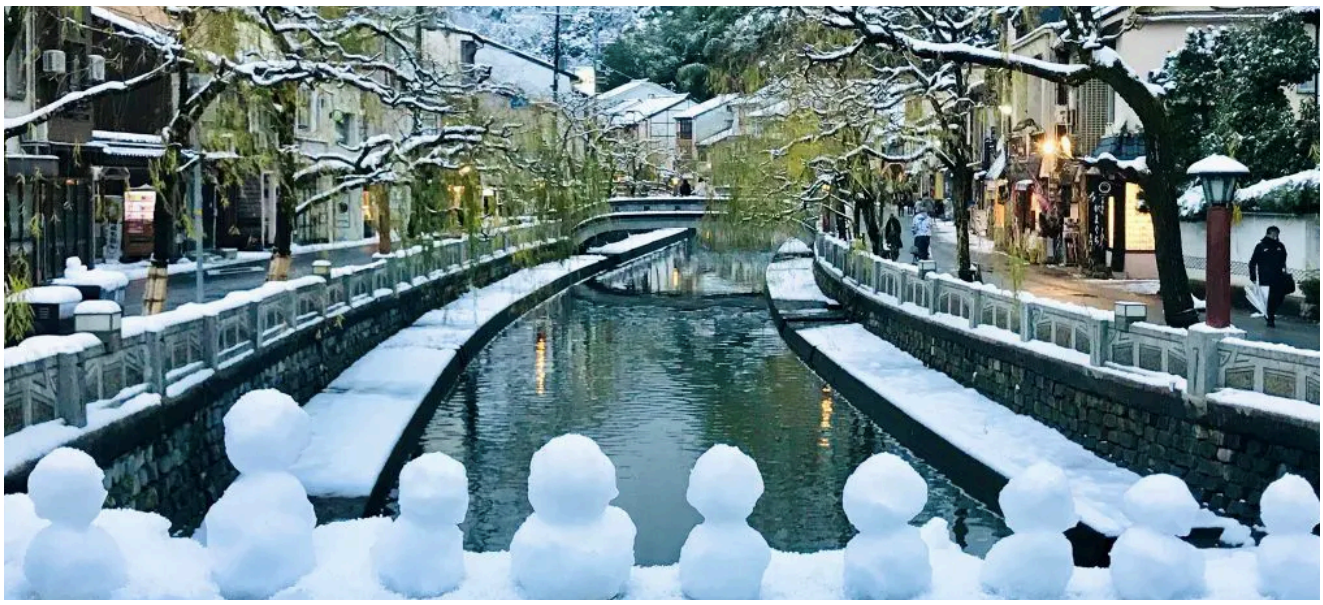
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Winter Wonders in Kinosaki Onsen and Beyond

A winter trip to Japan's hot spring villages should be on any Japan traveller's bucket list, with Kinosaki Onsen at the very top! Located near the Sea of Japan in the north of Hyogo Prefecture, Kinosaki's winters are snowy, beautiful, and ideal for cozy soaks in the hot springs.

Snow, Nature & Local Life in the Kannabe Highlands



2 DAYS 3 NIGHTS

Take a direct train from Osaka Station to Ebara Station, the gateway to the Kannabe Highlands. At Kinosaki Onsen's nearby snow resort town, the winter activities are endless - snowshoe near the ancient inactive volcano Mount Kannabe, learn skiing from local instructors, or hit the slopes on a snowboard. The closest real snow resort near Osaka and Kyoto is also home to hot springs and charming bed and breakfasts for a comfortable stay.

A Cozy Stay in Takeno Beach Town

2 DAYS 1 NIGHT

Spend a snow day in this retro fishing village, just one train stop away from Kinosaki Onsen! Feel the snow crunch under your shoes during a stroll through sleepy narrow roads lined with cozy retro yakisugi (charred cedar) homes, an architectural hallmark of Takeno Beach Town. Warm up at small local haunts including Kitamaekan Hot Spring & Museum, and end the day with a night at Okukinosaki Seaside Hotel.



Luxury Crafts, Theater, Hot Springs, and Shopping

2 DAYS 1 NIGHT

Used to driving in the snow? Consider adding on a rental car to your visit and unlock a whole new world of sightseeing! Explore snow-covered castle ruins and Shinkoro Clock Tower in the samurai town of Izushi before filling up on local buckwheat soba noodles for lunch. Wander through artisan boutiques and workshops in search of the perfect souvenir to bring home. Popular Izushi goods include Willow Craft and Izushi Porcelain. Spend the night in Kinosaki Onsen and visit Onsenji Temple and the Genbudo Caves in the morning.



Ski Resorts and Hot Springs

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS

Ski slopes, hot springs, and cozy traditional meals await just a car ride away from Kinosaki Onsen! Instead of the train, rent a car and make the 40-minute drive to the Kannabe Highlands, Kinosaki Onsen's nearby snow resort home to multiple ski slopes. At Up Kannabe Ski Resort, enjoy the beautiful snow-covered mountains while skiing! The instructor will walk you through putting on your ski/snowboard equipment and teach you how to walk through the snow in your gear and ride the ski lift. The instructor will go at the group's pace. Spend the night at a local "minshuku" homestay, and visit the family-friendly Uemura Naomi Memorial Museum the next morning!





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



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