



## [WORLD EXPO 2025](#)

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Yumeshima Island, Osaka City



Just 50 minutes by bus from the tattoo-friendly hot spring town Kinosaki Onsen!  
Enjoy [Izushi Castle Town](#), Kinosaki Onsen's little Kyoto, with new activities coming soon!

Izushi is a castle town popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of old Japan. The town has many interesting attractions, including the Izushi Castle Ruins, Samurai House Karoyashiki, and Eirakukan Kabuki Theater. Many local specialties call Izushi home, such as Izushi Pottery, Willow Craft, and Izushi Sara Soba noodles served on five small Izushi Pottery plates. With multiple new tours coming soon on [visitkinosaki.com](#), consider planning a samurai-themed getaway to this charming destination near Kinosaki Onsen!

## Nihon Buyo Japanese Traditional Dance Experience at Eirakukan Kabuki Theater

Learn the traditional dance art of Nihon Buyo at Eirakukan Kabuki Theater! Nihon Buyo is a pillar of traditional Japanese Kabuki theater. Learn some Nihon Buyo moves and perform them onstage with the guidance of a professional instructor! Meet your guide in Kinokasa Onsen, and together take the train and bus to Eirakukan Kabuki Theater in Izushi Castle Town. Get dressed for your performance with some help from local kimono dressers. Afterward, enjoy some free time strolling around the scenic Izushi Castle Town before meeting with your guide once more at Eirakukan Kabuki Theater. Your dance instructor will be Ryoko Awashima, a professional Nihon Buyo dancer. With her patient style of teaching, anyone can follow her instructions!



## Private Izushi Castle Town Historical Architecture Tour (with English-speaking Guide)



Explore Izushi Castle Town's samurai roots with Mister Kotera, a local architecture expert! Mister Kotera is an Izushi Castle Town local with expert knowledge on Japanese architecture throughout the samurai era and into the modern age. This guided journey weaves a tale of cultural and traditional changes throughout Japan's history with Izushi Castle Town as the stage. With a local English interpreter at your side, listen to Mister

Kotera's extensive knowledge about Izushi Castle Town's various neighborhoods, streets, and even buildings he himself renovated! Izushi Castle Town is home to retro stores, memorable attractions, and unique specialties. You will have the chance to explore the Izushi Castle Ruins, Shinkoro Clock Tower, Samurai House Karoyashiki, Eirakukan Kabuki Theater, and more!

## Izushi Must-Visits Pass

The Izushi Must-Visits Pass is your insider go-to for all of Izushi Castle Town's must-see attractions and shops. Become the guest of a samurai lord at Samurai House Karoyashiki, and choose from exploring Eirakukan Kabuki Theater or the local Izushi History Museum! Each pass also includes sweets and snacks at local shops and Izushi Soba noodle tastings at three soba shops of your choice.







[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.

