

Title		The town of <i>soba</i> noodles! Explore the old castle town of Izushi and enjoy its culinary treasure		Region: Izushi-cho, Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture	
Overview	<p>Relatively isolated, the town of Izushi managed to keep much of its old castle town feel, while still being a very lively and culturally rich town nowadays. It is also known for its dozens of refined <i>soba</i> restaurants.</p> <p>An important regional center in the 16th Century, this castle town has successfully maintained its old samurai era atmosphere, while also showing many signs of Japan's modernization process throughout the late 19th Century. Today, join a local guide who will handpick for you the most recommended <i>soba</i> restaurants. Served in different ways at elegant traditional venues, you will get to know the history of this local culinary treasure.</p> <p>Beyond <i>soba</i>, visit the remains of the <i>samurai</i> era castle, as well as the oldest clocktower in Japan. Plenty of time to visit local shops selling traditional food as well as local hand-made products - far from the tourism radar, these remain very authentic.</p> <p>One of the highlights of the tour is Eiraku-kan, a perfectly preserved Kabuki theater which is still the cultural center of the town and nowadays hosts many cultural events from traditional arts to jazz and rock concerts - one of the many signs of how the small town of Izushi managed to keep a great balance between tradition and modernity.</p>		Available Languages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
	<p>Support material available in foreign languages</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			<p>Guide/Interpreter</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
Unique Selling Points	<p>I .Visit this traditional castle town and experience its beautifully preserved atmosphere</p> <p>Plenty of photogenic spots -from the castle to the red <i>torii</i> gates of the nearby Inari shrine, as well as Japan's first Western-style clock tower from the late 19th Century- will make this guided stroll through the town of Izushi particularly pleasant.</p>		Available Languages	<p>Guide information</p> <p>Conversational English</p>	
	<p>II .Experience some of the best <i>soba</i> in Japan</p> <p>While the town of Izushi boasts the highest number of <i>soba</i> restaurants per capita in Japan, you will be guided by a local to the best ones, where you will be able to try interesting varieties of this world famous dish that is so deeply rooted in the local culture.</p>			<p>Participation requirements</p> <p>• Guests able to walk for a few hours, with breaks</p>	
Unique Selling Points	<p>III .Visit Eiraku-kan, among the best preserved Kabuki theaters in Japan</p> <p>Take a privileged look onto the world of Kabuki by visiting one of its oldest venues: Eiraku-kan. Beyond the beautiful wooden structure, you can also visit the area underneath the main stage, where impressive machineries from the late 19th Century are still functioning to allow special effects, typical feature of Kabuki theaters. A symbol of the Japanese way of blending tradition and modernity, this old Kabuki house is still a cultural center for the community and serves as a stage for a number of traditional as well as contemporary performing art events.</p>		General information	<p>Cancellation policy</p> <p>• Up to 15 days before tour: 20% • Up to 4 days before tour: 50% • Day before tour: 100%</p>	
	<p>①I. Visit the castle ruins and the main highlights of Izushi, as well as some of its traditional shops (10:30~12:00) ②II. First <i>soba</i> stop! A special <i>soba</i> lunch menu especially designed for <i>soba</i> connoisseurs (12:00~13:10) ③ Beyond <i>soba</i>: visit a Japanese style sweet shop and select your favourite ones (13:10~13:40) ④ Second <i>soba</i> stop! Enjoy more of the local dish presented in a completely different way. Finish off with tea and traditional sweets (13:40~15:00) ※If time allows, explore the town further.</p>			<p>Notes</p> <p>• Depending on season and weather, the itinerary may change</p>	
Reservation Information	<p>■Tour availability</p> <p>Year round - Eirakukan may be closed on specific days due to events.</p>		General information	<p>In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show</p> <p>• In case of no show, the tour will automatically be cancelled with full cancellation charge after 30 minutes from the planned starting time • In case the tour must be cancelled because of force majeure events, guests will be contacted by the morning of the day the tour is scheduled</p>	
	<p>■Duration</p> <p>4.5 hours</p>			<p>Insurance included</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
Meeting point and access	<p>■Starting times</p> <p>Daily, 10:30am</p>		Pricing information	<p>Inventory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
	<p>■Min/Max participants</p> <p>2-6</p>			<p>Contact and booking information</p> <p>Support hours</p> <p>9:00~17:00</p> <p>Email address</p> <p>travel@daytrip-izushi.jp</p>	
Meeting point and access	<p>■Access</p> <p>Bus from Kinosaki Onsen: 1h10m</p> <p>Taxi from Kinosaki Onsen: 35m</p>		Pricing information	<p>Price, nett - incl. consumption tax</p> <p>Contact us for pricing</p>	
	<p>■Meeting point</p> <p>■Kinosaki Onsen accommodation pick-up</p> 			<p>Options</p> <p>Soba making experience • Japanese sweet making experience • Izushi ceramic painting • Sake tasting</p>	
				<p>The above price includes:</p> <p>Soba lunch -set menu- divided into two separate restaurants (further orders will be charged extra) 、 Japanese sweet, Eirakukan entrance ticket, souvenir, guide fee, insurance. Optional private transport transfer to/from Kinosaki Onsen</p>	
				<p>The above price does NOT include:</p> <p>Personal shopping, further orders at restaurants</p>	