

Izushi Sightseeing Tour

Daily Shuttle Service | **Incl. Guided Tour** | **Reservation REQUIRED** | **Max 20 People**

Fee 500 JPY (tax included) / person / round trip

Book at reception by 20:00 day before.
Guided tour available. Book by 16:00 day before.
*Entrance and other fees NOT INCLUDED

[Minimum participants: 2] 60 min guided tour + free time.

Trip	Depart Kinosaki	Genbudo	Arrive Izushi Otemae Parking Lot	Sightseeing	Depart Izushi Otemae Parking Lot	Genbudo	Arrive Kinosaki
Bus #1	10:00	10:15	10:45	2hr 45min	13:30	14:00	14:15
Bus #2	12:00	12:15	12:45	2hr 30min	15:15	15:45	16:00

Recommended Highlights
(Guided tour covers selected spots only. Itinerary may change due to facility closures.)



Eirakukan Kabuki Theatre

Eirakukan is the Kinki region's oldest traditional theater, a wooden masterpiece that has anchored local culture since the late 19th century. Originally a hub for Kabuki and early cinema, it was meticulously restored in 2008. Today, Eirakukan serves as a "living museum" where you can explore authentic Edo-style stage mechanics, including hand-rotated revolving stages and hidden trapdoors.

Entrance Fee: Adults 400 JPY / Students 240 JPY / Under 15: Free CLOSED: Thur



Izushi Castle Ruins

Established in 1604, Izushi Castle served as the heart of this historic town, earning it the nickname "Little Kyoto." While the main buildings are gone, you can still walk across the reconstructed bridge and through the grand gates to explore the original 17th-century stone walls. A climb to the top of the castle ruins rewards you with a breathtaking panoramic view of the town below.

Izushi Sake Brewery

Housed in a striking building with traditional red earthen walls, this historic brewery dates back to 1708. Inside, visitors are greeted by the rich aroma of sake and a charming, retro atmosphere. Local brews are proudly displayed alongside decorative sake kegs, like those traditionally gifted to the Eirakukan Theater to celebrate Kabuki performances. Sake is available for purchase.



Samurai House Karoyashiki

Step inside and explore an Edo-period samurai residence! This historic building survived a massive fire in 1876 and now offers a window into the past. View a collection of traditional armor and elaborate equipment from the era of the Shoguns, while wandering through this historic building.

Entrance Fee: Adults 200 JPY / Students 120 JPY / Middle school & under free. CLOSED Wed.



Sukyoji Temple

Known affectionately as "Takuan Temple," this peaceful site is the final resting place of the legendary Zen monk Takuan Soho—the man credited with inventing Japan's famous yellow pickled radish that is often served with rice. Once the private temple for the local castle lords, it remains a hidden gem where you can stroll through a beautiful Zen garden designed by the master himself.

Entrance Fee: Adults 300 JPY / Middle school & under free



Izushi Soba

The story of Izushi's famous soba began in 1706, when a new feudal lord moved to the region and brought his favorite master noodle-makers with him. This fusion of regional styles created a unique culinary tradition that still thrives today. Soba noodles are served in small portions on beautiful white porcelain plates. To enjoy them like a local, mix your dipping sauce with a variety of toppings—including raw egg, grated yam, and wasabi—to create a rich, customizable flavor.

