

Calendar of Events
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Glossary :

<i>Bon-Odori</i>	Japanese folk dance
<i>Kagura</i>	Shinto dance with music
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Mikoshi</i>	Portable shrine
<i>Otabisho</i>	Portable shrine resting place
<i>Taiko</i>	Japanese drum
<i>Toro-nagashi</i>	Floating lighted lanterns
<i>Yukata</i>	Cotton Kimono

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

Obon お盆

Obon is a Buddhist event held in July (if following the lunar calendar) or August 13-15. Ancestral spirits are invited into the home to be honored. *Bon-Odori* (folk dance) are also held, with people in *Yukata* - summer *Kimono*, dancing in a circle. Many people take summer vacations during this time and return to their hometowns to visit family homes.

Ukai 鵜飼

Cormorant fishing, an ancient method of catching *Ayu* (sweetfish or trout-like fish), handling cormorants. This usually takes place at night under the blazing torches fastened to the prows of fishing boats from May until October.

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Hokkaido 北海道	7/19 ~ 8/16	Hokkaido 北海道	Sapporo 札幌市	O-dori Park and others 大通公園ほか	Sapporo Natsu Matsuri さっぽろ夏まつり	Summary: Summer Festival in the city. Schedule & Key events: ● 7/19-8/14 12:00-21:00 Open-air beer halls set up in O-dori Park ● 8/10-8/16 18:00-21:00 <i>Bon Odori</i> in the O-dori Park 2-chome area	JR Chitose Line to Sapporo Sta., and then take Namboku or Toho Subway Line to O-dori Sta.	JR千歳線札幌駅より地下鉄南北線又は東豊線で大通駅下車	http://sapporo-natsu.com/
Tohoku 東北	7/30 ~ 8/5	Aomori 青森県	Kuroishi 黒石市	Kuroishi 黒石市	Kuroishi Neputa Matsuri 黒石ねぶた祭り	Summary: Festival of <i>Neputa</i> featuring a huge papier-mache or a fan-shaped lantern with effigies of legendary heroes painted on it. The highlight of this festival is a parade of about 50 carriages of lighted <i>Neputa</i> pulled on the main street accompanied with the sound of drums and flutes. Schedule & Key events: ● 8/2 18:30- Parade of <i>Neputa</i>	(1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. (South Exit) From there, take Konan bus to Kuroishi Eki-mae Bus Stop (60 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta. From there, take Konan Railway Konan Line to Kuroishi Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR東北新幹線新青森駅(南口)より弘南バスで黒石駅前下車(60分)、徒歩10分 (2) JR奥羽本線弘前駅より弘南鉄道弘南線で黒石駅下車、徒歩10分	http://kuroishi.or.jp/event/summer/kuroishineputa

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Tohoku 東北	7/31 ~ 8/4	Aomori 青森県	Hachinohe 八戸市	Ogami-jinja Shrine, Chojasan Shinra- jinja Shrine, Shinmei-gu Shrine and others おがみ神社、 長者山新羅神社、 神明宮ほか	Hachinohe Sansha Taisai 八戸三社大祭	<p>Summary: Gorgeous festival of <i>Sansha</i> (three Shrines; Ogami-jinja Shrine, Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine and Shinmei-gu Shrine), designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1 & 3 15:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> of each shrine and 27 colorful huge floats, proceeding in the city ●8/2 14:00-16:00 <i>Kiba-dakyu</i> (Japanese polo) in the precincts of Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine 18:00-21:00 Parade of 27 colorful huge floats, proceeding in the city ●8/4 18:00-20:00 Exhibition of floats and local performing arts at Shicho-mae Hiroba</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Hachinohe Sta. From there, take JR Hachinohe Line to Hon-Hachinohe Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR東北新幹線八戸駅よりJR八戸線で本八戸駅下車、徒歩10分	https://vithachinohe.com/stories/hachinohe-sannshataisai/
Tohoku 東北	8/1 ~ 8/3	Fukushima 福島県	Koriyama 郡山市	Koriyama Sta. and others 郡山駅前ほか	Koriyama Uneme Matsuri 郡山うねめまつり	<p>Summary: Festival, originated about a legend of Uneme (a court lady) in the 8th century. The main street to Koriyama Sta. is decorated with lighted lanterns in the evening daily.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1 11:45- Parade of Miss Uneme (a beauty queen) ●8/2 & 3 17:30- Dancing parade by about 6,000 people on the main street in the city</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Koriyama Sta.	JR東北新幹線郡山駅下車	http://www.kocci.or.jp/event/maturi/uneme.html
Tohoku 東北	8/1 ~ 8/4	Iwate 岩手県	Morioka 盛岡市	Chuo-dori Street 中央通り	Morioka Sansa Odori 盛岡さんさ踊り	<p>Summary: Traditional Folk Dancing Festival. The festival is also noted for the world's largest drumming parade with the highest number of participants.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-21:00 Parade of <i>Sansa Odori</i> on Chuo-dori Street ●8/4 18:00-18:45 Drumming parade</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. and then walk 15 min.	JR東北新幹線盛岡駅より徒歩15分	http://www.sansaodori.jp/

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Tohoku 東北	8/1 ~ 8/7	Aomori 青森県	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki Neputa Matsuri 弘前ねぶたまつり	<p>Summary: Festival designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Neputa</i> is a huge fan-shaped lantern with a depicted image of warlords or legendary heroines set on the carriage. If it heavily rains, the festival will be canceled.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1-6 19:00- Parade of over 80 carriages of lighted <i>Neputa</i> to the sound of drums and flutes ●8/7 10:00- Parade of <i>Neputa</i> along the main streets in the city</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. From there, take JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta.	JR東北新幹線新青森駅よりJR奥羽本線で弘前駅下車	http://www.hirosaki-kanko.or.jp/web/edit.html?id=cat02_summer_neputa
Tohoku 東北	8/2 ~ 8/4	Fukushima 福島県	Fukushima 福島市	National Road No. 13 (Shinobu-dori Street) 国道13号(信夫通り)	Fukushima Waraji Matsuri 福島わらじまつり	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of people carrying a huge <i>Waraji</i> (a straw sandal made of straw ropes, and 2 tons in weight & 12meters in length) as a symbol of being a good walker and folk dancing. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/2 & 3 evening Parade on National Road No. 13 (Shinobu-dori Street)</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Fukushima Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR東北新幹線福島駅より徒歩5分	https://www.waraji.co.jp/
Tohoku 東北	8/2 ~ 8/4	Iwate 岩手県	Kitakami 北上市	Omatsuri Hiroba, Kitakami River and others おまつり広場、北上川河畔ほか	Kitakami Michinoku Geino Matsuri 北上みちのく芸能まつり	<p>Summary: Festival of performing arts native to Tohoku District, featuring various demonstrations of local performing arts such as <i>Taiko</i>, <i>Kagura</i>, and <i>Shishiodori</i> (dance by men wearing deer-like hoods) performed at several sites in the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/2 18:00-18:20 <i>Taiko</i> Performances at Omatsuri Hiroba 18:30-20:00 Local folk dancing parade at Omatsuri Hiroba 20:00-20:30 Performing arts demonstrations at Omatsuri Hiroba ●8/3 11:00-15:30 Performing arts demonstrations at several sites in the city 17:00-18:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> at Omatsuri Hiroba 18:10-20:30 Performing arts demonstrations at Omatsuri Hiroba ●8/4 10:00-12:30 Performing arts demonstrations at several sites in the city 19:30-20:45 <i>Toro-nagashi</i> and fireworks display over Kitakami River</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Kitakami Sta.	JR東北新幹線北上駅下車	http://geinoumatsuri.com/

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Tohoku 東北	8/2 ~ 8/7	Aomori 青森県	Aomori 青森市	Aomori Bay and others 青森湾ほか	Aomori Nebuta Matsuri 青森ねぶた祭	<p>Summary: Festival, one of the three biggest festivals in Tohoku District, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Nebuta</i> (a huge papier-mache with effigies of men, animals or birds, lighted from inside) is placed on each carriage. Around 20 carriages are pulled by people called <i>Haneto</i> in colorful costumes on the main streets of the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/2-6 19:10-21:00 Parade of <i>Nebuta</i> ●8/7 13:00-15:00 Parade of <i>Nebuta</i> 19:15-21:00 Parade of six most-highly-evaluated <i>Nebuta</i> on the boats, afloat on the sea, and fireworks display over Aomori Bay (around 11,000 fireworks)</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. From there, take JR Ou Honsen Line to Aomori Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR東北新幹線新青森駅よりJR奥羽本線で青森駅下車、徒歩10分	http://www.nebuta.or.jp/
Tohoku 東北	8/3 ~ 8/4	Miyagi 宮城県	Kesenuma 気仙沼市	Kesenuma Port, Tanaka-mae-odori Street, Minatomachi Rinko Road and others 気仙沼港、 田中前大通り、 港町臨港道路ほか	Kesenuma Minato Matsuri 気仙沼みなとまつり	<p>Summary: Port Festival featuring a parade of brass-bands, baton twirlers, floats, <i>Mikoshi</i>, <i>Tora-mai-odori</i> (dance by men wearing tiger-like hoods) and folk dancing.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/3 18:00-20:30 <i>Hamarain-ya Odori</i> (a local folk dancing meet by groups) on Tanaka-mae-odori Street ●8/4 12:00-15:30 Parade on the city's main streets 17:00-20:30 Demonstration of <i>Taiko</i> on Minatomachi Rinko Road 17:00-20:30 <i>Kaijo-Unzura</i> (floating lighted papier-maches on the sea) in Kesenuma Bay 20:00-20:30 Fireworks display (2,400 fireworks) over the port</p>	JR Ofunato Line to Kesenuma Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR大船渡線気仙沼駅より徒歩20分	http://www.kesenuma.or.jp/minatomatsuri/
Tohoku 東北	8/3 ~ 8/6	Akita 秋田県	Akita 秋田市	Kanto O-dori Street 竿灯大通り	Akita Kanto Matsuri 秋田竿灯祭り	<p>Summary: <i>Kanto</i> Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Kanto</i> is a long bamboo pole with nine horizontal ribs on which lighted lanterns are hung. The highlight of this festival is a parade of young men in colorful attire trying their skill in balancing <i>Kanto</i> on their foreheads, shoulders, hips and chins without using their hands.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:50-20:50 Parade on Kanto O-dori Street</p>	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Akita Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR秋田新幹線秋田駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kantou.gr.jp/index.htm

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Tohoku 東北	8/4 ~ 8/8	Aomori 青森県	Goshogawara 五所川原市	Goshogawara 五所川原市	Goshogawara Tachi-Neputa 五所川原立佞武多	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of gigantic <i>Tachi-Neputa</i> (23 meters high each, a papier-mache with effigies of legendary heroes), set on the carriage.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 19:00-21:00 Parade of about 15 lighted <i>Neputa</i> on the main streets in the city</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. From there, take JR Ou Honsen Line to Kawabe Sta., and change to JR Gono Line to Goshogawara Sta.	JR東北新幹線新青森駅よりJR奥羽本線で川部駅にてJR五能線に乗り換え五所川原駅下車	http://www.tachineputa.jp/festival/outline.html
Tohoku 東北	8/5 ~ 8/7	Yamagata 山形県	Yamagata 山形市	Yamagata 山形市	Yamagata Hanagasa Matsuri 山形花笠まつり	<p>Summary: Floral Sedge-hat Festival. More than 10,000 townspeople, each wearing a low and round sedge-hat adorned with brightly colored artificial flowers, dance their way through the city's main streets.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 18:00-21:30 Dancing parade</p>	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR山形新幹線山形駅より徒歩10分	http://www.hanagasa.jp/index.html
Tohoku 東北	8/6 ~ 8/8	Miyagi 宮城県	Sendai 仙台市	Hirose River and others 広瀬川ほか	Sendai Tanabata Matsuri 仙台七夕まつり	<p>Summary: Star Festival, the largest of its kind in Japan. The city's busy streets are filled with various decorations and bamboo trees lavishly adorned with strips of colored paper, streamers and other glittering materials of fancy designs.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 8/6&7 10:00-22:00 Bamboo trees display ● 8/8 10:00-21:00 Bamboo trees display ● 8/5 (Star Festival Eve) 19:30-20:30 Fireworks display over Hirose River, near Nishi Park (around 16,000 fireworks)</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Sendai Sta. From there, (1) Star festival site: walk 5 min. (2) Fireworks display site: walk 30 min.	JR東北新幹線仙台駅より (1) 七夕まつり会場: 徒歩5分 (2) 花火会場: 徒歩30分	http://www.sendaitanabata.com/
Tohoku 東北	8/16 ~ 8/18	Akita 秋田県	Nishimonai, Ugo-machi 羽後町西馬音内	Honcho-dori Street 本町通り	Nishimonai Bon-Odori 西馬音内盆踊り	<p>Summary: Folk Dancing Meet, handed down for generations more than 700 years and designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Villagers in various kinds of colorful <i>Yukata</i> and sedge-hats or black hoods perform dancing by the light of bonfires, to the sound of <i>Taiko</i>, <i>Yokobue</i> (wooden flute) and <i>Shamisen</i> (three-stringed banjo) played by men on <i>Yagura</i> (a stage) situated in the center of the street.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 8/16&17 19:00-23:00 <i>Bon Odori</i> along Honcho-dori Street ● 8/18 19:00-23:30 <i>Bon Odori</i> along Honcho-dori Street</p>	JR Ou Honsen Line to Yuzawa Sta. From there, take bus to Hashiba Bus Stop (25 min.)	JR奥羽本線湯沢駅よりバスで25分橋場下車	http://ugo.main.jp/bonodori/guide.html

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Tohoku 東北	8/24 ~ 8/26	Yamagata 山形県	Shinjo 新庄市	Tenman-jinja Shrine, Mogami Park, Minami Honcho-jujiro and others 天満神社、最上公園、南本町十字路ほか	Shinjo Matsuri 新庄まつり	<p>Summary: Festival with a 260-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The festival features a parade of floats bedecked with historical figures, castles and artificial flowers, <i>Mikoshi</i> accompanied by people in traditional costumes and <i>Shishi-odori</i> (local dance by men wearing deer-like hoods) which is dedicated to the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/24 18:30- Parade of floats on the city's main streets ●8/25 8:30-15:45 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from Tenman-jinja Shrine, through the city 10:00- Parade of floats on the city's main streets ●8/26 10:00- <i>Shishi-odori</i> in Mogami Park 10:00-16:00 Floats display on the main street in the city 13:00- <i>Shishi-odori</i> on Minami Honcho-jujiro</p>	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Shinjo Sta.	JR山形新幹線新庄駅下車	http://shinjo-matsuri.jp/
Tohoku 東北	8/31	Akita 秋田県	Daisen 大仙市	Omono River 雄物川	Zenkoku Hanabi Kyogi Taikai 全国花火競技大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display Contest, noted for the biggest of its kind in Japan with 18,000 fireworks in total. If it heavily rains, the date and time of the fireworks display are subject to change.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 17:15-, 18:50-</p>	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Omagari Sta., and then walk 30 min.	JR秋田新幹線大曲駅より徒歩30分	http://www.oomagari-hanabi.com/
Chubu 中部	5/11 ~ 10/15	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Nagara River 長良川	Nagaragawa Ukai 長良川鶴飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. It will be held every day during the period except on the night of the full moon (9/17 this year) or when the water is excessively muddy. Fee is 3,100 JPY or 3,400 JPY without meal. For reservation, please call 058-262-0104 (Gifu City Ukai Kanransen Jimusho), or reserve through major travel agencies.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily (except 9/17) 19:45-20:30 (Departure time: 18:15, 18:45, 19:15)</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Gifu Sta. From there, take bus to Nagara-bashi Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR東海道本線岐阜駅よりバスで15分長良橋下車	https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/ukai/

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Chubu 中部	6/1 ~ 10/15	Aichi 愛知県	Inuyama 犬山市	Kiso River 木曾川	Kisogawa Ukai 木曾川鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 3,000JPY without meal. There are also lunch cruise every Tue., Thu., Sat. and Sun. with 5,000JPY. For reservation, please call 0568-61-2727 (Kisogawa Kanko) or reserve through major travel agencies.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●6/1-8/31 (except 8/10) 19:30-20:15 ●9/1-10/15 19:00-19:45</p> <p>Lunch Cruise ●6/1-10/15 (every Tue., Thu., Sat. and Sun. except 8/9-10) 11:50-13:50</p>	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Inuyama Line to Inuyama-Yuen Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 3 min.	JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より名鉄犬山線で犬山遊園駅下車(東口)、徒歩3分	http://kisogawa-ukai.jp/
Chubu 中部	7/13 ~ 9/7	Gifu 岐阜県	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Gujo Odori 郡上踊り	<p>Summary: Folk Dance Meet, one of the most popular folk dancing events joined by thousands of people in <i>Yukata</i>, to the accompaniment of festival music at several sites in the town.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1-5, 7-11, 18-20, 24, 25, 31 & 9/1, 7 20:00-22:30 or 23:00 ●8/12 19:30-21:30 ●8/13-16 20:00-4:00 or 5:00</p>	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Mino-Ota Sta. From there, take Nagaragawa Tetsudo Line to Gujo-Hachiman Sta., and then take taxi (5-10 min.)	JR高山本線美濃太田駅より長良川鉄道線で郡上八幡駅下車、タクシーで5~10分	http://www.gujohachiman.com/kanko/
Chubu 中部	7/20 ~ 8/19	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuefuki 笛吹市	Fuefuki River 笛吹川	Fuefukigawa Isawa Ukai 笛吹川石和鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Admission is free. If it rains, fireworks display will be cancelled.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●every Wed., Thu., Sat. and Sun. 20:00-20:50 <i>Ukai</i> on Fuefuki River 20:50-21:00 Fireworks display over the river</p>	JR Chuo Honsen Line to Isawa-Onsen Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR中央本線石和温泉駅より徒歩20分	http://fuefuki-kanko.jp/content/summerfes/

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Chubu 中部	8/1 ~ 8/5	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi 富士河口湖町、Yamanakako-mura 山中湖村	Fuji Five Lakes 富士五湖	Fuji-goko Matsuri 富士五湖祭	<p>Summary: Summer Festival of Fuji Five Lakes featuring five fireworks displays.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/1 20:00-21:00 Fireworks display over Lake Yamanakako (14,000 fireworks) ●8/2 19:30-20:00 Fireworks display over Lake Saiko (700 fireworks) ●8/3 20:00-20:45 Fireworks display over Lake Motosuko (1,000 fireworks) ●8/4 20:00-20:15 Fireworks display over Lake Kawaguchiko (1,000 fireworks) 20:00-20:30 Fireworks display over Lake Shojiko (300 fireworks) ●8/5 19:45-21:00 Fireworks display over Lake Kawaguchiko (9,000 fireworks) 	<p>Each lake: (1) Highway Bus (for Fuji five lakes area) from Shinjuku Sta. Bus Terminal (South Exit) (2) Fuji-Kyuko Line to Fujisan-eki Sta. or Kawaguchiko Sta., and then take bus</p>	<p>各会場: (1) 新宿駅南口新宿高速バスターミナルより富士五湖行高速バス (2) 富士急行線富士山駅又は河口湖駅よりバス</p>	<p>http://www.yamanashi-kankou.jp/special/fireworks.html</p>
Chubu 中部	8/8 ~ 8/10	Shizuoka 静岡県	Ito 伊東市	Matsukawa River, Nagisa Park, Ito Kaigan Beach and others 松川、渚公園、伊東海岸ほか	Anjin Sai 按針祭	<p>Summary: Festival in memory of "William Adams (1564-1620)", a naturalized British shipwright called "Anjin Miura" in Japanese, who was a great contributor to the early development of the Japanese ship-building industry.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/8 19:30- Toro-nagashi on Matsukawa River ●8/9 18:00- Demonstration of <i>Taiko</i> at Nagisa Park ●8/10 20:00-21:00 Fireworks display (10,000 fireworks) at Ito Kaigan Beach 	<p>From JR Tokyo Sta, take JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Ito Sta.</p>	<p>JR東京駅よりJR特急"踊り子"で伊東駅下車</p>	<p>https://www.city.ito.shizuoka.jp/kanko/leisurejoho/3586.html</p>
Chubu 中部	8/12 ~ 8/13	Shizuoka 静岡県	Yaizu 焼津市	Yaizu-jinja Shrine and others 焼津神社ほか	Yaizu-jinja Reisai 焼津神社例祭	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, highlighted by a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> carried by thousands of young people wearing traditional costumes and white robes, jostling with one another through the city, as well as a pair of <i>Shishi-gashira</i> (giant lion-shaped head) floats pulled by girls dancing to the sound of <i>Kiyari</i> songs.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/13 10:00-22:30 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> and <i>Shishi-gashira</i> floats 19:40- Shinto ceremony and <i>Yabusame-shinji</i> (a ritual of a horseback archery) at Yaizu- <i>Otabisho</i> 	<p>JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Yaizu Sta., and then walk 13 min.</p>	<p>JR東海道本線焼津駅より徒歩13分</p>	<p>http://yaizu-jinja.or.jp/annai/aramatari/#c1</p>

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Chubu 中部	8/15 ~ 8/17	Shizuoka 静岡県	Mishima 三島市	Mishima Taisha Shrine and others 三嶋大社ほか	Mishima O-Matsuri 三嶋大まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival of the shrine. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●daily 20:00- Floats jostle at the shrine ●8/16 16:00- <i>Musha Gyoretsu</i> (a warriors procession) on the main street leading to the shrine ●8/17 13:30- <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) at the shrine 15:00- Parade of folk dancing on the main street leading to the shrine 	Mishima Taisha Shrine: JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Mishima Sta., and then walk 15 min.	三嶋大社: JR東海道新幹線三島駅より徒歩15分	http://www.mishimacci.com/matsuri/
Chubu 中部	8/24 ~ 8/25	Aichi 愛知県	Nishio 西尾市	Suwa-jinja Shrine 諏訪神社	O-Chochin Matsuri 大堤灯まつり	<p>Summary: Huge Lantern Festival. <i>O-Chochin</i> (12 huge paper lanterns, 10 meters in length and 5 meters in diameter each, painted with colorful designs) are lighted up at the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/24 19:00-midnight <i>O-Chochin</i> light up 15:00- & 20:00- <i>Kagura</i> performance in the precincts of the shrine ●8/25 15:00- <i>Kagura</i> performance in the precincts of the shrine 	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Kanayama Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Nishio Line to Nishio Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Tobu Kotsu bus (for Mikawaiishiki) to Taihobashi Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東海道本線金山駅より名鉄西尾線で西尾駅下車、名鉄東部交通バス(三河一色行)で20分大宝橋下車	http://www.katch.ne.jp/~suwajinja/chiuten.html
Chubu 中部	8/26 ~ 8/27	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuji-Yoshida 富士吉田市	Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine, Suwa-jinja Shrine, National Road No. 139 and others 富士浅間神社、 諏訪神社、 国道139号ほか	Yoshida-no Hi Matsuri 吉田の火まつり	<p>Summary: Fire Festival of the shrines, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, held to mark the end of the Mt. Fuji climbing season. <i>Himatsuri</i> is the main event of this festival in which about 70 giant torches are set on fire.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/26 17:00-18:30 Parade of two <i>Mikoshi</i> from Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> 18:30-22:00 <i>Himatsuri</i> along National Road No. 139 (near Fujisan-eki Sta.) ●8/27 14:00-19:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from <i>Otabisho</i> to the shrine 	JR Chuo Line to Otsuki Sta. From there, take Fuji-Kyuko Line to Fujisan Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR中央線大月駅より富士急行線で富士山駅下車、徒歩5分	http://www.mfi.or.jp/himatsuri/

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Hokuriku 北陸	7/31 ~ 8/1	Ishikawa 石川県	Nafune-machi, Wajima 輪島市 名舟町	Hakusan-jinja Shrine (Okitsu-hime-jinja Shrine) and others 白山神社 (奥津姫神社)ほか	Nafune Taisai (Gojin-jo daiko) 名舟大祭 (御陣乗太鼓)	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> on the boat through the <i>Torii</i> gate standing in the sea near the shrine, and <i>Gojinjo-daiko</i> (Japanese folkloristic drumming) by men wearing grotesque masks.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1 14:40-15:20 Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> and demonstration of <i>Gojinjo-daiko</i></p>	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa Sta. From there, take Hokuriku Tetsudo Bus to Wajima-Ekimae Bus Stop (2 hrs.), and then take bus to Nafune Bus Stop (20min.)	JR北陸新幹線金沢駅より北陸鉄道バスで2時間輪島駅前下車。バスで20分名舟下車	https://wajimanavi.jp/event/%e5%90%8d%e8%88%9f%e5%a4%a7%e7%a5%ad
Hokuriku 北陸	8/1 ~ 8/3	Niigata 新潟県	Nagaoka 長岡市	Shinano River and others 信濃川ほか	Nagaoka Matsuri 長岡まつり	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of <i>Taiko</i>, brass band, <i>Mikoshi</i> and <i>Min'yo-nagashi</i> (folk dancing) by townspeople.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1 17:30-22:00 Parade along the main streets ●8/2 & 3 19:20-21:15 Fireworks display over Shinano River (10,000 fireworks each day)</p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Nagaoka Sta., and then walk 30 min.	JR上越新幹線長岡駅より徒歩30分	http://nagaokamatsuri.com/
Hokuriku 北陸	8/1 ~ 8/7	Toyama 富山県	Takaoka 高岡市	Shogawa River and others 庄川ほか	Takaoka Tanabata Matsuri 高岡七夕祭り	<p>Summary: Star Festival featuring a thousand of bamboo trees beautifully adorned with glittering materials set along the city's main streets. Many events are scheduled on the main streets in the city, especially on Sat. and Sun. during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily evening Bamboo trees light up ●8/4 19:45-20:30 Fireworks display (2,000 fireworks) over Shogawa River</p>	JR Johana Line to Takaoka Sta.	JR城端線高岡駅下車	http://www.info-toyama.com/event/20024/

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Hokuriku 北陸	8/9 ~ 8/11	Niigata 新潟県	Niigata 新潟市	Shinano River and others 信濃川ほか	Niigata Matsuri 新潟祭	<p>Summary: Festival featuring <i>Sumiyoshi Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of people in traditional attire) and <i>Mikoshi</i> parade followed by a <i>Bandai-Taiko</i> Japanese drumming band.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/9 19:00-20:30 Parade of folk dancing on the city's main streets ●8/10 10:00- & 14:20- <i>Sumiyoshi Gyoretsu</i> and <i>Mikoshi</i> parade 12:40-13:30 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> on <i>Gozabune</i> (sacred boat) escorted by 40 boats on Shinano River ●8/11 10:00-, 13:00- & 14:10- <i>Sumiyoshi Gyoretsu</i> on the main street 19:15-20:55 Fireworks display over the river</p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Niigata Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR上越新幹線新潟駅より徒歩15分	http://niigata-matsuri.com/
Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/23	Kyoto 京都府	Ukyo-ku, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 右京区、 西京区	Oi River 大堰川	Arashiyama Ukai 嵐山鶺鴒	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 1,800JPY without meal. Tickets are put on sale on the day from 1 hr. before the departure time. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●7/1-8/31 (except 8/16) 19:00-, 20:00- ●9/1-23 18:30-, 19:30-</p>	(1) Keifuku Arashiyama Honsen Line to Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Hankyu Arashiyama Line to Hankyu Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min. (3) JR Sagano Line to Saga-Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京福嵐山本線嵐山駅より徒歩10分 (2) 阪急嵐山線阪急嵐山駅より徒歩15分 (3) JR嵯峨野線嵯峨嵐山駅より徒歩15分	http://arashiyama-yakatabune.com/
Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/30	Kyoto 京都府	Uji 宇治	Uji River 宇治川	Ujigawa Ukai 宇治川鶺鴒	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 2,000JPY (child 1,000JPY) without meal. Tickets are put on sale 1 hr. before the boarding time on the day. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●7/1-8/31 18:30-20:00 ●9/1-9/30 18:00-19:30</p>	(1) Keihan Uji Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京阪宇治線宇治駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR奈良線宇治駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kyoto-uji-kankou.or.jp/topics/ukai.html

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Kinki 近畿	8/7 ~ 8/10	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山区	Gojozaka Street 五条坂	Gojozaka Toki Matsuri 五条坂陶器まつり	<p>Summary: Ceramic Fair on Gojozaka Street near Kiyomizu-dera Temple. About 400 stalls, selling <i>Kiyomizu-yaki</i> ceramics at bargain prices, are set up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-22:00</p>	<p>(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 205 or 17 to Kawaramachi-Gojo Bus Stop (2) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 or 207 to Gojozaka Bus Stop (3) Keihan Honsen Line to Kiyomizu Gojo Sta.</p>	<p>(1) JR京都駅より市バス No. 205又は17で河原町五条下車 (2) JR京都駅より市バス No. 206又は207で五条坂下車 (3) 京阪本線清水五条駅下車</p>	http://www.toukima-turi.gr.jp/index.html
Kinki 近畿	8/8	Shiga 滋賀県	Otsu 大津市	Lake Biwa 琵琶湖畔	Biwako Dai-Hanabi Taikai びわ湖大花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display with 10,000 fireworks.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:30-20:30</p>	<p>(1) JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Zeze Sta., and then walk 15 min. or take Keihan Ishiyama-Sakamoto Line to Biwakohamaotsu Sta., and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Otsu Sta., and then walk 15 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR東海道本線膳所駅より徒歩15分又は京阪石山坂本線でびわ湖浜大津駅下車、徒歩5分 (2) JR東海道本線大津駅より徒歩15分</p>	http://www.biwako-visitors.jp/hanabi/outline.html
Kinki 近畿	8/9 ~ 8/16	Kyoto 京都府	Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市中京区	Mibu-dera Temple 壬生寺	Mando Kuyo-e 万灯供養会	<p>Summary: Ceremony of lighted lanterns. About 1,200 decorative lanterns hung in the corridor of the main hall are lighted up to console the ancestors' souls. The ceremony features <i>Rokusai Nenbutsu-odori</i> (a traditional folk dancing to the tune of a Buddhist chant, drums and flutes music) which is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily sunset-21:00 Lanterns light up ● 8/9 20:00- <i>Rokusai Nenbutsu-odori</i> in front of the main hall ● 8/16 20:30- <i>Rokusai Nenbutsu-odori</i> in front of the main hall</p>	<p>From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 26 or 28 to Mibudera-michi Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.</p>	<p>JR京都駅より市バスNo. 26又は28で壬生寺道下車、徒歩3分</p>	http://www.mibudera.com/Gyoji.html

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Kinki 近畿	8/14 ~ 8/15	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Kasuga Taisha Shrine 春日大社	Chugen Man-toro 中元万燈籠	<p>Summary: Ceremony of lighted lanterns. Some 3,000 lanterns in total including stone lanterns on the approach from the second <i>Torii</i> Shrine's gate to the south gate, are lighted up to console the ancestors' souls.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 19:00-21:30 Lanterns light up ● 8/14 18:30- <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) performance at the main hall ● 8/15 18:30- <i>Kagura</i> performance at the main hall</p>	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Kasuga Taisha Honden Bus Stop (15 min.)	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15分春日大社本殿下車	http://www.kasugataisha.or.jp/
Kinki 近畿	8/15	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Mt. Takamado, Tobihino in Nara Park 高円山、奈良公園内飛火野	Dai-monji Okuri-bi 大文字送り火	<p>Summary: Bonfire Event lit on Mt. Takamado. A spectacular bonfire in the shape of the Chinese character "Dai (大)" meaning "large" or "space" is kindled on the slope of the mountain.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:50- Ceremony at Tobihino in Nara Park 20:00- Bonfire is set up</p>	Tobihino: JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Kasuga Taisha Omote-Sando Bus Stop	飛火野: 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春日大社表参道下車	https://narashikankou.or.jp/event/?s_year=2019&s_month=8
Kinki 近畿	8/16	Kyoto 京都府	Kyoto 京都市	Kyoto's five mountains 京都五山	Dai-monji Gozan Okuri-bi 大文字五山送り火	<p>Summary: Great Bonfire lit on Kyoto's five mountains. Great spectacular bonfires in the shape of the Chinese character "Dai (大)" meaning "large" or "space" on the slope of Mt. Higashiyama, and also in the shape of four other Chinese characters on four other mountains are kindled. This is the most spectacular event of <i>Bon</i> Festival in Kyoto. If it heavily rains, the schedule of this event is subject to change.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 20:00- Bonfire is set up</p>	Keihan Honsen Line to Demachi-Yanagi Sta.	京阪本線出町柳駅下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/major/okuribi/

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Chugoku 中国	8/6	Hiroshima 広島県	Hiroshima 広島市	Motoyasu River, Peace Memorial Park 元安川、 平和記念公園	Toro-nagashi 灯籠流し	<p>Summary: Event of floating lighted lanterns. About 10,000 lighted lanterns are set adrift on Motoyasu River by Hiroshima citizens with prayers for world peace. Since August 6th, 1945, Hiroshima has suffered the world's first atomic bombing.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 8:00-8:50 Ceremony at Peace Memorial Park for the repose of souls of the atomic bomb victims 18:00-21:00 <i>Toro-nagashi</i></p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hiroshima Sta. From there, take streetcar to Genbaku Dome-mae (20 min.)	JR山陽新幹線広島駅より市電で20分原爆ドーム前下車	http://www.urban.nippon.com/tourou/gaiyo.htm
Chugoku 中国	8/13 ~ 8/15	Tottori 鳥取県	Tottori 鳥取市	Wakasa-kaido Street, Chizu-kaido Street, Sendai-gawa River and others 若桜街道、 智頭街道、 千代川ほか	Tottori Shan-Shan Matsuri 鳥取しゃんしゃん祭	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a dancing parade by townspeople in fancy attire or <i>Yukata</i>, each holding a colorful <i>Kasa</i> (umbrella) with small bells. While dancing, the bells sound iconic "shan-shan" noise, thus the name of this festival.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/14 16:00-21:00 Parade by about 4,000 participants on Wakasa-kaido Street and Chizu-kaido Street ●8/15 20:00-21:00 Fireworks display (5,000 fireworks) over Sendai-gawa River</p>	JR San'in Honsen Line to Tottori Sta.	JR山陰本線鳥取駅下車	http://tottori-shanshan.jp/
Shikoku 四国	8/9 ~ 8/11	Tokushima 徳島県	Naruto 鳴門市	Naruto 鳴門市	Awa Odori 阿波踊り	<p>Summary: Folk Dancing Festival. <i>Awa Odori</i>, folk dancing native to Awa Region, is one of the most popular folk dancing in Japan.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 19:00-22:00 <i>Awa Odori</i> dancing at several sites in the city</p>	JR Naruto Line to Naruto Sta.	JR鳴門線鳴門駅下車	http://www.naruto-ci.or.jp/awaodori/

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Shikoku 四国	8/9 ~ 8/12	Kochi 高知県	Kochi 高知市	Chuo Park, Obiyamachi, Outesuji, Kochi Castle and others 中央公園、 帯屋町、 追手筋、 高知城ほか	Kochi Yosakoi Matsuri 高知よさこい祭り	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of <i>Yosakoi Odori</i>, folk dancing native to Kochi region, and one of the most popular folk dancing in Japan.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/9 17:40-22:00 Dancing performances at Chuo Park ●8/10 & 11 11:00-22:00 Dancing parade along Obiyamachi Arcade, at Chuo Park and at many other sites in the city ●8/12 13:15-22:00 Dancing Contests on Obiyamachi and Outesuji, at Chuo Park, and at the square of Kochi Castle </p>	Kochi Castle: JR Dosan Line to Kochi Sta., and then walk 25 min.	高知城: JR土讃線高知駅より徒歩25分	http://www.cciweb.or.jp/kochi/yosakoiew/schedule/
Shikoku 四国	8/12 ~ 8/15	Tokushima 徳島県	Tokushima 徳島市	Tokushima 徳島市	Awa Odori 阿波踊り	<p>Summary: Folk Dancing Festival. <i>Awa Odori</i> folk dancing, native to Awa Region, is the biggest of its kind in Japan. The entire city is enlivened with singing and dancing. Day and night, groups of people in fancy attire dance to the accompaniment of merry music of <i>Shamisen</i> (three-stringed Japanese musical instruments), Japanese drums and flutes.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●daily 18:00-22:30 </p>	JR Kotoku Line to Tokushima Sta.	JR高徳線徳島駅下車	https://www.awaodori.tokushima.jp/
Kyushu 九州	8/15	Nagasaki 長崎県	Nagasaki 長崎市	Nagasaki 長崎市	Shoro-nagashi 精霊流し	<p>Summary: Hundreds of <i>Shoro-bune</i> (sacred boats made of bamboo and straws, and beautifully decorated with lighted lanterns) set on the carriages, are drawn by townspeople along the city's main streets with the sounds of bells and firecrackers exploding.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: evening-22:00</p>	Main street in the city: JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta., and then walk 10-15 min.	市街中心部: JR長崎本線長崎駅より徒歩10~15分	http://www.at-nagasaki.jp/event/51798/

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Kyushu 九州	8/15 ~ 8/16	Kumamoto 熊本県	Yamaga 山鹿市	Omiya-jinja Shrine, Omatsuri-Hiroba, Kikuchigawa River, Yamaga Elementary School and others 大宮神社、 おまつり広場、 菊池川、 山鹿小学校ほか	Yamaga Toro Matsuri 山鹿灯籠祭り	<p>Summary: Festival featuring <i>Toro Odori</i> folk dancing by women, each wearing a <i>Yukata</i> and a lantern on her head.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/15 19:30-20:00 <i>Toro Odori</i> at Omiya-jinja Shrine 20:00-22:30 <i>Toro Odori</i> at Omatsuri-Hiroba 20:00-21:00 Fireworks display over Kikuchigawa River ●8/16 20:00-21:00 <i>Sennin Toro Odori</i> folk dancing by 1,000 women in the playground of Yamaga Elementary School</p>	JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Shin-Tamana Sta., and then take bus to Yamaga Bus Center Bus Stop (50 min.)	JR九州新幹線新玉名駅よりバスで50分山鹿バスセンター下車	http://www.y-kankoukyoukai.com/event.php
Kyushu 九州	8/24 ~ 8/25	Oita 大分県	Higashi Tsurusaki, Oita 大分市東鶴崎	Tsurusaki Park Ground 鶴崎公園グラウンド	Honba Tsurusaki Odori Taikai 本場鶴崎踊大会	<p>Summary: Japanese Folk Dancing Meet. People in fancy attire gather in Tsurusaki Park Ground and dance in a ring to the sound of <i>Yokobue</i> (Japanese flute) and <i>Kokyū</i> (Chinese fiddle).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 19:15-21:30</p>	JR Nippo Honsen Line to Tsurusaki Sta., and then walk 7 min.	JR日豊本線鶴崎駅より徒歩7分	http://www.city.oita.oita.jp/o054/kaisaiainnai.html
Okinawa 沖縄	8/23 ~ 8/25	Okinawa 沖縄県	Okinawa 沖縄市	Goya-Jujiro area, Koza Undo Park 胡屋十字路、 コザ運動公園	Okinawa Zento Eisa Matsuri 沖縄全島エイサーまつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ei-sah</i> is a traditional folk dancing native to Okinawa main island and is performed to the accompaniment with drumming. Groups of young people from all over Okinawa parade dancing <i>Ei-sah</i>.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/23 18:30- <i>Ei-sah</i> on the street in Goya-Jujiro area ●8/24 15:00- <i>Ei-sah</i> at Okinawa-shi Koza Undo Park ●8/25 15:00- <i>Ei-sah</i> at Okinawa-shi Koza Undo Park</p>	From Naha Airport, take bus No. 113 (1) Goya-Jujiro area: to Goya Bus Stop (2) Koza Undo Park: to Okinawa-shi Undo Koen Bus Stop or to Sonda Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min.	那覇空港よりバスNo.113で (1) 胡屋十字路：胡屋下車 (2) コザ運動公園：沖縄市運動公園下車又は園田下車、徒歩10分	http://www.zentoeisa.com/

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Glossary :

<i>Asagao</i>	Morning glory
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Mikoshi</i>	Portable shrine
<i>Ohayashi</i>	Festival music
<i>Taiko</i>	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 8:00pm ⇒ 20:00

Obon お盆
Obon is a Buddhist event held in July (if following the lunar calendar) or August 13-15. Ancestral spirits are invited into the home to be honored. *Bon-Odori* (folk dance) are also held, with people in *Yukata* - summer *Kimono*, dancing in a circle. Many people take summer vacations during this time and return to their hometowns to visit family homes.

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Tokyo 東京	7/13 ~ 8/12	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Shinobazu Pond and others 不忍池周辺ほか	Ueno Natsu Matsuri うえの夏まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival. Various events including <i>Kotto Ichi</i> (antique fair) and stage performances are scheduled during the festival period. Ueno Jazz Inn'19 will be held at 'Suijo music hall', the open air stage near Shinobazu Pond. For the Jazz Inn, advance ticket (¥ 3,000) is available at Ticket Pia, Shitamachi Museum and so on. The day ticket (¥3,500) is sold at the entrance to the stage.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● daily 10:00-21:00 <i>Kotto Ichi</i> around Shinobazu Pond ● 8/3 16:00- & 17:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance at Bentendo hall 16:30-20:00 Ueno Jazz Inn'19 at Suijo music hall ● 8/10-12 10:00-17:00 Monkey show around Shinobazu Pond </p>	JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta. (G16, H17), and then walk 2 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2分	https://ueno.or.jp/machi_event/%E3%81%86%E3%81%88%E3%81%AE%E5%A4%8F%E7%A5%AD%E3%82%8A/

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Tokyo 東京	7/28 ~ 8/3 8/23 ~ 8/25	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Hibiya Park 日比谷公園	Asagao-ten 朝顔展	<p>Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Flowers are in bloom usually in the morning.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●7/28-8/2 8:00-11:30 ●8/3 8:00-11:00 ●8/23-24 8:00-12:00 ●8/25 8:00-11:30</p>	<p>(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya, Chiyoda Line or Toei Mita Subway Line to Hibiya Sta. (H07, C09, I08) (Exit A10, A14), and then walk 4 min. (2) JR Yamanote Line to Yurakucho Sta.(Hibiya Exit), and then walk 8 min.</p>	<p>(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線、千代田線又は都営地下鉄三田線日比谷駅 (A10、A14出口) より徒歩4分 (2) JR山手線有楽町駅 (日比谷口) より徒歩8分</p>	<p>http://henkaasagao.tumabeni.com/tennjkai.html</p>
Tokyo 東京	7/28 ~ 8/4	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	Hono Asagao-ten 奉納あさがお展	<p>Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Flowers are in bloom usually in the morning.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 6:00-11:00</p>	<p>Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>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 (1番出口) より徒歩5分</p>	<p>http://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=65</p>
Tokyo 東京	7/31 ~ 8/3	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Tsukiji Hongan-ji Temple 築地本願寺	Tsukiji Honganji Noryo Bon Odori Taikai 築地本願寺納涼盆踊り大会	<p>Summary: <i>Bon Odori</i> (folk dancing) at the temple. <i>Oedo Sukeroku Taiko</i> is performed before <i>Bon Odori</i>. Many food stalls will be set up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 17:30- <i>Oedo Sukeroku Taiko</i> ●7/31-8/2 19:00-21:00 <i>Bon Odori</i> ●8/3 18:00-20:30 <i>Bon Odori</i></p>	<p>Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Tsukiji Sta. (H10) (Exit1), and then walk 1 min.</p>	<p>東京メトロ日比谷線築地駅 (1番出口) より徒歩1分</p>	<p>https://tsukijihongwanji.jp/news/374/</p>

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Tokyo 東京	8/1 ~ 8/4	Tokyo 東京都	Fussa 福生市	Fussa 福生市	Fussa Tanabata Matsuri 福生七夕まつり	<p>Summary: Star Festival with various decorations of colored paper streamers and strips. The highlight of this festival is <i>Min'yo-odori</i> folk dancing. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Around 100 food stalls will be set up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● daily 13:00-21:00 <i>Tanabata Matsuri</i> ● 8/1 18:55- <i>Taiko</i> performance at JR Fussa Sta. West Exit ● 8/2 15:15-18:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> on the city's main streets 17:30-20:50 Parade of <i>Min'yo-odori</i> on the city's main streets ● 8/3 15:00-20:30 <i>Ohayashi</i> near the city hall ● 8/4 15:00-20:30 <i>Ohayashi</i> near the city hall 16:00-16:30 <i>Taiko</i> performance at the Higashiginza site near Ushihama Sta. 18:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance at JR Fussa Sta. West Exit 18:00-20:30 <i>Ohayashi</i> at the Higashiginza site near Ushihama Sta. 	JR Ome Line to Fussa Sta.	JR青梅線福生駅下車	http://www.fussa-tanabata.com/
Tokyo 東京	8/2 ~ 8/4	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Taga-jinja Shrine, Hachiman Yakumo-jinja Shrine, Koshu-kaido Street, Yu-road and others 多賀神社、 八幡八雲神社、 甲州街道、 ユーロードほか	Hachioji Matsuri 八王子まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival. Various events are scheduled in the city during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● daily 12:00-21:00 230 Open air stalls set up on Koshu-kaido Street ● 8/2 18:30-19:00 <i>Yoimiyano-mai</i> by <i>Geigi</i> (female entertainers) on Yu-road ● 8/3 14:00-16:00 <i>Kanto Taiko</i> performance on Koshu-kaido Street 16:00-18:30 <i>Min'yo-nagashi</i>, parade of folk dancing, on Koshu-kaido Street 16:30-17:30 Folk dance by 400 children at Yokamachi intersection 19:00-19:30 Parade of floats and <i>Mikoshi</i> on Koshu-kaido Street ● 8/4 14:00-17:00 Parade of Hachiman Yakumo-jinja Shrine's and Taga-jinja Shrine's <i>Mikoshi</i> on Koshu-kaido Street 16:00-18:00 <i>Shishi-mai</i> (lion dance) performance on Yu-road 18:20-21:00 Parade of floats and <i>Mikoshi</i> on Koshu-kaido Street 	(1) JR Chuo Line to Hachioji Sta., and then walk 5 min. (2) Keio Line to Keio-Hachioji Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR中央線八王子駅より徒歩5分 (2) 京王線京王八王子駅より徒歩10分	http://www.hachiojimatsuri.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	8/3	Tokyo 東京都	Edogawa-ku 江戸川区	Edogawa River 江戸川河川敷	Edogawa-ku Hanabi Taikai 江戸川区花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display with 14,000 fireworks over Edogawa River. Depending on the weather condition, the event will be postponed to next day. Schedule & Key events: 19:15-20:30	(1) Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinozaki Sta. (S20), and then walk 15 min. (2) JR Sobu Line to Koiwa Sta., and then walk 25 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄新宿線篠崎駅より徒歩15分 (2) JR総武線小岩駅より徒歩25分	https://www.city.edogawa.tokyo.jp/e032/sports/kankomidokoro/hanabi/index.html
Tokyo 東京	8/3	Tokyo 東京都	Itabashi-ku 板橋区	Arakawa River 荒川河川敷	Itabashi Hanabi Taikai いたばし花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display with 12,000 fireworks over Arakawa River near Todabashi Bridge. Depending on the weather condition, the event will be postponed to next day. Schedule & Key events: 19:00-20:30	(1) Toei Mita Subway Line to Takashimadaira Sta., Nishidai Sta. or Hasune Sta. (I25, I24, I23), and then walk 20 min. (2) JR Saikyo Line to Ukima-Funado Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄三田線高島平駅、西台駅又は蓮根駅より徒歩20分 (2) JR埼京線浮間舟渡駅より徒歩20分	http://itabashi-hanabi.jp/
Tokyo 東京	8/4 ~ 8/5	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Ikegami Honmon-ji Temple 池上本門寺	Mitama Matsuri みたま祭り	Summary: Soul Festival of the temple, featuring <i>Bon Odori</i> (folk dancing) in the precincts. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 19:00-21:00 <i>Bon Odori</i> ● 8/4 18:00- <i>Bon Odori</i> parade from Honmonji-dori shopping street to the main gate of the temple	(1) Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ikegami Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nishi-Magome Sta. (A01)(South Exit), and then walk 12 min.	(1) 東急池上線池上駅より徒歩10分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線西馬込駅(南口)より徒歩12分	http://honmonji.jp/news/schedule.html
Tokyo 東京	8/5 ~ 8/7	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Ningyocho-dori Street 人形町通り	Setomono-ichi せともの市	Summary: Ceramic Fair held on Ningyocho-dori Street. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00-20:00	(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Ningyocho Sta. (H13, A14) (2) Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Suitengu-mae Sta. (Z10)	(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線又は都営地下鉄浅草線人形町駅下車 (2) 東京メトロ半蔵門線水天宮前駅下車	https://centraltokyo-tourism.com/spot/detail/801000051
Tokyo 東京	8/10	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku 新宿区	Jingu Baseball Stadium, Chichibunomiya Rugby Ground and others 神宮球場、秩父宮ラグビー場ほか	Jingu Gaien Hanabi Taikai 神宮外苑花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display with 10,000 fireworks which is preceded by the music concerts in its vicinity. Depending on the weather condition, the event will be postponed to next day. Tickets are available at Ticket Pia. Schedule & Key events: 19:30-20:30	Jingu Baseball Stadium: (1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Gaien-mae Sta. (G03), and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Sobu Line to Shinanomachi Sta. or Sendagaya Sta., and then walk 15 min.	神宮球場: (1) 東京メトロ銀座線外苑前駅より徒歩5分 (2) JR総武線信濃町駅又は千駄ヶ谷駅より徒歩15分	http://www.jinguhanabi.com/

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Tokyo 東京	8/11 ~ 8/15	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Tomioka Hachiman- gu Shrine and others 富岡八幡宮ほか	Tomioka Hachimangu Reitaisai (Fukagawa Hachiman Matsuri / Mizukake Matsuri) 富岡八幡宮例大祭 (深川八幡祭り / 水かけ 祭り)	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, which is one of the Tokyo's Three Greatest Summer Festivals and called <i>Mizukake Matsuri</i>, literally meaning a festival in which local people scatter water drops over <i>Mikoshi</i> carriers. Various events are scheduled in the precincts during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/11 9:00- 11:00- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> by children <i>Koto</i> (Japanese harp) and <i>Shamisen</i> (banjo-like instrument) performance 12:30- Japanese traditional dance 15:00- <i>Karate</i> (Japanese martial arts) demonstration 16:30- <i>Shorinji-Kenpo</i> (Japanese martial arts) demonstration 19:30- <i>Taiko</i> and Japanese dance performance ●8/12 15:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●8/13 15:30- <i>Taisho-koto</i> performance 17:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●8/14 17:00- <i>Noh</i> (traditional masked drama) performance 19:00- Japanese folk dance ●8/15 14:30- <i>Bugaku</i> (Ancient court dance with music) 17:30- <i>Koto</i> performance 18:00- Tea ceremony 	(1) Tokyo Metro Tozai Line to Monzen-Nakacho Sta. (T12), and then walk 3 min. (2) Toei Oedo Subway Line to Monzen-Nakacho Sta. (E15), and then walk 6 min.	(1) 東京メトロ東西線門前仲町駅より徒歩3分 (2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線門前仲町駅より徒歩6分	http://www.tomiokahachimangu.or.jp/gyoji/reisaiNitei.html
Tokyo 東京	8/24 ~ 8/25	Tokyo 東京都	Suginami-ku 杉並区	Shopping streets around JR Koenji Sta. JR高円寺駅周辺商店街	Koenji Awa Odori 高円寺阿波踊り	<p>Summary: Folk Dancing Festival originated in the Awa region in Tokushima Pref., demonstrated by people to the tune of merry music on the streets around JR Koenji Sta.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●daily 17:00-20:00 	JR Chuo Line to Koenji Sta.	JR中央線高円寺駅下車	http://koenji-awaodori.com/

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Tokyo 東京	8/24 ~ 8/25	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区	Omotesando Street, Meiji-jingu Shrine, Yoyogi Park, Keyaki Namiki-dori Street in front of NHK and others 表参道 明治神宮、代々木公園、NHK前がけ並木通りほか	Harajuku Omotesando Genki Matsuri Super Yosakoi 原宿表参道元氣祭スーパーよさこい	Summary: Folk Dancing Festival originated in Kochi Pref. in Shikoku Island, participated by about 100 groups from all over Japan. The dance festival is held in several sites. Schedule & Key events: ●8/24 10:00-20:00 ●8/25 10:00-17:30	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C03, F15) (3) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda, Ginza or Hanzomon Line to Omotesando Sta. (C04, G02, Z02)	(1) JR山手線原宿駅下車 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線又は副都心線明治神宮前駅下車 (3) 東京メトロ千代田線、銀座線又は半蔵門線表参道駅下車	http://www.super-yosakoi.tokyo/
Tokyo 東京	8/24 ~ 8/25	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神	Kameido Tenjin Reitaisai 亀戸天神例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The festival features about 1,000 <i>Kentomyo</i> (lighted lanterns). The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: ●8/24 9:00-16:00 <i>Tenjin-bayashi</i> (festival music) ●8/25 9:00-16:00 <i>Sato-kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) 19:00- <i>Kentomyo</i> light up	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/2019/07/28/
Tokyo 東京	8/31	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Kaminarimon-dori Street, Umamichi-dori Street 雷門通り、馬道通り	Asakusa Samba Carnival 浅草サンバカーニバル	Summary: Samba Dancing Parade with 16 samba teams' participants in samba attire. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-18:00	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18)	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅下車	http://www.asakusa-samba.org/

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Kanto 関東	8/3 ~ 8/4	Ibaraki 茨城県	Mito 水戸市	National Road No.50 (between JR Mito Sta. North Exit and Daikumachi intersection) 国道50号 (JR水戸駅北 口~大工町交差点間)	Mito Komon Matsuri 水戸黄門まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival in commemoration of the famous feudal lord in Edo period "Mito Mitsukuni" (1628-1701). "Komon" is his nickname. Various events are scheduled along National Road No.50 during the festival period. The highlight of this festival this year is <i>Mito Komon Chochin Gyoretsu</i> (lantern parade).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/3 11:00-21:30 Palade of floats <li style="padding-left: 20px;">15:30-19:00 Dancing parade by around 3,000 people <li style="padding-left: 20px;">19:30-20:30 <i>Mito Komon Chochin Gyoretsu</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">19:30-21:30 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> ●8/4 10:00-20:30 Parade of floats with <i>Taiko</i> performance <li style="padding-left: 20px;">14:00-18:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> 	JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit)	JR常磐線水戸駅(北口)下車	http://www.mitokoumon.com/koumon/
Kanto 関東	8/3 ~ 8/5	Gunma 群馬県	Numata 沼田市	Haruna-jinja Shrine, Suga-jinja Shrine, old city hall and others 榛名神社、 須賀神社、 旧市役所広場ほか	Numata Matsuri 沼田まつり	<p>Summary: The festival features a parade of 10 <i>Mando</i> (beautifully adorned floats) and <i>Mikoshi</i> in the city daily during the festival period. The highlight of this festival is a parade of two huge <i>Tengu Mikoshi</i> (Japanese folkloristic creature with a long nose), carried by about 300 women.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> daily 13:30-22:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> carried by children & parade of <i>Mando</i> ●8/3 18:40-21:30 Parade of two <i>Tengu Mikoshi</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">19:10-20:10 <i>Sennin Odori</i> folk dancing ●8/4 14:00-15:00 <i>Ohayashi</i> (festival music) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">16:30-17:10 & 18:20-19:00 <i>Taiko</i> performance in front of the old city hall ●8/5 17:00-17:30 <i>Taiko</i> performance in front of the old city hall <li style="padding-left: 20px;">17:00-22:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> of Haruna-jinja Shrine and Suga-jinja Shrine <li style="padding-left: 20px;">18:30-21:30 Parade of two <i>Tengu Mikoshi</i> 	JR Joetsu Line to Numata Sta., then walk 15 min.	JR上越線沼田駅より徒歩15分	http://www.city.numata.gunma.jp/kanko/numatamatsuri/

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Kanto 関東	8/10 & 8/17	Saitama 埼玉県	Saitama さいたま市	Omagi Park, Iwatsuki-bunka Park 大間木公園、 岩槻文化公園	Saitama-shi Hanabi Taikai さいたま市花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display at two parks. Depending on the weather condition, the event in Omagi park will be postponed to next day and the event in Iwatsuki-bunka park will be postponed to 8/19.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8/10 19:30- 5,000 fireworks at Omagi Park ●8/17 19:30- 3,600 fireworks at Iwatsuki-bunka Park </p>	<p>(1) Omagi Park : JR Musashino Line to Higashi-Urawa Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Iwatsuki-bunka Park : Tobu Noda Line to Iwatsuki Sta. or Higashi-Iwatsuki Sta., and then walk 40 min.</p>	<p>(1) 大間木公園 : JR武蔵野線東浦和駅より徒歩15分 (2) 岩槻文化公園 : 東武野田線岩槻駅又は東岩槻駅より徒歩40分</p>	<p>http://www.saitama.jp/event/data/oomagihanabi.html http://www.saitama.jp/event/data/iwatsukibunkahanabi.html</p>