



Crystal Blue Waters and Astounding Beachside Views near Kinosaki Onsen!

A hot spring and beach holiday all in one go? Count us in! A getaway to Kinosaki Onsen, a tattoo-friendly hot spring resort near Kyoto, is just the ticket for an unbeatable beach and relaxation holiday in Japan.

After soaking up the seven mystic hot springs Kinosaki Onsen has to offer, hop on the train from Kinosaki Onsen Station for 10 minutes to Takeno Station and discover one of Japan's cutest, coziest beach towns! Strolling through the narrow streets flanked with adorable cedar houses in Takeno Beach and fishing village is like living the life of a storybook character. And the best part? A gorgeous beach with pristine shores and water is your final destination!



Takeno Beach is a wondrous natural gem, an oasis nestled between the rocky formations of the UNESCO San'in Kaigan Global Geopark.

Takeno's stunning and unique topography can be traced back to approximately 20 million years ago, when the Japanese Archipelago separated from the Asian continent, forming the unique landscapes shaping the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark.

Experience These Thrilling Activities at Takeno Beach:

[Geopark Sea Kayaking Adventure](#)



Kayak on crystal-clear waters in the Sea of Japan and explore the coastline! Sea kayaking, known locally as geo-canoe, is a popular activity in the seaside town of Takeno. Paddle out into the Sea of Japan, exploring the UNESCO geopark coastline with a guide.

[Takeno Beach Snorkeling Tour](#)

With a guide, go snorkeling in the Sea of Japan alongside the vibrant and colorful local sea life, and get up close to magnificent ancient geological formations from the Sea of Japan's creation. Your guide will show you the ins and outs of snorkeling while exploring the astounding views of the coast!



[Nekozaki Hiking Tour with Geopark Guide](#)



Nekozaki Peninsula runs alongside Takeno Beach providing a beautiful skyline. Traverse the green forests of the peninsula with views of the Sea of Japan through a 2-hour roundtrip hike. The view at the top is unmatched. For paleontology buffs, guides bring guests to ancient Elephant footprint fossils on the far side of the peninsula.

[Takeno Beach Cycling Guided Tour](#)

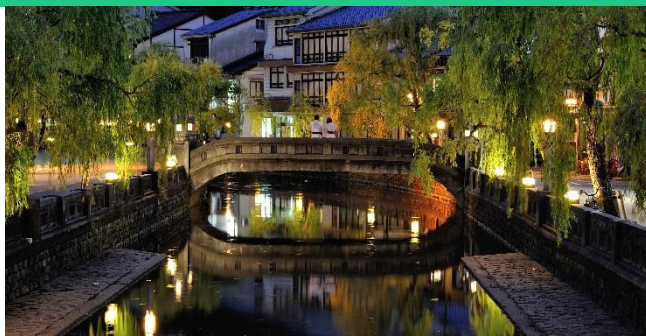
With an English-speaking guide, cycle alongside Takeno Beach's pristine sandbar spanning 1 kilometer, traditional charred cedar houses, and quaint rice fields. Along the route you will learn about the cultural history and geology of the area, including the history of Takeno's sea-faring ship trade.



[DIY Seafood Dinner at Homestay Yashio](#)



At Yashio, a reservation-only restaurant in Takeno, savor the clean, natural flavors of locally sourced seafood and vegetables, crafted under the expert guidance of the owners. After your private lesson with an English interpreter, savor the fruits of your labor with a dinner homemade by Yashio's staff, and also your handmade sushi! End the night at Yashio's very own rental house just next door.



[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 400 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known as one of Japan's largest producers of handbags.



[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, hiking, paragliding, fishing, and tree climbing are popular pastimes.



[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 waterfall meditation.



[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.



[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.



[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.

