

Touring Iwaki by Rail: Izumi and Yumoto Stations

Izumi Station

Izumi is one of the fastest growing towns in Iwaki and has quite a modern streetscape – similar to Iwaki's New Town. While the area around Izumi Station might not boast famous sightseeing spots, it is a great place to enjoy a light meal or coffee at one of the many cafés that are dotted around the town. Here are just a few of them you can stop by for your next Izumi visit.



① Lily of the Valley (1min walk from Izumi Station)

Located right in front of the station, this is a perfect coffee stop for those who are waiting for the special express train to Tokyo. Open 9:00am-7:00pm. Closed on Mondays and public holidays.

Address: 1-1-2 Izumi-machi, Iwaki City

② International & Organic Café "Le Bonhuer Partagé"

(15min walk from Izumi Station)

This is one of the newest cafés in Izumi that has brought Australian barista-style espresso coffee to Iwaki. Also includes an outdoor terrace for customers with pets. Open 9:00am-6:00pm. Closed on Thursdays.

Address: 29 Jinrikimae, Takijiri, Izumi-machi, Iwaki City



③ Gallery & Café Blaurot (8min walk from Izumi Station)

Just like the name suggests, this café holds regular art exhibitions featuring different sculptures and paintings every few months. Open 10:00am-6:00pm. Closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Address: 5-17-20 Tamatsuyu, Izumi-machi, Iwaki City



④ Shojin Café Tea Pot (13min walk from Izumi Station)

This café specialises in shojin cuisine – a traditional style of vegetarian cuisine in Japan. If you're more of a tea person than a coffee person, this café might be for you. Open 10:00am-8:00pm. Closed on Sundays.

Address: 6-7-4 Izumi-machi, Iwaki City



Izumi Station Area

Following our last edition, which covered Nakoso and Ueda Stations, we work our way up north and reveal the interesting places you can enjoy within a walk or bus ride from Izumi and Yumoto Stations.

Yumoto Station

① Yumoto Hot Springs and Footbaths

Yumoto is undoubtedly most famous for its natural sulphur hot springs, making it one of Japan's "Three Ancient Springs". Walk around the narrow streets of town and discover one of the many ryokan (inn), where you can stay overnight in a Japanese-style room, or public baths that offer higaeri (day trip) services. For those who are on a budget, you can dip your feet into the free ashiyu footbaths which are located right in front of the station and around town. There is even a small footbath on the train platform inside the station, so you can bathe your feet whilst waiting for your next train.

Inquiries: <http://www.iwakiyumoto.or.jp/>

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② Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum "Horuru"

(13min walk from Yumoto Station)

Yumoto isn't all about relaxing in hot springs. This area was once known as the Joban Coalfields and was a crucial pillar of Iwaki's economy until the early 1970s. You can learn more about Iwaki's coal history and walk through a tunnel with life sized models revealing what life was like working in the coal mines. The other half of the facility is dedicated to dinosaur and ammonite fossils, with a replica of the Futabasaurus suzukii fossil that was discovered in Iwaki in 1968 located at the museum's entrance.

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③ Spa Resort Hawaiians (10-15min bus ride away from Yumoto Station)

Spa Resort Hawaiians is one of Iwaki's most popular destinations for visitors. A giant Hawaiian-themed resort with indoor/outdoor pools, giant water slides, hot springs, wedding halls, accommodation and not to forget the daily hula dance and fire dance shows, Hawaiians has just about everything all in one location. Free shuttle buses depart roughly every hour from Yumoto Station.

There are also free bus services that leave Tokyo, Shinjuku and other major stations around Tokyo for those who are staying in the resort's hotels.

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