

Calendar of Events December 2019



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Glossary :

<i>Kagura</i>	Shinto dance with music
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event

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

Omisoka 大晦日

New Year's Eve, the last day of the year. Many people stay at home and sit up until midnight to listen to Joya-no-Kane, New Year's Eve bells, which ring out the old year and ring in the coming year, 108 times in total. Buddhists believe that there are 108 sins and they are driven away by ringing the bell 108 times.

Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL
Tohoku 東北	12/28 ~ 2/29	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藏山頂駅周辺	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: ● 12/28-1/5, 10-12, 17-19, 1/24-2/29 (except Tue.) 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.)	http://zaoropeway.co.jp/zao/winter/lightup.html

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Tohoku 東北	12/31	Akita 秋田県	Oga 男鹿市	Michi-no-Eki Oga (OGARE), Shinzan-jinja Shrine, inns in the city 道の駅おが(オガール)、真山神社、市内宿泊施設	Namahage なまはげ	<p>Summary: <i>Namahage</i> (folklore demons that pay frightening visits to children of local houses) is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Local groups of <i>Namahage</i> -masked men, disguised as devils, visit private houses in the evening, grumbling "Any good-for-nothing fellow hereabouts?"</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:30- Demonstration of <i>Namahage</i> in action and <i>Taiko</i> drumming at Michi-no-Eki Oga (OGARE) 18:00- <i>Namahage</i> visits to Japanese-style inns, Ryokan and Minshuku in the city, for the guests, after purified at Shinzan-jinja Shrine</p>	JR Oga Line to Oga Sta.	JR男鹿線男鹿駅下車	http://www.namahage-oga.akita.jp/english/index.html
Chubu 中部	12/8 & 12/15	Shizuoka 静岡県	Atami 熱海市	Atami Bay 熱海湾	Atami Kaijo Hanabi Taikai 熱海海上花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display with about 3,000 fireworks.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 12/8 & 15 20:20-20:45</p>	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta., and then walk 15min.	JR東海道新幹線熱海駅より徒歩15分	https://www.ataminews.gr.jp/event/8/
Chubu 中部	12/14	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Katsuragake-jinja Shrine, Nagara River 葛懸神社、長良川	Ikenoue Misogi Matsuri (Hadaka Matsuri) 池ノ上みそぎ祭り(裸祭り)	<p>Summary: Naked Festival at the shrine. <i>Misogi</i> is conducted by over 100 youths clad in loincloths, diving into Nagara River to purify and exorcise themselves.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:30- Ritual pray 15:00- <i>Misogi</i> festival</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Gifu Sta. or Meitetsu Nagoya Honsen Line to Meitetsu Gifu Sta. From there, take Gifu bus to Ikenoue Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR東海道本線岐阜駅又は名鉄名古屋本線名鉄岐阜駅より岐阜バスで20分池ノ上下車、徒歩5分	http://www.gifucvb.or.jp/event/detail_winter.php?eid=00046&syu=1&season=winter&shiki_keisai=1

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Kinki 近畿	12/1 ~ 3/12	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto 京都市 東山区	Gion Corner (in Yasaka Kaikan) 弥栄会館内 ギオンコーナー	Gion Corner Toki Tokubetsu Koen ギオンコーナー 冬季特別公演	<p>Summary: Winter Special Performance. The demonstration of several kinds of traditional Japanese entertainments and arts is staged. Admission is 3,150JPY (2,500JPY for foreign visitors until 2/29). For further information, call 075-561-1119 (in English).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and national holidays (except 12/29-1/3) 18:00- & 19:00-</p>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 100 or 206 to Gion Bus Stop (25 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 100又は206で25分祇園下車、徒歩5分	http://www.kyoto-gioncorner.com/global/ja.html
Kinki 近畿	12/6 ~ 12/15	Hyogo 兵庫県	Kobe 神戸市	Kyu-Gaikokujin Kyoryuchi, Higashi Yuenchi 旧外国人居留地、 東遊園地	Kobe Luminarie 神戸ルミナリエ	<p>Summary: Event featuring grand electric decoration which started in 1995, to console the spirit of the victims of Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. The electric decoration is illuminated along the street about 300 meters long. Hours will be subject to change due to overcrowding.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● Monday to Thursday 18:00-21:30 ● Friday 18:00-22:00 ● Saturday 17:00-22:00 ● Sunday 17:00-21:30</p>	JR Kobe Line to Motomachi Sta. (East Exit)	JR神戸線元町駅下車(東口)	http://www.kobe-luminarie.jp/
Kinki 近畿	12/8	Kyoto 京都府	Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市西京区	Horin-ji Temple 法輪寺	Hari-kuyo 針供養	<p>Summary: Solemn rite of respect and thanksgiving for broken needles and pins. During the ritual, <i>Orihime-no-mai</i> dance by four ladies dressed like <i>Orihime</i> (Vega) is performed to the tune of <i>Gagaku</i> (court music) for about 10 min.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00-14:00</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 5 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5分 (3) JR嵯峨野線嵯峨嵐山駅より徒歩15分	http://www.okuzohourinji.com/events.html

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Kinki 近畿	12/9 ~ 12/10	Kyoto 京都府	Ukyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市右京区	Ryotoku-ji Temple 了徳寺	Narutaki-no-Daiko Daki 鳴滝の大根だき	<p>Summary: Japanese radishes are cooked in a big pan and served to the visitors at the temple. Admission is 1,000JPY. This festival has its origin in a historical fact: Villagers served boiled radishes to Shinran, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect of Pure Land Buddhism, when he visited the temple. It is said that this radish is efficacious against palsy.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-16:00</p>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 26 to Narutaki-Honmachi Bus Stop (45 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 26で45分鳴滝本町下車、徒歩5分	https://www.ryoutokuji.or.jp/
Kinki 近畿	12/14	Hyogo 兵庫県	Ako 赤穂市	Ako Castle, Ikitsugi-Ido and others 赤穂城、 息継ぎ井戸ほか	Ako Gishi-sai 赤穂義士祭	<p>Summary: Memorial celebrations popularly known as the "Vendetta of the 47 Ronin, or masterless Samurai", featuring a parade of "47 Ronin" accompanied by feudal lords, following a drum and fife band, folk dancers and floats.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-15:00 Parade from Otemon Gate of Ako Castle to Ikitsugi-Ido</p>	Ako Castle: JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Aioi Sta. From there, take JR Ako Line to Banshu-Ako Sta., and then walk 20 min.	赤穂城: JR山陽新幹線相生駅よりJR赤穂線で播州赤穂駅下車、徒歩20分	http://www.city.ako.lg.jp/kansetsu/kankou/matsuri/akogishisai.html
Kinki 近畿	12/15 ~ 12/18	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Kasuga Wakamiya-jinja Shrine, Prefectural Office and others 春日若宮神社、 県庁ほか	Kasuga Wakamiya On-Matsuri 春日若宮おん祭	<p>Summary: Festival designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. It features <i>Owatari</i>, a long procession of priests, warriors clad in armor, people in costumes of local traditional arts and of the Heian period (12th century) and the like. Many more events are held on the main streets of the city and at the shrine during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 12/17 12:00-14:30 <i>Owatari</i> from Prefectural Office to <i>Otabisho</i> (portable shrine resting place) 14:30-22:30 <i>Kagura</i>, <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) and various local performing arts at the shrine</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/onmatsuri/index.html

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Kinki 近畿	12/21	Kyoto 京都府	Minami-ku, Kyoto 京都市南区	To-ji Temple 東寺	Shimai Kobo 終い弘法	<p>Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. The fair is held on the 21st every month, but the last fair of the year draws especially large crowds. Open-air stalls selling used <i>Kimono</i>, potted plants, used books, New Year's decorations and the like are set up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 8:00-16:00</p>	<p>From JR Kyoto Sta., (1) walk 15 min. (2) take Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Toji Sta., and then walk 10 min.</p>	<p>JR京都駅より (1) 徒歩15分 (2) 近鉄京都線で東寺駅下車、徒歩10分</p>	<p>https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2329</p>
Kinki 近畿	12/25	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市上京区	Kitano Tenman-gu Shrine 北野天満宮	Shimai Tenjin 終い天神	<p>Summary: Year-end Fair at the shrine, featuring open-air stalls selling New Year's decorations and plum berries which have ripened in this shrine. The fair is as large in scale as the one at To-ji Temple on 12/21.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: from dawn to dark</p>	<p>From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 or 101 to Kitano Tenman-gu-mae Bus Stop (30 min.)</p>	<p>JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50 又は101で30分北野天満宮前下車</p>	<p>http://kitanotenmangu.or.jp/annual_events.php</p>
Kinki 近畿	12/31	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山区	Yasaka-jinja Shrine 八坂神社	Okera-mairi をけら詣り	<p>Summary: Traditional year-end Festival. The climax of this festival comes when a large number of worshippers visit the shrine around midnight to bring home the sacred fire with rope kindled there with which they cook the first meal of the year. This custom is believed to help ward off illness in the coming year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:00-5:00</p>	<p>(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 to Gion Bus Stop (15 min.) (2) Keihan Honsen Line to Gion Shijo Sta., and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR京都駅より市バスNo. 206で15分祇園下車 (2) 京阪本線祇園四条駅より徒歩5分</p>	<p>http://www.yasakajinja.or.jp/event/</p>

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Chugoku 中国	12/31	Hiroshima 広島県	Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi 廿日市市宮島町	Itsukushima-jinja Shrine, Mikasa-hama Beach 厳島神社、御笠浜	Chinka-sai 鎮火祭	<p>Summary: Fire Festival. A priest brings a fragment of sacred fire from the shrine to Mikasa-hama Beach and lights a big torch placed on the beach. Then young men race to be the first to kindle their torches with the sacred fire, and jostle each other on the beach between the stone <i>Torii</i> and the entrance of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-</p>	<p>(1) JR Sanyo Honsen Line to Miyajima-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Miyajima-guchi Pier. From there, take ferryboat to Miyajima Pier (10 min.), and then walk 10 min.</p> <p>(2) JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hiroshima Sta., and then take streetcar or bus to Hiroshima Ujina Port (30 min.) From there, take hydrofoil to Miyajima Pier (22 min.), and then walk 10 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR山陽本線宮島口駅より徒歩5分の宮島口桟橋からフェリーで10分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分</p> <p>(2) JR山陽新幹線広島駅より市電又はバスで30分広島宇品港下車、高速船で22分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分</p>	<p>http://www.miyajima.or.jp/english/event/event_chinka.html</p>
Kyushu 九州	12/1	Kagoshima 鹿児島県	Kagoshima 鹿児島市	Sengan-en garden 仙巖園 御殿下庭	Kusajishi-shiki 草鹿式	<p>Summary: Japanese archery ritual, held in the Sengan-en garden which was built more than 350 years ago by the feudal lord of that time. The archers dressed in ceremonial robes shoot arrows at the targets (figures of deer) according to traditional <i>Ogasawara-ryu</i> (school) rites. Admission to the garden is 1,000JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00-12:40</p>	<p>JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Kagoshima Chuo Sta. (East Exit) From there, take bus to Sengan-en mae Bus Stop (40 min.)</p>	<p>JR九州新幹線鹿児島中央駅(東口)よりバスで40分仙巖園前下車</p>	<p>https://www.senganen.jp/2019/08/kusajishishiki_2019/</p>
Kyushu 九州	12/7 & 12/14	Miyazaki 宮崎県	Takaharu-cho 高原町	Sano-jinja Shrine, Haraigawa Kaguraden-mae Hiroba 狭野神社、 祓川神楽殿前広場	Takaharu-no-Kanme 高原の神舞	<p>Summary: Sacred Shinto Dance, the generic name of <i>Sano Kagura</i> and <i>Haraigawa Kagura</i>, each with over a 400-year tradition, designated as the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 12/7 19:00-7:00 <i>Sano Kagura</i> in front of the second <i>Torii</i> gate at Sano-jinja Shrine ● 12/14 19:00-7:00 <i>Haraigawa Kagura</i> at Haraigawa Kaguraden-mae Hiroba</p>	<p>JR Kitto Line to Takaharu Sta., and then take taxi (5-10 min.)</p>	<p>JR吉都線高原駅下車、タクシーで5~10分</p>	<p>http://www.takaharu-tourism.jp/takaharu/kanme/</p>

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Tokyo 東京	12/14	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区, Chuo-ku 中央区	Sengaku-ji Temple, Zojo-ji Temple, Chuo City Office and others 泉岳寺、 増上寺、 中央区役所ほか	Gishi-sai 義士祭	<p>Summary: Memorial event for the "Vendetta of the 47 <i>Ronin</i> (masterless Samurai)" which took place in 1702, to commemorate their loyalty to their master. This festival features <i>Gishi-Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of 47 people dressed as <i>Ronin</i>).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:00-13:45 <i>Gishi-Gyoretsu</i> from Chuo City Office to Zojo-ji Temple 14:00-15:00 <i>Gishi-Gyoretsu</i> from Zojo-ji Temple to Sengaku-ji Temple</p>	<p>Sengaku-ji Temple : Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Sengakuji Sta. (A07) (Exit A2), and then walk 1 min.</p> <p>Zojo-ji Temple : (1) Toei Mita Subway Line to Onarimon Sta.(I06) (Exit A1) or Shibakoen Sta.(I05) (Exit A4), and then walk 3 min. (2) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta.(A09, E20) (Exit A6), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>泉岳寺 : 都営地下鉄浅草線泉岳寺駅 (A2出口) より徒歩1分</p> <p>増上寺 : (1) 都営地下鉄三田線御成門駅 (A1出口) 又は芝公園駅 (A4出口) より徒歩3分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線大門駅 (A6出口) より徒歩5分</p>	http://www.sengakuji.or.jp/event/akougishisai.html
Tokyo 東京	12/15 ~ 12/16	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Boro Ichi-dori Street ボロ市通り	Setagaya Boro Ichi 世田谷ボロ市	<p>Summary: Rag Fair featuring more than 700 open-air stalls selling foods, clothes, potted plants, antiques and the like.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-21:00 Open-air stalls are set up</p>	<p>(1) JR Yamanote Line to Shibuya Sta. (West Exit) From there, take Tokyu bus (for Kamimachi-eki) to Kamimachi Bus Stop (2) Tokyu Setagaya Line to Setagaya Sta. or Kamimachi Sta., and then walk 3 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR山手線渋谷駅 (西口) より東急バス上町駅行で上町下車 (2) 東急世田谷線世田谷駅又は上町駅より徒歩3分</p>	http://boroichi.com/event-cal
Tokyo 東京	12/17 ~ 12/19	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Hagoita Ichi (Toshi-no Ichi) 羽子板市 (歳の市)	<p>Summary: Shuttlecock and battledore fair in the compound of the temple. <i>Hagoita</i> is a wooden racket (originally used in <i>Hanetsuki</i>, the traditional badminton-like game), and is often decorated with the figures of popular <i>Kabuki</i> actors and is made of elaborate silk collages. It is usually displayed in the house as a New Year's ornament.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12/17&18 9:00-21:30 12/19 9:00-20:30</p>	<p>Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>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</p>	http://asakusa-toshinoichi.com/

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Tokyo 東京	12/21	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku 足立区	Nishiarai Daishi Temple 西新井大師	Osame-no Daishi 納めの大師	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls selling <i>Kumade</i> (ornamental bamboo rakes adorned with symbols of good luck for the New Year) are set up in the compound of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-21:00	Tobu Daishi Line to Daishima Station, and then walk 5 min.	東武大師線大師前駅より徒歩5分 http://www.nishiaraidaishi.or.jp/event/yearly.html
Tokyo 東京	12/24	Tokyo 東京都	Toshima-ku 豊島区	Togenuki Jizoson (Kogan-ji Temple) とげぬき地藏尊 (高岩寺)	Osame-no Jizo 納めの地藏	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-18:00	JR Yamanote Line or Toei Mita Subway Line to Sugamo St. (I15), and then walk 5 min.	JR山手線又は都営地下鉄三田線 巢鴨駅より徒歩5分 https://sugamo.or.jp/prayer_detail01.html
Tokyo 東京	12/26 ~ 12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Yagenbori Fudoson Temple 薬研堀不動尊	Toshi-no Ichi (O-Deko Ichi) 歳の市 (大出庫市)	Summary: Year-end Fair around the temple, featuring around 100 open-air stalls selling New Year's decorations, clothes, shoes, bags and convenience goods. Schedule & Key events: daily 11:00-16:00	Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Higashi-Nihombashi Sta.(A15) (Exit B3, B4), and then walk 3 min.	都営地下鉄浅草線東日本橋駅 (B3, B4出口)より徒歩3分 https://centraltokyo-tourism.com/sopot/detail/801000010
Tokyo 東京	12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Meguro-ku 目黒区	Meguro Fudoson Temple 目黒不動尊	Osame-no Fudo 納めの不動	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple. Schedule & Key events: daytime Open-air stalls are set up 10:00-, 11:30-, 13:30-, 15:00-, 16:30- & 18:30- <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Gotanda Sta. (West Exit) From there, take Tokyu bus (for Shibuya) to Meguro Fudoson Keidai Bus Stop (2) Tokyu Meguro Line to Fudomae Sta., and then walk 15 min. (3) JR Yamanote Line to Meguro Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 20 min.	(1) JR山手線五反田駅 (西口)より東急バス渋谷行で目黒不動尊境内下車 (2) 東急目黒線不動前駅より徒歩15分 (3) JR山手線目黒駅 (西口)より徒歩20分 http://park6.wakwak.com/~megurofudo/top.htm
Tokyo 東京	12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Hino 日野市	Takahata Fudoson Temple 高幡不動尊	Osame-no Fudo 納めの不動	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 6:00- & 9:00- <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple 9:00 - Open-air stalls are set up	Keio Line to Takahata-Fudo Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 5 min.	京王線高幡不動駅 (南口)より徒歩5分 https://www.takahatafudoson.or.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Fukagawa Fudodo Temple 深川不動堂	Osame-no Fudo 納めの不動	<p>Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: daytime Open -air stalls are set up 9:00-, 11:00-, 13:00-, 15:00-, 17:00- & 19:00- <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple</p>	Tokyo Metro Tozai Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Monzen-Nakacho Sta. (T 12, E 15) (Exit 1), and then walk 2 min.	東京メトロ東西線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線門前仲町駅(1番出口)より徒歩2分	http://fukagawafudou.gr.jp/event/index.html
Tokyo 東京	12/30 ~ 12/31	Tokyo 東京都	Fuchu 府中市	Okunitama-jinja Shrine 大国魂神社	Misoka Ichi みそか市	<p>Summary: Year-end Fair in the precincts of the shrine, featuring open-air stalls selling New Year's decorations.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-17:00</p>	(1) Keio Line to Fuchu Sta.(South Exit), and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Nambu or Musashino Line to Fuchu-Hommachi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) 京王線府中駅(南口)より徒歩5分 (2) JR南武線又は武蔵野線府中本町駅より徒歩5分	https://www.okunitamajinja.or.jp/
Kanto 関東	12/2 ~ 12/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Chichibu 秩父市	Chichibu-jinja shrine, Hitsujiyama Park, Yao Department Store and others 秩父神社、羊山公園、矢尾百貨店ほか	Chichibu Yo Matsuri 秩父夜祭	<p>Summary: Night Festival which is counted as one of the three grandest float festivals in Japan, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The highlight of this festival is a parade of six huge, lavishly adorned and lantern-lit floats.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12/2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- <i>Kagura</i> at Chichibu-jinja shrine 11:00-16:00 Japanese traditional dance on floats 11:00-20:00 Parade of six floats 18:00-20:00 Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays on floats 19:00-20:00 Fireworks display at Hitsujiyama Park ● 12/3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-midnight Parade of six floats in the city 10:00- <i>Kagura</i> at Chichibu-jinja shrine 10:00-13:00 Japanese traditional dance on floats 11:00-14:00 Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays on floats 14:30-16:00 Parade of local <i>Kabuki</i> actors 16:00-17:30 Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays in the parking lot of Yao Department Store 19:30- 22:00 Fireworks display at Hitsujiyama Park 	(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Chichibu Sta. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta.	(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で秩父駅下車 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅下車	https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/p_festival/1030/

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Kanto 関東	12/7 ~ 12/8	Gunma 群馬	Takasaki 高崎市	Takasaki Arena 高崎アリーナ	Zen-Nippon Karate-do Senshu- ken Taikai 全日本空手道選手権大会	<p>Summary: All-Japan Karate Championship. Admission is free for 12/7, 2,000JPY for 12/8.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●12/7 9:30-16:30 Team competition ●12/8 9:00-17:00 Individual competition</p>	JR Takasaki Line to Takasaki Sta. , and then walk 8 min.	JR高崎線高崎駅より徒歩8分	https://www.jkf.ne.jp/topics/info/20191105/15054
Kanto 関東	12/7 ~ 12/8	Saitama 埼玉県	Ogano- machi 小鹿野町	Iida Hachiman-jinja Shrine and others 飯田八幡神社ほか	Teppo Matsuri 鉄砲まつり	<p>Summary: Gun Festival at the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Otachi Shinji</i> in which two sacred horses gallop up the steps to the shrine, amid a volley of rifle shots into the air.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●12/7 14:30- Parade of floats through the town 16:00- <i>Sanbaso</i> (a traditional dance) 19:00- Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays ●12/8 10:00- <i>Kagura</i> 11:00- <i>Sanbaso</i> 12:00- Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays 14:30- Matchlock gun demonstration 15:30- <i>Daimyo Gyoretsu</i> (a feudal lord procession) 16:00- <i>Otachi Shinji</i> 17:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> (portable shrine) and floats through the town 19:30- Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays</p>	Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta. From there, take Seibu Kanko bus (for Kurio) to Kurio Bus Stop, and then walk 10min.	西武秩父線西武秩父駅より西武観光バス栗尾行で栗尾下車、徒歩10分	http://www.kanko-ogano.jp/archives/1548/
Kanto 関東	12/16	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮	Nincho-no-mai (Miyabito-no-mai) 人長の舞 (宮人の舞)	<p>Summary: Ancient Court Dances at the shrine. A Shinto priest clad in a white robe and four shrine maidens in <i>Juni-hitoe</i> (12-layer ceremonial garments of court ladies) perform <i>Nincho-no-mai</i> dance & <i>Miyabito-no-mai</i> dance.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 17:00-</p>	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta.(East Exit), and then walk 10 min.	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅(東口)より徒歩10分	https://www.rip-kamakura.com/event/24.html

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Kanto 関東	12/21	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kawasaki 川崎市	Kawasaki Daishi Temple 川崎大師	Osame-no Daishi 納めの大師	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. This is one of the biggest of this kind in Tokyo and vicinity. Schedule & Key events: 9:30-15:30 <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple	Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta., and then walk 8 min. 京急大師線川崎大師駅より徒歩8分	http://www.kawasakidaishi.com/event/de.html
Kanto 関東	12/28	Chiba 千葉県	Narita 成田市	Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple and others 成田山新勝寺ほか	Osame Fudo 納め不動	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 10:30- <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple	(1) JR Sobu Honsen Line Rapid Train (for Narita Airport) to Narita Sta., and the walk 10 min. (2) Keisei Line to Keisei-Narita Sta., and then walk 10 min. (1) JR総武本線快速(成田空港行)で成田駅下車、徒歩10分 (2) 京成線京成成田駅より徒歩10分	https://www.naritasan.or.jp/monthly/gyoji_year/gyoji_year10-12/
Kanto 関東	12/31	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Yamashitacho Park in China Town 山下町公園(中華街)	Yokohama Chukagai "Count Down" 横浜中華街カウントダウン	Summary: Year-end count down event at Yamashitacho Park in Chinatown. <i>Shishimai</i> (lion dance) performance is followed after count down. Schedule & Key events: 0:00- <i>Shishimai</i> dance	(1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta. (Exit 3), and then walk 3 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Ishikawacho Sta. (Chukagai Exit), and then walk 10 min. (1) 東急東横線又は横浜みなとみらい線元町・中華街駅(3番出口)より徒歩3分 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線石川町駅(中華街口)より徒歩10分	http://www.yokohama-masobyoy.jp/jp/main.html

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Tokyo National Museum (12/26-1/1)

National Museum of Modern Art , Tokyo (12/28-1/1) & Crafts Gallery (12/28-1/1)

Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo (12/28-1/1)

National Museum of Western Art (12/28-1/1)

Edo-Tokyo Museum (12/28-1/1)

Idemitsu Museum of Arts (12/23-1/3)

Suntory Museum of Art (temporarily closed for renovations)

Japan Folk Crafts Museum (12/26-1/11)

Japanese Sword Museum (12/24-1/10)

National Museum of Nature and Science (12/28-1/1)

National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (12/28-1/1)

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Higashi Gyoen (Imperial Palace East Garden) (12/27-1/3)

Koishikawa Korakuen Garden (12/29-1/1)

Kiyosumi Garden (12/29-1/1)

Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden (12/29-1/3)

Rikugien Garden (12/29-1/1)

Hamarikyu Garden (12/29-1/1)

Ueno Zoo (12/29-1/1)

Tama Zoo (12/29-1/1)

【NAGOYA】

The Tokugawa Art Museum (12/16-1/3)

【KYOTO】

Kyoto National Museum (12/23-1/1)

The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto (12/23-1/3)

Kyoto City Museum of Art Annex (12/28-1/2)

【NARA】

Nara National Museum (1/1)

Nara Prefectural Museum of Art (11/18- 1/24)

【HIROSHIMA】

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum (12/30 & 31)

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【AICHI】

Meiji-mura (12/31, 1/6-10)

【KYOTO】

Kyoto Imperial Palace (12/28-1/6)

Katsura Imperial Villa (12/28-1/6)

Nijo Castle (12/29-31)

【OSAKA】

Osaka Castle (12/28-1/1)

【HIMEJI】

Himeji Castle (12/29 & 30)