



Wonderful Winter Fun in Kinosaki Onsen

Take to the cozy hot springs of Kinosaki Onsen this chilly season! After soaking up the warmth under a snowy sky, remember to make time for the area's wonderful winter activities. Skiing, snowshoeing, and more await with a winter visit to Kinosaki Onsen and the surrounding areas!

[Kannabe Beginner Skiing Lesson](#)

South of Kinosaki Onsen, the Kannabe Highlands is centered around the picturesque 467-meter-high Mount Kannabe (an inactive volcano). The area is also a part of the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark, one of Japan's national geoparks. Kannabe Snow Academy offers English-language lessons for beginner skiers right at the base of Mount Kannabe. The instructor will walk you through putting on your rental ski equipment, how to walk through the snow in your gear and how to get on the ski lift if necessary. After, you'll move on to learning how to turn and break!



[Kannabe Beginner Snowboarding Lesson](#)

Kannabe Snow Academy also offers snowboarding lessons for beginners! With an English-speaking guide, learn the basics on gentle slopes. Snowboarding equipment is also available to rent. The instructor will go at the group's pace.

[Snowshoeing in the Kannabe Highlands with English-Speaking Guide](#)

Try snowshoeing with Kannabe Nature School! Head to a private trekking path with a local guide and enjoy a warm snack while overlooking the Kannabe Highlands. Perfect for those who find snowboarding and skiing a bit difficult, or for visitors who just want to have a particularly unique hiking experience! Snowshoeing is fun and easy for all ages and a great way to enjoy the outdoors at a leisurely pace.



[Winter's Gourmet Gem - Snow Crab in Kinosaki Onsen](#)

The Snow Crab, also known as Matsuba Crab, is a local delicacy caught in the waters just north of Kinosaki Onsen. Residents and tourists alike praise the taste of Snow Crab for its unique sweetness and ability to go with a variety of other dishes. What makes Snow Crab taste so good? The praise starts with its legs - with an average length of 70

centimeters, the legs of a Snow Crab pack an impressive amount of sweet, briny flavor in their succulent meat. Part of the Snow Crab's allure is its elusive, seasonal exclusivity. While frozen Snow Crab is available all year long in Japan, Kinosaki Onsen prides itself on timing. Guests are served this sumptuous delicacy in winter, when the Snow Crabs are freshly fished from the nearby Sea of Japan.

[Japanese "Snack" Pub Hopping Tour with English-speaking Companion](#)

Warm up inside at a Japanese pub! Kick it old-school with a Kinosaki Onsen local on this pub hopping tour of the town's friendliest bars! Also known as "snacks" in Japanese, these retro-style pubs are a part of Kinosaki Onsen's local culture. After many a soak in the hot springs dotting the town, it is customary among locals to relax with a drink and a karaoke session while exchanging lighthearted conversation with the pub staff.



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[Kinokuniya 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 hot springs, a giant field of tulips in the spring, brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall, and waterfall meditation.

