of enjoying Kinosaki Onsen is visiting the public tattoo-friendly hot springs while wearing a yukata. Change into a yukata at your ryokan or [book a rental](#) before strolling through town past beautiful cherry blossom trees.

Take in the wonderful scenery that can only be found in Kinosaki Onsen while listening to the clip-clop sounds of geta, Japanese wooden sandals.

### 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 season. Scrapbook-worthy snaps under Kinosaki Onsen's canopies of fluttering cherry blossoms will leave you enchanted long after your visit.



### 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 wonderful aromatic oils like lavender, rosemary,

cananga, or tea tree, continue your stroll through town as the subtle notes accompany your journey and dazzle your senses.



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 within walking distance. 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 tulips in the spring, brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall, and hot springs year-round.

