

Calendar of Events March 2019



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Glossary :

Matsuri	Festival, Event
Nodate	Open air tea ceremony
Taiko	Japanese drum

Special Remarks:

Dates and Times are shown as follows which is common in Japan.
 Dates : M/D April 3 ⇒ 4/3
 Time : 24 hours system 8:00am ⇒ 8:00

Hina Matsuri ひなまつり

Hina Matsuri, Girl's Festival held on March 3. Families with girls display Hina-dolls which wear Heian Period clothing while peach blossoms, hishi-mochi (rice cake) and amazake (sweet sake) are offered to pray for happiness and healthy growth of the girls.

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Tokyo 東京	1/27 ~ 3/24	Tokyo 東京都	Oshima-machi 大島町	Oshima-machi 大島町	Tsubaki Matsuri 椿まつり	<p>Summary: Camellia Festival. Various species of camellia are usually in bloom during the festival period on Oshima Island. The festival features Oshima local performing arts such as <i>Anko-no-Teodori</i> (dance performed by Oshima local girls in traditional costume) and <i>Oshima Minyo</i> (traditional folk songs) and <i>Yomatsuri</i> (night festival).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-15:30 Oshima local performing arts at Tsubaki Plaza ● 2/1 - 3/17 Friday, Saturday & Sunday 19:30-21:00 <i>Yomatsuri</i> at the passenger waiting room in Motomachi port</p>	(1) Yurikamome Monorail Line to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk to Takeshiba Pier. From there, take Tokai Kisen ferryboat (8 hrs.) or hydrofoil boat (1 hr. 45 min.) to Oshima Island (2) From Chofu Airport, take airplane (25 min.)	(1) ゆりかもめ竹芝駅よりすぐの竹芝棧橋から東海汽船フェリーで8時間又は高速船で1時間45分大島下船 (2) 調布飛行場より飛行機で25分	https://www.tokaikisen.co.jp/tsubaki_festival/
Tokyo 東京	2/8 ~ 3/8	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Yushima Tenjin Shrine 湯島天神	Yushima Tenjin Ume Matsuri 湯島天神梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. <i>Taiko</i> and other entertainments are scheduled on Saturday and Sunday and national holidays during the festival period. Tea ticket for <i>Nodate</i> is 600JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 3/2 11:00-, 13:00- & 14:00- <i>Satsuma-Biwa</i> (Japanese lute) 12:00- Various entertainments 15:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ● 3/3 10:00- <i>Nodate</i></p>	(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Yushima Sta. (C13)(Exit3), and then walk 2 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Ueno-hirokoji Sta. (G15), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ千代田線湯島駅(3番出口)より徒歩2分 (2) 東京メトロ銀座線上野広小路駅より徒歩5分	http://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/ume/index.htm

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Tokyo 東京	2/9 ~ 3/3	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Hanegi Park 羽根木公園	Setagaya Ume Matsuri 世田谷梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese Apricot) Flower Festival. There are nearly 650 apricot trees in the park. <i>Matcha</i> (powdered green tea) and <i>Sencha</i> (green tea) are served at both <i>Chashitsu</i> (tea ceremony room) and open-air during the festival period. Free tea tickets are distributed twice from 9:30 and 11:30 on each day, on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 3/2 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (7 times in a day) ● 3/3 10:00- <i>Sencha Nodate</i> (8 times in a day) <i>Sencha</i> service (7 times in a day)</p>	Odakyu Line to Umegaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.	小田急線梅ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分	http://setagaya-umematsuri.com/event/
Tokyo 東京	3/1	Tokyo 東京都	Tanashi-cho, Nishi-Tokyo 西東京市田無町	Tanashisan Soji-ji Temple 田無山総持寺	Tanashi Daruma Ichi 田無だるま市	<p>Summary: <i>Dharma</i> Doll Fair. Stalls selling <i>Dharma</i> dolls are set up in the compound of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00-16:00</p>	Seibu Shinjuku Line to Tanashi Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 5 min.	西武新宿線田無駅(北口)より徒歩5分	http://www.city.nishitokyo.lg.jp/daisuki/sopot/tanasisansozizi.html
Tokyo 東京	3/1 ~ 3/3	Tokyo 東京都	Heiwajima, Ota-ku 太田区平和島	Tokyo Ryutsu Center 東京流通センター	Heiwajima Kotto Matsuri 平和島骨董まつり	<p>Summary: Antique Fair where more than 250 dealers participate in. Admission is free. Please enter an hour before the closing time on 3/3.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 3/1 & 2 10:00-17:00 ● 3/3 10:00-16:00</p>	Tokyo Monorail Line to Ryutsu Center Sta., and then walk 1 min.	東京モノレール流通センター駅より徒歩1分	http://www.kottouichi.com/heiwajima/HOME.html
Tokyo 東京	3/3	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku and others 新宿区ほか	Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building, Gyoko-dori Street and others 東京都庁、行幸通りほか	Tokyo Marathon 2019 東京マラソン2019	<p>Summary: Race, with 38,000 runners participated, starts at Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building and runs through Iidabashi, Kanda, Nihombashi, Asakusa Kaminarimon, Ryogoku, Monzennakacho, Ginza, Takanawa, Hibiya and eventually reaches the finish line on Gyoko-dori Street in front of Tokyo Sta.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:05- 16:10</p>	(1) Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building : JR Yamanote Line to Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 10 min. or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Tochomae Sta. (E28) (2) Gyoko-dori Street: JR Yamanote Line to Tokyo Sta. (Marunouchi Exits)	(1) 東京都庁: JR山手線新宿駅(西口)より徒歩10分又は都営地下鉄大江戸線都庁前駅下車 (2) 行幸通り: JR山手線東京駅(丸の内口)下車	http://www.marathon.tokyo/

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Tokyo 東京	3/3	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Azumabashi Shinsui Terrace and Sumida Park 吾妻橋親水テラス、隅田公園	Edo Nagashibina 江戸流しびな	<p>Summary: Event of floating paper dolls on Sumida River, wishing safety and good health of children. Anyone who purchases a floating paper doll (800JPY) at this site is able to take part in this event.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:30-</p>	<p>(1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19), and then walk 2 min (2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (A18), and then walk 3 min.</p>	<p>(1) 東京メトロ銀座線浅草駅より徒歩2分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅より徒歩3分</p>	http://hina-ko.jp/sumida/index.html
Tokyo 東京	3/3 ~ 3/4	Tokyo 東京都	Chofu 調布市	Jindai-ji Temple 深大寺	Jindaiji Daruma Ichi 深大寺だるま市	<p>Summary: <i>Dharma</i> Doll Fair, which is one of the three largest in Japan. About 300 stalls selling <i>Dharma</i> dolls, temple charms, trinkets and so on are set up on the approach to the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-17:00 Daruma Ichi 14:00- Procession of monks</p>	<p>(1) Keio Line to Tsutsujigaoka Sta. (North Exit) or Chofu Sta. (Central Exit) From there, take bus (for Jindaiji) to Jindaiji Bus Stop (15 min.), and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Chuo Line to Kichijoji Sta. (South Exit) or Mitaka Sta. (South Exit) From there, take bus (for Jindaiji) to Jindaiji Bus Stop (30 min.), and then walk 3 min.</p>	<p>(1) 京王線つげ丘駅 (北口) 又は調布駅 (中央口) よりバス深大寺行で15分深大寺下車、徒歩1分 (2) JR中央線吉祥寺駅 (南口) 又は三鷹駅 (南口) よりバス深大寺行で30分深大寺下車、徒歩3分</p>	http://www.jindaiji.or.jp/event/darumaichi.php
Tokyo 東京	3/10	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Jidosha Kitoden Hiroba 自動車祈禱殿広場	Hi-watari-sai 火渡り祭	<p>Summary: Rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals. This is believed to drive away the sins and filth of the world. Anyone may participate in this practice toward the end of the event.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Yamabushi</i> (mountain priests) walk barefoot on the burning embers, following the lighting ceremony, at the festival site</p>	Keio Line to Takaosan-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	京王線高尾山口駅より徒歩5分	http://www.takaosan.or.jp/taiken/hiwatari.html
Tokyo 東京	3/18	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Kinryu-no-mai 金龍の舞	<p>Summary: Golden Dragon Dance. The dance to pray for a rich harvest of the year is performed three times a day. Golden Dragon parades from Kaminarimon Gate or Denpoin Temple to the Main Hall, and Kinryu-no-mai is performed with Japanese musical instruments on the ground of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00- / 13:30- / 15:00-</p>	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅より徒歩5分	http://www.senso-ji.jp/annual_event/23.html

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Tokyo 東京	3/21 ~ 4/7	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Ueno Park 上野公園	Ueno Sakura Matsuri うえの桜まつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of about 1200 blooming cherry trees even in the evening, as thousands of <i>Bonbori</i> (paper lanterns) are lit up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-20:00 Open-air antique markets are set up 17:00-20:00 Flowers are lit up</p>	JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta. (G16, H17), and then walk 5 min.	JR山手線、東京メトロ銀座線又は日比谷線上野駅より徒歩5分	http://www.ueno.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	3/23 ~ 3/24	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Tokyo Big Sight 東京ビッグサイト	Anime Japan 2019 アニメジャパン 2019	<p>Summary: The fair is the world's largest in scale of this kind and brings together anime-related Japanese and overseas companies. Advance ticket (1,800JPY) is available at Family Mart, Seven-Eleven, GAMERS and ANIMATE stores, ACOS stores, CN playguide and so on. Ticket is also sold on the day at the site. (2,200JPY) Please enter by 16:30.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-17:00</p>	(1) Yurikamome Monorail Line to Tokyo Big Sight Sta. (former Kokusai-Tenjijo-Seimon Sta.), and then walk 3 min. (2) Tokyo Rinkai Kosoku Railway Rinkai Line to Kokusai-Tenjijo Sta., and then walk 7 min.	(1) ゆりかもめ東京ビッグサイト駅 (旧・国際展示場正門駅) より徒歩3分 (2) 東京臨海高速鉄道りんかい線 国際展示場駅より徒歩7分	https://www.anime-japan.jp/
Tokyo 東京	3/25	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神	Shinki-sai (Taimatsu Matsuri) 神忌祭 (たいまつまつり)	<p>Summary: Torchlight Festival featuring a torchlight parade of children and adults. If it rains, the parade will be canceled, and only the Shinto ritual will be held indoors.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-</p>	JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 15 min.	JR総武線亀戸駅 (北口) より徒歩15分	http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/info/2019/02/06/

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Tokyo 東京	Late Mar. ~ Early Apr.	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine, Chidorigafuchi and others 靖国神社、千鳥ヶ淵ほか	Chiyoda-no-Sakura Matsuri 千代田のさくらまつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy view of cherry blossoms along the Chidorigafuchi path and in the precincts of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily Sunset - 22:00 Flowers are lit up along the path</p>	<p>Chidorigafuchi : (1) Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 2), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Hanzomon Sta. (Z05)(Exit 5), and then walk 5 min.</p> <p>千鳥ヶ淵 : (1) 東京メトロ東西線、半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄新宿線九段下駅(2番出口)より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ半蔵門線半蔵門駅(5番出口)より徒歩5分</p>	http://kanko-chiyoda.jp/
Tokyo 東京	Late Mar. ~ Early Apr.	Tokyo 東京都	Sumida-ku 墨田区	Sumida Park, Sakurabashi Bridge and others 隅田公園、桜橋橋上ほか	Bokutei Sakura Matsuri 墨堤さくらまつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms in the park. Some events are scheduled on Sakurabashi Bridge over Sumida River and other sites on Saturdays and Sundays during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged.</p>	<p>(1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min. (2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Honjo-Azumabashi Sta. (A19) (Exit A1 or A3) , and then walk 10 min.</p> <p>(1) 東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅より徒歩5分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線本所吾妻橋駅 (A1またはA3出口)より徒歩10分</p>	http://visit-sumida.jp/
Kanto 関東	2/2 ~ 3/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Odawara 小田原市	Odawara Joshi Park, Soga Bairin (Bessho and Nakagawara sites) 小田原城址公園、曾我梅林(別所、中河原)	Odawara Ume Matsuri 小田原梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. There are about 250 apricot trees in Odawara Joshi Park and about 35,000 trees in Soga Bairin which consists of two gardens: Bessho and Nakagawara Gardens.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/3 10:30-15:00 <i>Bajo-Yumikurabe</i> (Demonstration of horseback archery) in the park</p>	<p>(1) Odawara Joshi Park : JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta.(East Exit), and then walk 10 min. (2) Soga Bairin : JR Gotemba Line to Shimo-Soga Sta., and then walk 10 min.</p> <p>(1) 小田原城址公園 : JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅(東口)より徒歩10分 (2) 曾我梅林 : JR御殿場線下曾我駅より徒歩10分</p>	http://www.city.odawara.kanagawa.jp/kanko/event/FE/B/umematuriteirei.html

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Kanto 関東	2/2 ~ 3/10	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yugawara- machi 湯河原町	Makuyama Park 霧山公園	Yugawara-bairin "Ume-no-Utage" 湯河原梅林「梅の宴」	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. Visitors can enjoy viewing about 4,000 Japanese apricot trees in blossom. Admission is 200JPY except lighting up time.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/23 - 3/3 18:00-20:30 Flowers are lit up ●3/2 12:00- <i>Geigi-no-Mai</i> (classical Japanese dance performed by professional female entertainers) ●3/9 11:00- & 13:00- <i>Koto</i> (Japanese harp)</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Yugawara Sta. From there, take direct bus to Makuyama Koen Bus Stop	JR東海道本線湯河原駅より直通バスで霧山公園下車	http://www.town.yugawara.kanagawa.jp/kankou/event/ume-top.html
Kanto 関東	2/9 ~ 3/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Sankei-en Kanbikai 三溪園観梅会	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 600 Japanese apricot trees. Admission to the garden is 700JPY. Please enter by 16:30.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-15:30 <i>Mugicha</i> (barley tea) service at Hatsune-chaya ●3/2 10:00-15:30 Monkey Show ●3/3 11:00-12:00 & 13:30-14:30 <i>Ohayashi</i> (Festival music)</p>	(1) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Negishi Sta. From No.1 Bus Stop, take bus to Honmoku Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit) From No.2 Bus Stop, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (35 min.), and then walk 5 min.	(1) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線根岸駅下車、1番乗り場よりバスで10分本牧下車、徒歩10分 (2) JR京浜東北線、東海道線又は東急東横線横浜駅(東口)下車、2番乗り場よりバスで35分三溪園入口下車、徒歩5分	https://sankeien.or.jp/news/news793.html

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Kanto 関東	2/16 ~ 3/31	Ibaraki 茨城県	Mito 水戸市	Kairaku-en Kodo-kan 偕楽園 弘道館	Mito-no-Ume Matsuri 水戸の梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. There are more than 3000 of around 100 varieties of apricot trees in Kairaku-en. Various events are scheduled, such as <i>Nodate</i> (Tea ticket is 300JPY), traditional Japanese dance and <i>Hina-nagashi</i> (floating paper dolls down on a stream). Admission to Kairaku-en is free, and to Kodo-kan is 200JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3/1-21 Sunset-21:00 Flowers and trees are lit up at Kairaku-en ● 3/2 10:30-11:30 Japanese dance with sword or fan at Kodo-kan 11:00-12:00 <i>Hina-nagashi</i> at Kairaku-en 13:00-14:00 <i>Bojutsu</i> (performance with Cudgels) at Kodo-kan 18:00-21:00 Night <i>Ume</i> festival at Kodo-kan ● 3/3, 10, 17 & 24 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> at Kairaku-en ● 3/3 11:00-12:00 <i>Hina-nagashi</i> at Kairaku-en ● 3/9 18:00-21:00 Night <i>Ume</i> festival at Kairaku-en 	<p>Kairaku-en: (1) JR Joban Line to Kairakuen Rinji (temporary) Sta. (This station is available only for trains leaving JR Ueno Sta. between 8:00 and 14:00, operated on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays) (2) JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit), and then take bus to Kairakuen Bus Stop (20 min.)</p> <p>Kodo-kan: JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 8 min</p>	<p>偕楽園: (1) JR常磐線偕楽園臨時駅(土日祝の上野駅8:00-14:00発の下り線のみ)下車 (2) JR常磐線水戸駅(北口)よりバスで20分偕楽園下車</p> <p>弘道館: JR常磐線水戸駅(北口)より徒歩8分</p>	http://www.mitokoumon.com/festival/ume.html
Kanto 関東	3/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Nagatoro-machi 長瀬町	Nagatoro Sta. and others 長瀬駅前ほか	Nagatoro Hi-Matsuri 長瀬火祭り	<p>Summary: Fire Festival featuring <i>Lengyo</i> (a parade of mountain priests) and <i>Hi-watari</i> (rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals). Anyone may participate in this practice toward the end of the event.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- <i>Shishimai</i> (lion dance) in front of Nagatoro Sta. and <i>Iai-battojutsu</i> (an art of drawing the Japanese sword) at the festival site 12:20- <i>Lengyo</i> from the grounds in front of Nagatoro Sta. to the festival site 13:00- <i>Hi-watari</i> by monks at the festival site 14:00- <i>Hi-watari</i> by visitors at the festival site 	<p>(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu Chichibu Sta., and then walk 10 min. to Ohanabatake Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 15 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で長瀬駅下車、徒歩15分 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩10分のお花畑駅より秩父鉄道線で長瀬駅下車、徒歩15分</p>	https://www.chichibu-railway.co.jp/kankoevent/festival/himatsuri.html

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Kanto 関東	3/22 ~ 3/31	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Kan-ou-no-Yube 観桜の夕べ	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 300 cherry trees. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms even in the evening. Admission to the garden is 700JPY. Please enter by 20:30.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:30-21:00 Flowers are lit up</p>	<p>(1) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Negishi Sta. From No.1 Bus Stop, take bus to Honmoku Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit) From No.2 Bus Stop, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (35 min.), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線根岸駅下車、1番乗り場よりバスで10分本牧下車、徒歩10分 (2) JR京浜東北線、東海道線又は東急東横線横浜駅(東口)下車、2番乗り場よりバスで35分三溪園入口下車、徒歩5分</p>	<p>https://sankeien.or.jp/event/05.html</p>
Kanto 関東	3/27	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Hakone-machi 箱根町	Suwa-jinja Shrine 諏訪神社	Yudate-no-Shishi-mai 湯立の獅子舞	<p>Summary: Lion Dance. One of <i>Shishimai</i> lion dances, <i>Kama-Meguri-no-mai</i> is distinguished for its dance of splashing hot water with bamboo leaves over visitors. It is said that people getting splashed water is a sign to be in good health through the year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: daytime <i>Shishimai</i> after Shinto ritual</p>	<p>Hakone Tozan Tetsudo Line to Hakone Yumoto Sta. From there, take Hakone Tozan bus to Sengoku Bus Stop (30 min), and then walk 5min.</p>	<p>箱根登山鉄道線箱根湯本駅より箱根登山バスで30分仙石下車、徒歩5分</p>	<p>http://kintokijinja.com/jinja-suwa.html</p>
Kanto 関東	Late Mar. ~ Early Apr.	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Odawara 小田原市	Odawara Joshi Park and others 小田原城址公園ほか	Odawara Sakura Matsuri 小田原桜まつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms at many spots in the city, such as Odawara Joshi Park, Shiroyama Park and so on.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-22:00 Flowers are lit up</p>	<p>Joshi Park : JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta.(East Exit), and then walk 10 min.</p>	<p>城址公園 : JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅(東口)より徒歩10分</p>	<p>http://www.odawara-kankou.com/sakura/</p>

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Glossary :

<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Mikoshi</i>	Portable shrine

Special Remarks:

Dates and Times are shown as follows which is common in Japan.

Dates : M/D **April 3 ⇒ 4/3**
Time : 24 hours system **8:00am ⇒ 8:00**
 8:00pm ⇒ 20:00

Hina Matsuri ひなまつり

Hina Matsuri, Girl's Festival held on March 3. Families with girls display Hina-dolls which wear Heian Period clothing while peach blossoms, hishi-mochi (rice cake) and amazake (sweet sake) are offered to pray for happiness and healthy growth of the girls.

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Tohoku 東北	12/22 ~ 3/3	Yamagata 山形県	Yamagata 山形市	along Zao Ropeway Sancho Line, around Jizo Sancho Sta. 蔵王ロープウェイ山頂線沿線および地蔵山頂駅周辺	Zao Juhyo Light-up 蔵王樹氷ライトアップ	Summary: Festival featuring the lighting up <i>Juhyo</i> , known as "Ice Monster", trees covered with frost. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 17:00-21:00 <i>Juhyo</i> lighting up	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta., and then take bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop (45 min.) From there, walk to Zao Sanroku Sta. (15 min.), and then take ropeway to Jizo Sancho Sta. (17 min.)	JR山形新幹線山形駅よりバスで45分蔵王温泉下車、徒歩15分の蔵王山麓駅よりロープウェイで17分地蔵山頂駅下車	http://zaoropeway.co.jp/zao/winter/lightup.html

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Tohoku 東北	3/10	Miyagi 宮城県	Shiogama 塩釜市	Shiogama-jinja Shrine and others 塩釜神社ほか	Hote Matsuri 帆手祭	<p>Summary: This is the festival of fire prevention and has a 300-year history. The highlight of this festival is a parade of a gigantic <i>Mikoshi</i>, weighing 1 ton, carried by 16 young men accompanied by about 500 people and children in traditional attires.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:30-19:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> parade from the shrine through the city</p>	JR Senseki Line to Hon-Shiogama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	http://www.shiogamajinja.jp/annual/event/index.html	
Chubu 中部	1/5 ~ 3/3	Shizuoka 静岡県	Atami 熱海市	Atami Baien Garden 熱海梅園	Atami Baien Ume Matsuri 熱海梅園梅まつり	<p>Summary: Japanese Apricot Festival. There are about 470 Japanese apricot trees of 60 species in the garden and they begin to bloom usually from the middle of January. Various entertainments are scheduled during the festival period. Admission is 300JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 8:30-16:00</p>	(1) JR Ito Line to Kinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta. From there, take bus (for Ainohara-Danchi or Baien) to Baien Bus Stop (15 min.)	(1) JR伊東線来宮駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR東海道新幹線熱海駅よりバス相ノ原団地行又は梅園行で15分梅園下車	https://www.ataminews.gr.jp/event/355/
Chubu 中部	2/10 ~ 3/10	Shizuoka 静岡県	Kawazu-cho 河津町	Kawazu River 河津川	Kawazu-zakura Matsuri 河津桜まつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. Rich pink blossoms are distinctive of <i>Kawazu-zakura</i> which come into bloom in February. You can enjoy seeing the cherry blossoms along Kawazu River, even at night since the blossoms are lit up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 2/20-3/3 18:00-21:00 Cherry blossoms lighting up</p>	From JR Tokyo Sta., take JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Kawazu Sta.	JR東京駅よりJR特急"踊り子"で河津駅下車	http://kawazuza-kura.jp/index.html

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Chubu 中部	3/17	Shizuoka 静岡県	Yaizu 焼津市	Oi Hachiman-gu Shrine 大井八幡宮	Fujimori no Ta-asobi 藤守の田遊び	<p>Summary: This is the festival to pray for the bumper crop of the year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Parishioners perform 25 different <i>Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) of the process of rice cultivation to the tune of Japanese flute and drum.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-23:00</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Fujieda Sta. From there, take bus to Oigawa Chosha Iriguchi Bus Stop, and then walk 15 min.	JR東海道本線藤枝駅よりバスで大井川庁舎入口下車、徒歩15分	https://www.city.yaizu.lg.jp/kanako/info/1-2-23.html
Hokuriku 北陸	3/2	Niigata 新潟県	Yuzawa-machi 湯沢町	Nunoba Skiing Ground 布場スキー場	Yuzawa Onsen Yuki Matsuri 湯沢温泉雪まつり	<p>Summary: Snow Festival featuring a parade of about 100 skiers with torchlights and fireworks display.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-21:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> and Japanese drumming 20:40-21:00 Parade of skiers and fireworks display</p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Echigo-Yuzawa Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR上越新幹線越後湯沢駅より徒歩15分	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2063
Hokuriku 北陸	3/2	Fukui 福井県	Obama 小浜市	Wakasa Jingu-ji Temple, Unose and others 若狭神宮寺、 鶴の瀬ほか	Wakasa-no-Omizu-okuri 若狭のお水送り	<p>Summary: Offering of sacred water ritual to exorcise evil spirits. The rituals include <i>Yumiuchi</i> (Japanese archery shooting), <i>Dattan</i> (priests brandishing torchlights), <i>Taimatsu Gyoretsu</i> (torchlight procession) and <i>Omizu-okuri</i> (the priest pours the sacred water into Onyu River at the place called "Unose"). It is believed that the water from "Unose" reaches Wakasa-i (well) on the grounds of Todai-ji Temple in Nara, when <i>Omizu-tori</i> (Sacred Water-drawing Ritual) is held in Nara 10 days later on 3/12.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Yumiuchi</i> ritual at the temple 18:30- <i>Dattan</i> ritual at the temple 19:30- <i>Taimatsu Gyoretsu</i> from the temple to "Unose" 20:30- <i>Omizu-okuri</i> ritual at "Unose"</p>	Wakasa Jingu-ji Temple : JR Obama Line to Obama Sta., and then take temporary bus (available between 17:45 and 18:00)	若狭神宮寺 : JR小浜線小浜駅より臨時バス (運行時間は17:45-18:00の間)	http://wakasa-obama.jp/Event/eventDetail.php?180

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Hokuriku 北陸	3/3	Niigata 新潟県	Minami-Uonuma 南魚沼市	Fuko-ji Temple Urasa-Bishamondo 普光寺 浦左毘沙門堂	Hadaka Oshiai Matsuri 裸押し合い祭り	<p>Summary: Naked Festival. The festival with a 1,200-year history is to pray for a rich harvest of the year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is <i>Hadaka-Oshiai</i> in which young men only in loincloths purify themselves in the cold water, and then jostle each other for advantage to get <i>Kifuda</i> (wooden tablets of prize coupons) in the hall of the temple for several times.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 17:00-22:45 <i>Hadaka-Oshiai</i></p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Urasa Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 5 min.	JR上越新幹線浦佐駅(西口)より徒歩5分	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2042
Kinki 近畿	3/1 ~ 3/14	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Todai-ji Temple Nigatsu-do 東大寺 二月堂	Shuni-e (Omizu-tori) 修二会(お水取り)	<p>Summary: Sacred Water-drawing Festival. The ritual <i>Omizu-tori</i> in which the monks draw water from Wakasa-i (well) to dedicate to the Buddha is held in the flickering light of pine torches. The festival with over a 1,260-year history is also called <i>Otaimatsu</i> (Torchtlight Festival), and symbolizes the arrival of spring. The ascetic monks brandish huge burning pine torches to produce a shower of sparks on the balcony of Nigatsu-do. As sparks are believed to have magic power against evils, devout people make a rush to catch them.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily (except for 3/12&14) 19:00-19:20 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual ● 3/12 19:30-20:15 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual ● 3/13 01:30- <i>Omizu-tori</i> ritual ● 3/14 18:30-18:40 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual</p>	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Daibutsuden Kasuga Taisha-mae Bus Stop	JR奈良線奈良駅又は近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より奈良交通バスで大仏殿春日大社前下車	http://www.todaiji.or.jp/content/function/02-03syunie2.html
Kinki 近畿	3/16 ~ 3/17	Shiga 滋賀県	Omi-Hachiman 近江八幡市	Himure Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 日牟禮八幡宮ほか	Sagicho Matsuri 左義長祭	<p>Summary: 13 <i>Sagicho</i>, floats beautifully bedecked with foods and grains, are carried through the city by men in disguise with women's dresses and makeup. After parading through the city, all the floats are gathered in the precincts of the shrine and are burnt out one after another at the signal of fireworks let off.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 3/16 14:00-17:30 <i>Sagicho</i> parade ● 3/17 20:00-22:40 Floats are burnt out</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Omi-Hachiman Sta. (North Exit), and then (1) walk 30 min. (2) take Omi Tetsudo bus to Obatacho-shiryokan-mae Bus Stop (5 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR東海道本線近江八幡駅(北口)より(1)徒歩30分(2)近江鉄道バスで5分小幡町資料館前下車、徒歩5分	https://www.biwako-visitors.jp/event/detail/25080

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Kinki 近畿	3/25 ~ 3/31	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Yakushi-ji Temple 薬師寺	Yakushiji Shuni-e Hana-e-shiki 薬師寺修二会花会式	<p>Summary: Flower Offering Ceremony. This festival symbolizes the arrival of spring, and is to pray for the prosperous world. The interior of the temple's main hall is lavishly decorated with a variety of flowers. Admission is 1,100 JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●3/26 14:00- <i>Noh</i> (traditional masked drama) ●3/29 12:45- <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> (procession of children in fancy attire) 14:00- <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) ●3/31 20:30- <i>Oni-oi-shiki</i> (rites to dispel the five rampaging devils) </p>	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Nishinokyo Sta. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Yakushiji Bus Stop (18 min.)	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄京都線で西ノ京駅下車 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅より奈良交通バスで18分薬師寺下車	https://www.nara-yakushiji.com/event/hanaesiki.html
Kinki 近畿	3/25 ~ 4/7	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区	Kamishichiken Kaburenjo 上七軒歌舞練場	Kitano Odori 北野をどり	<p>Summary: Japanese traditional dance by <i>Geiko</i> (professional female entertainers in Kyoto). Admissions are 4,300 JPY or 4,800 JPY. For further information, call 075-461-0148 at Kamishichiken kabukai.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●daily 13:30- & 16:00- </p>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 or 101 to Kamishichiken Bus Stop (30 min.), and then walk 3 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50 又は101で30分上七軒下車、徒歩3分	http://www.mai-ko3.com/index.html
Kinki 近畿	3/29 ~ 3/31	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市 伏見区	PULSE PLAZA バルスプラザ	Kyoto Antique Fair 京都アンティークフェア	<p>Summary: Grand Antique Fair with over 300 dealers from around the world. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●3/29 & 30 10:00-17:00 ●3/31 10:00-16:00 </p>	Kintetsu Kyoto Line or Karasuma Subway Line to Takeda Sta., and then (1) walk 15 min. (2) take free shuttle bus from West Exit (5 min.)	近鉄京都線又は地下鉄烏丸線竹田駅より (1) 徒歩15分 (2) 西口より無料シャトルバスで5分	http://www.gomoku-do.com/

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Kyushu 九州	2/11 ~ 4/3	Fukuoka 福岡県	Yanagawa 柳川市	Hiyoshi-jinja Shrine and others 日吉神社ほか	Yanagawa Hina Matsuri Sagemon Meguri 柳川雛祭り さげもんめぐり	<p>Summary: Girl's Festival. <i>Sagemon</i> are handsewn ornaments which are displayed all over the city for this festival. When a baby girl is born, her mother and grandmothers sew <i>Sagemon</i> stitch by stitch wishing her to grow up healthy, and decorate them at both sides of <i>Hina</i> dolls to celebrate her first Girl's Festival. This festival features a procession of girls and adults in traditional <i>Hina</i> doll attire, and floats adorned with colorful <i>Sagemon</i>. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/3 10:00- Procession from Hiyoshi-jinja Shrine through the city ●3/17 11:00- Parade through the canals in the city</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Setaka Sta., and then take bus to Nishitetsu Yanagawa Bus Stop (15min.)	JR山陽新幹線博多駅よりJR鹿児島本線で瀬高駅下車、バスで15分西鉄柳川下車	http://www.yanagawa-net.com/news_event_detail.php?id=28
Kyushu 九州	2/15 ~ 3/31	Oita 大分県	Hita 日田市	Mameda-machi, Kuma-machi and others 豆田町、隈町ほか	Tenryo Hita Ohina Matsuri 天領日田 おひなまつり	<p>Summary: Girl's Festival. The Hita area prospered under the reign of <i>Tenryo</i> (Tokugawa Shogunate dependency) in the time of the Edo period. <i>Hina Ningyo</i> (traditional Japanese dolls) which have been handed down for generations, have been well preserved, and are displayed at about 14 houses in the city, where everybody can visit and enjoy to view them. Many more events such as <i>Nagashibina</i> (floating paper dolls on the river) are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/3 10:00-14:00 <i>Nagashibina</i> at Keirinso Park</p>	JR Kyudai Honsen Line to Hita Sta.	JR久大本線日田駅下車	https://www.oid ehita.com/archives/28642
Kyushu 九州	3/24	Kumamoto 熊本県	Aso 阿蘇市	Aso-jinja Shrine 阿蘇神社	Hifuri-shinji 火振り神事	<p>Summary: Fire Festival. <i>Hifuri-shinji</i> (Shinto ritual) in which parishioners brandish flaming torches to pray for a good harvest of this year, takes place in the precincts of the shrine. The ritual is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-20:00</p>	JR Hohi Honsen Line to Miyaji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR豊肥本線宮地駅より徒歩15分	http://www.city.aso.kumamoto.jp/tourism/event_tourist/festival/