



Kinosaki Onsen Summer Events

Enjoy fantastic fireworks, magical lanterns, and fiery festival fun all summer in Kinosaki Onsen and the nearby areas!



Late July-late August [Kinosaki Onsen Lantern Festival](#) [and Summer Fireworks](#)

Every year, on a warm summer night in late August, Kinosaki Onsen has made it a tradition to welcome the wishes and dreams of locals and visitors to illuminate the Otani River running through the center of town. Those interested in floating a lantern down the river write their wishes and messages at a table before floating it down the Otani River. The evening ends with a lively display of bright fireworks painting the sky with countless combinations of colors and designs.

A short fireworks display is also regularly held on weeknights from late July until the lantern festival in late August.

Every year closest Sunday to August 24 [Izushi Castle Town Atago Fire Festival](#)

Izushi Castle Town is a scenic samurai town 50 minutes by direct bus from Kinosaki Onsen. Every year people gather at Ifukube Shrine to celebrate and wish for good health. The main event starts with small flames being carried down from the top of a nearby mountain by local schoolchildren. This fire is then used to light torches and bails of straw that are set up on the shrine grounds. Visitors can ensure good luck by swinging a bundle of straw that has been set ablaze around themselves. Come watch others swing the bundles or join in the fun yourself!



Every August [Tanto Sunflower Festival](#)

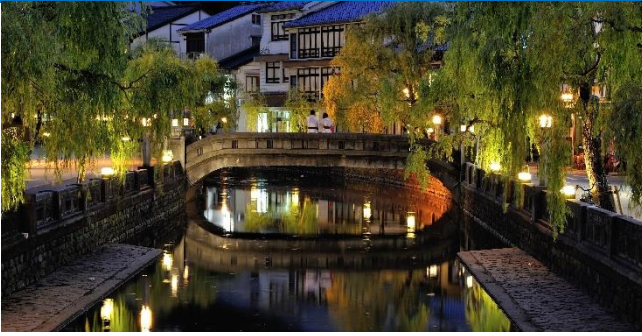


Tanto Farming Village south of Kinosaki Onsen holds a charming sunflower festival annually in August. Over 500,000 sunflowers bloom at Tanto Flower Park for visitors to frolic through and take summertime photos with friends and family. Rare red sunflowers also bloom in the field. Visitors can pick sweet corn for a little snack to eat in between strolls through the park, or bring some back with them to their inn.

July 30 [Takeno Beach Fireworks Festival](#)

Takeno Beach, a famous part of the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark, is one of the top 100 beaches in Japan and only a 10-minute train ride from Kinosaki Onsen. Every year on July 30, the quaint, picturesque fishing village holds a dazzling 50-minute evening fireworks show over the summer ocean waves. Locals and visitors alike flock to the beach on this magical night to see the surrounding UNESCO landscape illuminated with incredible lights against the water.





[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.

