



3 hrs. From Osaka
KINOSAKI ONSEN
 Kansai's Premier Sustainable Hot Spring Village

WORLD EXPO 2025

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Yumeshima Island, Osaka City

Centered around the theme “Designing the Future Society for Our Lives,” the World Expo 2025 showcases cutting-edge technologies, awe-inspiring architecture, and global cuisines, demonstrating how innovation can build a more sustainable and equitable world. Visitors to the World Expo looking to escape the city bustle can travel to Kinosaki Onsen, a charming hot spring town brimming with traditional Japanese allure. This historic hot spring getaway near Osaka offers relaxation in natural beauty, authentic Japanese onsen experiences, and a deep dive into Japanese culture.

Tattoo-Friendly Hot Springs

For centuries Kinosaki Onsen’s mystic waters have greeted travelers from all walks of life in a warm hot spring embrace. Dedication to inclusivity has long been one of the principal values of Kinosaki Onsen. When many other baths had refused, tattooed visitors were welcomed without a second thought in Kinosaki Onsen. In 2025, guests with tattoos of any size are still welcome to bathe in Kinosaki Onsen’s seven public hot springs!



Private Hot Springs



For many guests, diving straight into one of the seven mystic hot springs and sharing the waters with others can be quite the daunting experience, especially for first-time hot spring-goers. Luckily for overnight visitors in Kinosaki Onsen, many inns provide private bathing experiences for guests to enjoy either in complete privacy or with family/friends! Choose from private hot spring villas, outdoor bathing experiences, and even hot springs paired with rock saunas.

Getting to Kinosaki Onsen

Kinosaki Onsen is located in northern Hyogo Prefecture near the Sea of Japan. The town has its own train station located along the San'in line of the Japan Railway. Kinosaki Onsen Station can be reached in 2.5 hours by JR Limited Express trains from Kyoto Station and Osaka Station. Visitors can use a JR Pass or JR West Rail Pass for these trains.



Kinosaki Plus 1

Looking to extend your vacation? Consider venturing off the beaten path to one of Kinosaki Onsen's many spectacular nearby towns! Time travel back to the days of samurai in Izushi Castle Town, or retrace the footsteps of ancient lifeforms across the astounding San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark's trails around Takeno Beach or the Kannabe Highlands. Maybe even pick out a luxurious handbag souvenir in Downtown Toyooka, Japan's bag capital!



Online Travel Concierge Service

During an online consultation with local Visit Kinosaki staff, consider yourself already on vacation. Leave the nitty-gritty planning to us as we curate your ideal trip based on your real-time requests and concerns. Registration is easy: simply fill out our Google form and you're good to go! We will be in touch regarding payment soon afterward. (Price: 1,500 JPY for 30 minutes)



[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 350 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.

