

San'in Kaigan Coastal Geopark's Mysterious Landscape and a Sanctuary for Oriental White Storks; a Special Natural Treasure

Capacity: 40



Kinosaki Hot Spring Resort

A must for any nature lovers. This journey will take you deep into the San'in Kaigan Geopark in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture. The destinations include the 1,300-year-old Kinosaki Hot Spring Resort, which is popular for its traditional townscape, and the Kinosaki International Arts Center, which is attracting increasing attention as a center of the artist-in-residence program. We will also meet a researcher of oriental white storks to learn about research and community activities for the protection and breeding of these symbolic birds.

Itinerary		*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.
8:00	Meet at charter bus stop at JR Kyoto Station Hachijo exit	===Chartered bus===
11:00 - 12:00	Kinosaki International Arts Center	===Chartered bus===
12:00 - 12:30	Kinosaki Hot Spring Resort, Foot bathWalk.....
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch (*pay for your own lunch)	===Chartered bus===
13:45 - 14:45	Genbudo	===Chartered bus===
15:00 - 16:00	Hyogo Park of the Oriental White Stork (Toyooka Municipal Museum of the Oriental White Stork)	===Chartered bus===
19:00	Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station	

*Note: This course does not include lunch. Please pay for your own lunch (Lunch typically cost 1,500 to 2,000 yen).

Kinosaki Hot Spring Resort: With a history spanning 1,300 years, this is one of the most famous hot spring resorts in Hyogo Prefecture. Willow trees line the riverside, an arched bridge, and river walls made of basalt work together to create a nostalgic landscape. There are seven public hot springs, each with distinctive characteristics.

Kinosaki International Arts Center: This facility, equipped with a hall, studios, and residential facilities, was opened in the Kinosaki Hot Spring Resort in 2014 as a center of artistic activities, especially the performing arts. Here, Japanese and foreign artists pursue creative activities while living in the local community.

Hyogo Park of the Oriental White Stork: The park was opened in 1999 to conduct research to protect, breed and return to the wild oriental white storks, which are a government-designated natural treasure. The park is open to the public where you can observe storks that have bred in the park and enjoy walking through the marsh and the managed natural environment. You may also see oriental white storks living in the wild.



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Oriental white storks, a special natural treasure