



Best Fall Views Around Kinokasa Onsen!



It is a well-known fact that besides the cherry blossom season in the spring, the fall season is the most popular time frame for international guests to visit Japan (and with good reason)!

During the autumn months, the weather across most of the country transitions from the hot and humid summer heat to a cool and welcoming breeze, and Kinokasa Onsen is no exception.

As preparation for your next autumn trip to Japan, we invite you to discover spectacular fall foliage spots in Kinokasa Onsen and the surrounding towns.

[Arikoyama Inari Shrine torii gates in Izushi Castle Town](#)

Take a bus from Kinokasa Onsen to capture Japan's iconic red torii gates and a castle in one perfect photo!

Arikoyama Inari Shrine in Izushi Castle Town decorates the base of Mount Arikoyama and is well-known for resembling Kyoto's Fushimi Inari Shrine with its stairway lined with vibrant vermilion red torii gates.

A favorite with locals and visitors alike no matter the season, Izushi's Arikoyama Inari Shrine definitely makes a visit to this castle town south of Kinokasa Onsen worth the trip, especially when the nearby trees are painted with gorgeous yellow, orange, and red leaves.



[Ankokuji Temple](#)

Ankokuji Temple, a Zen Buddhist temple famed for its vibrant autumn foliage in Tanto Farming Village south of Kinosaki Onsen, is particularly known for a special type of fiery red foliage called dodan-tsutsuji. The leaves at Ankokuji Temple are arguably the most popular fall foliage viewing experience near Kinosaki Onsen, welcoming hundreds of visitors every day lining up to take a photo among the rich scenery.

Visitors taking the 40-minute drive from Kinosaki Onsen are encouraged to take a soak in Tanto's very own famed hot spring, Silk Onsen, located right next to Ankokuji Temple.



[Kannabe Roots “Sagasu” Hiking Tour](#) [\(with Hot Spring and Lunch\)](#)

Experience the roots of the Kannabe Highlands: nature, food, and healing. The setting is Mount Kannabe south of Kinosaki Onsen, a large inactive volcano formed by an eruption approximately 25,000 years ago. Hike Mount Kannabe with experienced local guides, admire the stunning geological wonders dotting the fall terrain, and after reaching the summit, savor the “KANNABE ROOTS BOX” surrounded by breathtaking views. This special lunch features an abundance of local vegetables, packed with gifts nurtured by volcano, earth, and water.

Born and raised in the Kannabe Highlands, our passionate local guides will lead you through the land shaped by lava flows and help spot subtle details in the forest.

After descending the mountain, relax and refresh while being soothed by the warmth of the volcanic hot springs at Kannabe Onsen Yutorogi.





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 hot springs, 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.

