



"Takarazuka Onsen" where you can enjoy Kinposen and Ginposen  
Here also is the birthplace of "Wilkinson Tansan" -Hyogo Terrior Journey-



"Takarazuka Onsen" has a history of more than 800 years.

Takarazuka's carbonated mineral hot spring also is the birthplace of sparkling water "Wilkinson Tansan".

Do you know that Takarazuka which is famous for Takarazuka Revue, was called "Hot Spring Town Takarazuka"?

Borned and raised in Takarazuka, we first learned about the history of Takarazuka after we become Sapphire Tourism Ambassadors of Takarazuka. "Takarazuka Onsen" has been widely known since the Kamakura period, and there are two kinds of hot springs, "Kinposen" and "Ginposen". Also, "Takarazuka Onsen" is the birthplace of the popular sparkling water "Wilkinson Tansan" too!



And let us introduce "Takarazuka Onsen" to you!

"Takarazuka Onsen" is located along Muko River, but no one know when it was discovered. The oldest record is the poetry collection of Kamakura period poet Fujiwarano Mitsutsune, and it is said that Takarazuka Onsen was known in Kyoto about 800 years ago.

Takarazuka was fully developed as a Hot Spring resort in the middle of the Meiji period. People found that the "acid salt water" gushing from the right bank of the Muko River is a high-quality mineral water and suitable for both drinking and bathing, so volunteers from Hyogo and Osaka jointly developed there. "Takarazuka Onsen" also opened in 1887.

However, since there were no any railways when the hot springs opened, so that the number of visitors did not increase as expected. The first hot spring resort closed in 1892. Although the first hot spring resort was reopened by the Takarazuka Onsen Owners Association, it was flooded and destroyed by the heavy rain in 1907.



But, Takarazu Onsen was revived again in Meiji 32 (1899). In Meiji 30 (1897), the Hansuru Railway (now JR) opened to Takarazuka. The hot spring street was crowded with people, and hotels and souvenir shops were opened one after another. It is said that the Horai Bridge connecting Takarazuka Station and the Onsen Street was built across the Muko River during this period.

There is a signage "Takarazuka Onsen" in Hotel Wakamizu near the Horai Bridge. It is said that this signage was flowed from Takarazuka Onsen to Sakai City Osaka in 1897.

During the development of the hot spring, a carbonated mineral onsen was discovered near the source. The "acid water" of Takarazuka Onsen refers to carbonated mineral Onsen. Then in Meiji 22 (1889) John Clifford Wilkinson from British met this carbonated mineral water, he named it "Tansan" for the first time in Japan and started selling bottled carbonated mineral water. And this is the story of the word "Tansan". In other words, the popular sparkling water "Wilkinson Tansan" is from Takarazuka!

In Meiji 44 (1911), this year also is the open of Takarazuka New Onsen and Minoo Arima Electric Railway.

The "old and new" Takarazuka Hot Spring Street continues to expand even across the Muko River. When the Osaka World Expo was held in Showa 45 (1970), more than 1.3 million people stayed at the New and Old Takarazuka Hot Spring Street. However, due to various reasons such as the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, the hot spring street is no longer there, but Takarazuka used to be a large hot spring area.

Walk from JR or Hankyu Takarazuka Station about 3 to 4 minutes, you can see hot spring facility "Nature Spa Takarazuka" where you can enjoy Takarazuka Onsen.

There are two types of hot springs in Takarazuka Onsen, the water in "Kinposen" with high iron content and brown turbidity, and "Ginposen" which is transparent.

At "Nature SPA Takarazuka", you can enjoy both onsen.

To get warm in Onsen, and then have a glass of cold Wilkinson Tansan after Onsen!

Hope you also can come to enjoy Takarazuka Onsen, which is very convenient to access.



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◆DATA :

◇ Nature Spa Takarazuka ( ナチュラルスパ宝塚 )

9-33, Yumotochō , Takarazuka, Hyogo

Tel : 0797-84-7993

Open hours: 9:30-22:00 on weekdays, 9:30-21:00 on weekends and holidays

Regular holiday: Every Thursday

Fee: 1,040 yen for female, 840 yen for male, 730 yen for seniors (over 65 years old), 530 yen for primary school students (towel included, tax included)

\*Swimwear must be worn when using the outdoor jacuzzi (rental available)

<http://www.naturespa-takarazuka.jp/>

◇ Hotel Wakamizu

9-25, Yumotochō , Takarazuka, Hyogo

Tel : 0797-86-0151

◎ One-Day Tour

Open hours: 11:30-22:00 (last entry at 20:00)

Fee: 1,800 yen for adults, 900 yen for children (including towels and tax)

※ During the peak season, there are no one-day tour, please confirm before visiting.

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