

Kinosaki Onsen, Toyooka Tourism Innovation

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### **Autumn Activities in Kinosaki Onsen**

Kinosaki Onsen will soon trade its summer sunshine for tranquil and cozy autumn ambiance, and the magnificent foliage set to grace the town is sure to enchant the season's guests. While soaking up the hot springs and beautiful scenery, consider booking some exceptional experiences unique to Kinosaki Onsen and the surrounding areas:

#### **Kinosaki Must-Visits Pass**

Available for purchase both online on visitkinosaki.com and in person at SOZORO Tourist Information Center near Kinosaki Station, the Must-Visits Pass is your insider go-to for all of Kinosaki's must-see attractions and shops. You receive a ticket on the Kinosaki Onsen Ropeway, admission to Onsenji Temple, Onsenji Temple Museum, and Kamiya Mingei, Kinosaki's famous straw craft workshop.





# Kinosaki Marine World Access Pass with Fishing <u>Experience</u>

Extend the fun and magic of your trip with a visit to Kinosaki Marine World! 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 Picturesque Riverside Cycling Tour**

Discover breathtaking landscapes located just a short bike ride away from Kinosaki Onsen! Meet up with an English guide in Kinosaki Onsen and bike together past lush green rice paddies, quaint rural homes, and along the Maruyama River. See sights best reached by bike that few tourists find, like the mythical Dragon Palace atop a small island out at sea.





#### **Volcanic Rock Trekking in the Kannabe Highlands**

Go trekking on an ancient lava flow formation! While completing the course, explore behind a waterfall, and use your strength to overcome any hurdle you might face. Kannabe Nature School offers beginner and intermediate routes (roundtrip 3km and 6km options) and will pick a route which suits the ability of your group.

### **Kumiko Woodworking**

Kumiko is a traditional Japanese woodworking technique in which pieces of wood are assembled together without the use of nails. In Izushi Castle Town, with the guidance of a master kumiko craftsman, create your own kumiko design with pre-cut pieces of wood. Guests can create a one-sided, two-sided, or four-sided kumiko which can be used for a candle lantern.





## 2.5 hr Tuk-Tuk/Electric Bike Check-in Tour of Kinosaki Onsen with English-Speaking Guide

Experience the essence and stories of Kinosaki Onsen, which boasts a 1300-year history, traditional culture, and a way of life in harmony with nature! Tabizou's friendly guides welcome newcomers to town everyday with unforgettable backyard tours of Kinosaki Onsen! This guided tour allows you to familiarize

yourself with the town's history before check-in. Learn the unique "Ancient Bathing Etiquette" that was once required for bathing in Kinosaki Onsen and receive a "Yushaku" (hot spring ladle).

## 100% Buckwheat Soba-Making Activity (With Mortar Experience)

Make your own soba from the very first step! Participants experience every detailed step of creating Izushi Sara Soba, a delicacy unique to Izushi Castle Town, starting from the very first stage of grinding 100% pure buckwheat using a traditional stone mortar. The traditional method of grinding the buckwheat in a stone mortar ensures no flavor is lost.



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#### KINOSAKI ONSEN: A COZY HOT SPRING TOWN FOR THE MOST AUTHENTIC JAPANESE EXPERIENCE



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 400 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, hiking, 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 waterfall meditation.



