

# IZUSHI

THE OLDEST  
KABUKI THEATRE  
NEAR KYOTO.



IZUSHI EIRAKUKAN Takes an hour from KINOSAKI ONSEN by bus



## 6 EIRAKUKAN KABUKI THEATRE

Built in 1901, this is the oldest kabuki theatre in the Kansai region. After being closed in 1964, Eirakukan was restored and reopened to the public in 2008. You can stand on the kabuki stage and take photos, making you feel as though you are one of Eirakukan's many famous performers. This theatre is still in use today, with performers of kabuki, rakugo, and more taking to the stage every year.



Take a tour of the behind-the-scenes aspects and discover the interesting stage tricks of the world of kabuki theatre. These include the Mawari-Butai (pictured above), a contraption reaching 6.6m in diameter that rotates the stage manually from below. You can also see the theatre's backstage makeup rooms and bath. You can take photos in all of these places for free, so come see all that the theatre has to offer!

17-2 Yanagi, Izushi-cho, Toyooka, Hyogo, 668-0234, JAPAN  
TEL+81-796-52-5300 / OPEN 9:30am to 5:00pm  
(Closed every Thursday and December 31 to January 1)

Cameras allowed

RECOMMENDED ROUTE



### Sukyoji Temple ●

A beautiful temple in the middle of a garden.

A hall of Giyōfū "mimicked Western-style" architecture (original county office). A permanent exhibition "painting the history of the Izushi people."

### ● Meijikan

A traditional shop that makes crafts (bags, etc.) by braiding strands of willow.

### Willow Craft Shop

A modern café with the warmth of plants in the interior. The owner carefully selects their coffee.

### ● Fukuro Café

A clock tower built in 1871. It is a familiar symbol of Izushi.

From the Inari Shrine the castle ruins overlook the entire castle town. You can see a castle town reminiscent of the Edo era.

START

### 1 Izushi Castle Ruins

### ● Bikkura

There are 6 shops lined in a row. They sell Japanese rice crackers, ice cream, souvenirs, etc.

### 3 Shinkoro

Main Street

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### Kouyoutouen

Pottery place with Izushi porcelain. You can participate in painting ceramics.

### Shiryokan

The former residence of a wealthy merchant from the Meiji period.

You can taste and purchase "Sasazuru" local sake.

A shop that sells the town's highly popular ohagi, a type of Japanese sweet rice cake with red bean. You can eat it with a matcha set.

### 5 Tagosaku

### 2 Karo Yashiki

### Furari

A shop that sells beautiful kimono both for ceremonial occasions and for casual everyday wear.

Gonbei mochi is an Izushi confectionery.

### Kogetsudou

### Oryuoutorou (Dragon Lantern)

A lantern that used to serve as a harbor light.

### NISHIGAKI Supermarket

### Soba restaurant

### IZUSHI Bus Terminal

IZUSHI river



## 2 KARO YASHIKI (SAMURAI HOUSE)

Built near Izushi Castle, this samurai house is the former residence of high-ranking samurai during the late Edo Period. It now holds many samurai artifacts. From the outside, it looks like a one-story building. But, once you step inside, you will discover that it is a two-story building with hidden stairs. Come step inside to find out why!



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## 4 TRY IZUSHI SARA SOBA!

Izushi's specialty dish is soba, which are buckwheat noodles. Soba in Japan is usually served in a large dish, but Izushi Sara Soba is served in small portions on small plates (one serving is 5 plates). There are about 50 soba noodle shops in Izushi that showcase this interesting serving method. Come to Izushi to experience this unique soba style, the only place in Japan where you can do so!



Plates are made of IZUSHI YAKI

# Access



TRAIN



BUS

## from KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION — to IZUSHI



10:09 - 10:24  
(Arrive at TOYOOKA STATION)

Transfer to bus at TOYOOKA STATION



10:35 - 11:05  
(Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL)



11:41 - 11:54  
(Arrive at TOYOOKA STATION)

Transfer to bus at TOYOOKA STATION



12:05 - 12:42  
(Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL)

## from IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL — to KINOSAKI



13:43 - 14:20  
(Arrive at TOYOOKA STATION)

Transfer to train at TOYOOKA STATION



14:25 - 14:35  
(Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)



14:30 - 15:00  
(Arrive at TOYOOKA STATION)

Transfer to train at TOYOOKA STATION



16:01 - 16:12  
(Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)



16:00 - 16:25  
(Arrive at TOYOOKA STATION)

Transfer to train at TOYOOKA STATION



17:00 - 17:12  
(Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)

## from KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION — to IZUSHI



WEEK DAY 11:33 - 12:42 (Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL)



WEEK END 9:13 - 10:05 (Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL)  
10:13 - 11:05 (Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL)  
11:33 - 12:25 (Arrive at IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL)

## from IZUSHI BUS TERMINAL — to KINOSAKI



WEEK DAY 14:55 - 15:48 (Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)



WEEK END 11:50 - 12:43 (Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)  
12:50 - 13:43 (Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)  
13:40 - 14:33 (Arrive at KINOSAKI ONSEN STATION)

You are here

城崎温泉 KINOSAKI ONSEN

TOYOOKA

出石 IZUSHI

Kyoto City

Himeji City

Kobe City

Osaka City

Setonaikai sea

Awaji Island

## About Izushi



Izushi is a castle town popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of old Japan. The town has many interesting attractions, including the castle ruins, kabuki theatre, and samurai house. There are also many local special products such as Izushi Yaki (pottery), Kiryusaiku (willow craft), and Izushi Sara Soba (small-plated soba), the last of which is a way of eating soba that can only be found in this town. If you change into a kimono and stroll through the town, you will feel as though you have slipped through time.

\*If you plan on using the bus, please go to the Kinosaki Onsen Tourist Information center "SOZORO" in front of Kinosaki Onsen Station to buy a one-day bus ticket for 500 yen.

\*The bus and train times are as of November 1st, 2018. Please be sure to check for the most up-to-date times.



<https://visitkinosaki.com/places-to-go/izushi/>