

Muse About Good Fortune at “Eni-shizuku Pilgrimage” in Izumo, the Land of Gods

(Hoshino Resorts KAI Izumo, Shimane)

The land of gods celebrates people’s good fortune during the rainy season

Hoshino Resorts KAI Izumo resides in Izumo, a region full of mythical aspects where the legend has it that the gods get together once a year. This region has a high reputation for rain, and it is also known as the City of Water. Rainy seasons sometime evoke negative connotations, but in Izumo the rainy season is a symbol for fertility and prosperity. Raindrops in this region are called “*Eni-shizuku*”, the raindrops of *En*, bonds and links between all existence. They are named after “*En-musubi*”, another mythical element of Izumo with the meaning of tying or anchoring a good *En* with oneself --- in a nutshell it means to attract good fortune. Hoshino Resort KAI Izumo will host Eni-shizuku Pilgrimage to celebrate the good fortune of all guests who stay at the hotel between June 1st and 30th, during the typical rainy season in Izumo.



Umbrella Sky of Wagasa

Countless *wagasa*, the traditional Japanese umbrellas, will brightly decorate the ceilings of the onsen lounge and arched bridge. These *wagasa* are produced in an atelier in Tottori Prefecture --- another region well known for rain, wind, and snows --- and each umbrella is given its own color and character. The decoration of raindrops around the umbrellas gives the feeling of strolling in *Eni-shizuku*, without actually getting wet in real rain.

Omikuji guide your Eni-shizuku Pilgrimage

At the Travel Library of Hoshino Resorts KAI Izumo, hotel guests can get new inspiration for their life by drawing an *omikuji*, a written divination (in Japanese) about a person's near future; it will also tell a recommended place within the hotel where each guest can make their own good fortune. *Omikuji* offered during the Eni-shizuku Pilgrimage are called "*Ama-oto Mikuji*" (sound-of-rain *omikuji*) and are dedicated to raindrops during the rainy season, so guests can link themselves to good fortune brought by *Eni-shizuku*. Guests can tie *omikuji* to one of the *wagasa*, and they will later be consecrated at Tamatsukuriyu Shrine, about a 15 minutes walk from the hotel.

KAI Izumo postcards deliver good fortune to your family and friends

The postcards at Hoshino Resorts KAI Izumo are originally designed on traditional hand-made *sekishu-banshi* paper, produced in the western part of Shimane Prefecture. The craftsmanship of *sekishu-banshi* is registered on the UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List. Guests can write a message to family members or friends, wishing them good fortune from the land of *En-musubi*.

Kaleidoscope of flowers

The rainy season is the best time to see hydrangea blossoms. "*Mangekyo*" ("kaleidoscope"), a new variety of hydrangea born in Shimane Prefecture that won the grand prize of Japan Flower Selections, can be viewed along the hotel's wood deck. Its mystical geometric pattern and beautiful radial gradients of blue and violet resemble kaleidoscopes. This variety of *Mangekyo* is still rarely available on the market, and it will be a precious moment to view it at Hoshino Resorts KAI Izumo. Hotel guests can feel and enjoy the rainy season that is unique to Shimane Prefecture by appreciating the beauty of *Mangekyo* blossoms with raindrops.

Eni-shizuku Pilgrimage schedule 2019

Dates: June 1st - 30th 2019

Fee: free (limited to hotel guests)

Venues: Onsen lounge and the arched bridge (*wagasa*), Travel Library (*omikuji* and original postcards), and the wood deck (hydrangea garden)

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