

Calendar of Events February 2020



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Glossary :

Matsuri	Festival, Event
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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

Setsubun 節分
 Traditional ceremony to dispel demons. According to the lunar calendar, "Setsubun" marks the last day of winter. People throng temples and shrines to vie with another for lucky beans which are thrown by priests, monks or famous figures who shout "Fuku-wa-uchi, Oni-wa-soto!" (Fortune in, Devils out!) to drive away imaginary devils.

Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL
Hokkaido 北海道	1/24 ~ 2/16	Hokkaido 北海道	Chitose 千歳市	Lake Shikotsu 支笏湖	Chitose-Shikotsuko Hyoto Matsuri 千歳・支笏湖 氷濤まつり	Summary: Ice Festival. Many ice sculptures exhibited on the shore are lit up. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 16:30-22:00 Ice sculptures lighting up ● Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays 18:30- Fireworks display	From Shin-Chitose Airport, take bus to Shikotsuko Bus Stop (55 min.)	http://www.1000sai-chitose.or.jp/icefes.html

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Hokkaido 北海道	2/4 ~ 2/11	Hokkaido 北海道	Sapporo 札幌市	Odori Site, Susukino Site, Tsu-dome Site 大通会場、 すすきの会場、 つど-む会場	71st Sapporo Yuki Matsuri 第71回 さっぽろ雪まつり	<p>Summary: Snow Festival. The festival, the biggest in scale of this kind, started in 1950, and has become one of the most popular events in winter for now. Approximately 200 snow creations and ice sculptures are exhibited at three sites, mainly at Odori site with enormous snow creations and many attractions, at Susukino site with fantastic ice sculptures, and at Tsu-dome site with the huge playground where children and adults can play in snow. The festival at Tsu-dome site will be held from 1/31.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-22:00 Ice sculptures lighting up at Odori site sunset-23:00 (-22:00 on 2/11) Ice sculptures lighting up at Susukino site</p>	JR Chitose Line to Sapporo Sta. From there, take Namboku Subway Line to (1) Odori Site: Odori Sta. (2) Susukino Site: Susukino Sta.	JR千歳線札幌駅より地下鉄南北線で (1) 大通会場: 大通下車 (2) すすきの会場: すすきの下車	http://www.snowfes.com/english/index.html
Hokkaido 北海道	2/6 ~ 2/11	Hokkaido 北海道	Asahikawa 旭川市	Asahibashi-Kahan, Heiwa-dori Street and others 旭橋河畔、 平和通りほか	Asahikawa Fuyu Matsuri 旭川冬まつり	<p>Summary: Winter Festival. Many snow creations and ice statues are exhibited at Asahibashi-kahan site (on the riversides of Ishikari River), and on Heiwa-dori Street where about 50 ice sculptures are to be judged in competition. Many attractive events and a long sliding way are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-21:00 (-20:00 on 2/11) ●2/6,8&11 19:00-19:15 Fireworks display</p>	JR Hakodate Honsen Line to Asahikawa Sta., and then take shuttle bus	JR函館本線旭川駅よりシャトルバス	http://www.city.asahikawa.hokkaido.jp/awf/index.html
Hokkaido 北海道	2/8 ~ 2/9	Hokkaido 北海道	Abashiri 網走市	Abashiri Port 網走商港埠頭	Abashiri-Okhotsk Ryuhyo Matsuri あばしりオホーツク 流氷まつり	<p>Summary: Winter Festival. Many events such as a popular song-show, games and performances are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/8 17:30-17:45 Fireworks display</p>	JR Sekihoku Honsen Line to Abashiri Sta. From there, take bus to "Michi-no-eki Ryuhyo Kaido Abashiri Saihyo-sen Noriba" Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 10 min.	JR石北本線網走駅よりバスで10分”道の駅流氷街道網走砕氷船のりば”下車、徒歩10分	https://www.abakanko.jp/ryuhyomatsuri/

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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: ●2/1-29 (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.)	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分地藏山頂駅下車	http://zaoropeway.co.jp/zao/winter/lightup.html
Tohoku 東北	2/7 ~ 2/9	Akita 秋田県	Oga 男鹿市	Shinzan-jinja Shrine 真山神社	Namahage Sedo Matsuri なまはげ柴灯祭	Summary: Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, features about 15 <i>Namahage</i> (men wearing devil masks) dancing wildly, drumming vigorously, running around and then serving <i>Mochi</i> (rice cakes) to people thronged in the precincts of the shrine. Admission is 1,000JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-20:30	JR Oga Line to Oga Sta., and then take temporary bus (40 min.)	JR男鹿線男鹿駅より臨時バスで40分	http://www.oganavi.com/sedo/
Tohoku 東北	2/7 ~ 2/11	Iwate 岩手県	Shizukuishi-cho 雫石町	Iwate Kogen Snowpark and others 岩手高原スノーパークほか	Iwate Yuki Matsuri 岩手雪まつり	Summary: Snow Festival. Ice sculptures are exhibited and lit up. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-18:00 Snow festival ●2/7&8 18:00- Fireworks display	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Shizukuishi Sta., and then take taxi (40 min.)	JR秋田新幹線雫石駅よりタクシーで40分	http://www.iwateyukimatsuri.com/

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Tohoku 東北	2/8 ~ 2/9	Yamagata 山形県	Yonezawa 米沢市	Uesugi-jinja Shrine, Matsugasaki Park 上杉神社、 松が岬公園	Uesugi Yukidoro Matsuri 上杉雪灯籠まつり	<p>Summary: Snow Lantern Festival. About 40 <i>Yuki-doro</i> (big snow lanterns) and more than 1,000 <i>Yuki-bonbori</i> (small snow lanterns) at Uesugi-jinja Shrine and at Matsugasaki Park are lit up. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 17:30- <i>Yuki-doro</i> lighting up</p>	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yonezawa Sta. From there, take City Cyclic bus to Uesugi Jinja-mae Bus Stop or shuttle bus	JR山形新幹線米沢駅より市街循環バスで上杉神社前下車又はシャトルバス	http://yukidourou.yonezawa-matsuri.jp/
Tohoku 東北	2/8 ~ 2/11	Aomori 青森県	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki Park 弘前公園	Hirosaki-jo Yukidoro Matsuri 弘前城雪燈籠まつり	<p>Summary: Snow Lantern Festival. About 150 snow lanterns and about 300 <i>Mini-Kamakura</i> (miniature huts made of snow) are lit up, which creates fantastic atmosphere in Hirosaki Park during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 16:30-21:00 <i>Mini-Kamakura</i> lighting up ●2/8 19:00- Fireworks display</p>	JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta. From there, walk 20-30 min. or take Konan 100 yen bus to Shiyakushomae Bus Stop (15 min.), and then walk 4 min.	JR奥羽本線弘前駅より徒歩20~30分又は弘前市内循環100円バス【弘南バス】で15分市役所前下車、徒歩4分	http://www.hirosaki-kanko.or.jp/web/edit.html?id=cat02_winter_yuki
Tohoku 東北	2/10	Akita 秋田県	Daisen 大仙市	Omachi-dori Street 刈和野大町通り	Kariwano-no Otsuna-hiki 刈和野の大綱引き	<p>Summary: Tug of war, featuring a giant straw-rope (80 centimeters in diameter and over 200 meters long). The festival with a 500-year history is held to pray for a rich harvest of this year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:10- Townspeople lay out a straw-rope for a fight 21:00- Tug of war is held on Omachi-dori Street</p>	JR Ou Honsen Line to Kariwano Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR奥羽本線刈和野駅より徒歩5分	https://www.akitafan.com/archive/tourism/2278

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Tohoku 東北	2/11	Iwate 岩手県	Daito-cho, Ichinoseki 一関市大東町	Ohara Hachiman- jinja Shrine and others 大原八幡神社ほか	Daito Ohara Mizu- kake Matsuri 大東大原 水かけまつり	<p>Summary: Water Pouring Festival for a prevention of fire with a 360-year history, featuring a parade of floats, <i>Taiko</i> drumming, local performing arts and firefighters.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:10- Local people make a new giant <i>Shimenawa</i> (sacred straw festoon) fixed to Ohara Hachiman-jinja Shrine 12:40- Floats parade through the town 14:35- Ritual pray is held at the shrine 15:00-15:50 About 300 half-naked men rush on the streets in the town, while townspeople dash cold water over them</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Ichinoseki Sta. From there, take JR Ofunato Line to Surisawa Sta., and then take bus to Daito Bus Center Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東北新幹線一関駅よりJR大船渡線で摺沢駅下車、バスで20分大東バスセンター下車	https://www.ichitabi.jp/event/data.php?no=412&m=2
Tohoku 東北	2/11, & 2/16 2/17	Akita 秋田県	Daisen 大仙市、 Yokote 横手市	Hanadate, Omono River, Izusan-jinja Shrine, Yokote City Hall, Asahiokayama- jinja Shrine and others 花館地区、 雄物川、 伊豆山神社、 横手市役所、 旭岡山神社ほか	Bonden ぼんでん	<p>Summary: Dozens of <i>Bonden</i> (sacred bamboo baskets decorated with colorful cloth and streamers, 30kg in weight and 5 meters in length each) are carried by villagers who vie with each other to be the first in dedicating <i>Bonden</i> to the shrines.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/11 9:00-11:30 Boats transfer <i>Bonden</i> from Hanadate Pier to the other side of Omono River, and then people carry all these <i>Bonden</i> up to Izusan-jinja Shrine on the mountain ●2/16 9:30-13:00 <i>Bonden</i> Workmanship Contest is held at the festival site near Yokote City Hall ●2/17 9:45-13:00 Local young men carrying about 30 <i>Bonden</i> leave Yokote City Hall for Asahiokayama-jinja Shrine to dedicate <i>Bonden</i></p>	(1) Omono River in Hanadate : JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Omagari Sta., and then take taxi (5 min.) (2) Yokote City Hall : JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) 雄物川会場 (花館) : JR秋田新幹線大曲駅よりタクシーで5分 (2) 横手市役所 : JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分	https://www.akitafan.com/archive/tourism/2287 http://www.yokotekamakura.com/01_event/04_winter/kamakura_kaisai.html
Tohoku 東北	2/15 ~ 2/16	Akita 秋田県	Yokote 横手市	Yokote City Hall, Yokote Park and others 横手市役所、 横手公園ほか	Yokote Kamakura 横手かまくら	<p>Summary: Snow Huts Exhibition. Playing in snow huts is a popular pastime in winter for children living in the heavy snowfall areas. They make snow huts called "<i>Kamakura</i>" in which they play games and eat traditional delicacies. About 100 snow huts, and a number of snow creations are built in the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-21:00</p>	Yokote City Hall : JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.	横手市役所 : JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分	http://www.yokotekamakura.com/01_event/04_winter/kamakura_kaisai.html

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Tohoku 東北	2/15 & 2/17	Yamagata 山形県	Kuromori, Sakata 酒田市黒森	Hie-jinja Shrine 日枝神社	Kuromori Kabuki 黒森歌舞伎	<p>Summary: Local <i>Kabuki</i> (traditional play by men) and <i>Kyogen</i> (traditional comic drama) Play with a more than 280-year tradition is performed on the makeshift stage set up in the precincts of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/15&17 10:00- <i>Shonen-Taiko</i> (Japanese drumming performed by boys) 12:00- <i>Kodomo Kabuki</i> (<i>Kabuki</i> play by boys) performance 13:00-16:00 <i>Kyogen</i> performance</p>	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Sakata Sta. From there, take bus (for Yunohama) to Naka-Kuromori Bus Stop (40 min.)	JR羽越本線酒田駅よりバス湯野浜行で40分中黒森下車	https://sakata-kankou.com/event/30719
Tohoku 東北	2/17 ~ 2/20	Aomori 青森県	Hachinohe 八戸市	Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine, Shimin Hiroba and others 長者山新羅神社、市民広場ほか	Emburi えんぶり	<p>Summary: This is a unique harvest festival native to Hachinohe and its vicinities, with a 800-year history, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is <i>Emburi</i> (local dances) performance under the flickering torchlights.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba ●2/17 7:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine 10:00-11:20 Parade of over 30 grouped villagers in fancy costumes, through the city 12:15- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba ●2/19&20 13:00- & 14:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba</p>	Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine : JR Hachinohe Line to Hon-Hachinohe Sta., and then walk 20 min.	長者山新羅神社 : JR八戸線本八戸駅より徒歩20分	https://visithachinohe.com/stories/emburi_schedule/
Chubu 中部	1/11 ~ 3/8	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 ●2/11 11:30-12:00 & 14:00-14:30 Performances by <i>Geigi</i> (Professional female entertainers)</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 Aino-hara-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/

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Chubu 中部	2/10 ~ 2/11	Aichi 愛知県	Toyohashi 豊橋市	Akumikanbe Shinmeisha Shrine 安久美神戸神明社	Toyohashi Oni Matsuri 豊橋鬼祭	<p>Summary: Devil Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. It features several kinds of <i>Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) dedicated to the shrine to dispel evil spirits, and <i>Ame-maki</i> (candy-throwing ceremony) to pray for a good harvest of the year. The festival is highlighted by "<i>Aka-oni to Tengu no Karakai</i>" in which <i>Tengu</i> (a long-nosed goblin) defeats red devils.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00- <i>Kagura</i> and <i>Ame-maki</i> performance ● 2/11 14:00- <i>Aka-oni to Tengu no Karakai</i> and <i>Kagura</i> performance</p>	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Toyohashi Sta. From there, take streetcar to Toyohashi Koen-mae (10 min), and then walk 3 min.	JR東海道新幹線豊橋駅より市電で10分豊橋公園前下車、徒歩3分	http://www.honokuni.or.jp/toyohashi/event-info/?Mode=detail&code=214
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: ● daily 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://www.kawazuzakura.info/
Hokuriku 北陸	2/15	Niigata 新潟県	Shibata 新発田市	Kamiakatani- chinjusan-jinja Shrine 上赤谷鎮守山神社	Akatani Dontsuki Matsuri 赤谷どんつき祭	<p>Summary: The festival has an over 700-year history. Local men dressed in only loincloths jostle one another in the precincts of the shrine to pray for a good harvest and good health throughout the year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:00-20:30</p>	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Shibata Sta., and then take taxi (30 min.)	JR羽越本線新発田駅よりタクシーで30分	http://www.city.shibata.lg.jp/kanko/1007318/1009060.html

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Hokuriku 北陸	2/22 ~ 2/23	Fukui 福井県	Katsuyama 勝山市	Kuzuryu River and others 九頭竜川ほか	Katsuyama Sagicho 勝山左義長	<p>Summary: The festival with a 300-year history is to pray for a good harvest for this year. This festival features local performing arts to the tune of Japanese music and drumming on a dozen of <i>Yagura</i> (wooden high stages), and <i>Dondo-yaki</i> (setting fire to New Year's decorations and ornaments).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/22 13:00-22:00 Local performing arts demonstration in the city ●2/23 9:00-22:00 Local performing arts demonstration in the city 20:00- <i>Dondo-yaki</i> on the riverbank of Kuzuryu River</p>	JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Fukui Sta. From there, take Echizen Railway Katsuyama-Eiheiji Line to Katsuyama Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR北陸本線福井駅よりえちぜん鉄道勝山永平寺線で勝山駅下車、徒歩10分	http://www.city.katsuyama.fukui.jp/kankou/sagityo/
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.gioncorner.com/global/ja.html
Kinki 近畿	2/1 ~ 2/5	Mie 三重県	Owase 尾鷲市	Owase-jinja Shrine, Owase Bay, old Kumano road and others 尾鷲神社、 尾鷲湾、 熊野古道ほか	Ya Ya Matsuri ヤヤ祭り	<p>Summary: The festival with a 300-year tradition is known as a "quarreling" festival, featuring <i>Kori-kaki</i>, men jumping into icy ocean of Owase Bay to purify themselves.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/2-4 19:30- Men in traditional white costumes shove and jostle one another at three places in the city 20:30- <i>Kori-kaki</i> takes place ●2/5 12:00- Procession of feudal lord and local dancing parades on the old Kumano road to Owase-jinja Shrine 19:00- Japanese archery is demonstrated in the precincts of the shrine 20:40- <i>Shishimai</i> lion dance is demonstrated in the precincts of the shrine</p>	JR Kisei Honsen Line to Owase Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR紀勢本線尾鷲駅より徒歩10分	http://www.kumadoco.net/event/view.php?year=2020&month=2&area_flg=5#27627

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Kinki 近畿	2/2	Nara 奈良県	Asuka-mura 明日香村	Asuka-ni-imasu-jinja Shrine 飛鳥坐神社	Asuka-no-Onda Matsuri 飛鳥のおんだ祭	Summary: Rice field work pantomime to pray for a rich harvest of this year. Masked men pantomime a process of rice farming in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 14:00-	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta. From there, take bus to Asuka Daibutsu-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Nara Line to Yamato-Saidaiji Sta., and change to Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta. From there, take bus to Asuka Daibutsu-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄橿原線で橿原神宮前駅下車。バスで飛鳥大仏前下車。徒歩5分 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅より近鉄奈良線で大和西大寺駅にて近鉄橿原線に乗り換え橿原神宮前駅下車。バスで飛鳥大仏前下車。徒歩5分	https://asukamura.com/?page_id=407
Kinki 近畿	2/3	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Kasuga Taisha Shrine 春日大社	Setsubun Mantoro 節分万燈籠	Summary: Lantern Festival. More than 3,000 stone and bronze lanterns in the precincts of the shrine which had been dedicated by people in the Heian period (794-1185) up to now are lit up. Schedule & Key events: 17:30- <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) performance 18:00-20:30 Stone and bronze lanterns lighting up	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/calendar/winter02.html
Kinki 近畿	2/3	Nara 奈良県	Ikaruga-cho 斑鳩町、 Nara 奈良市	Horyu-ji Temple, Kofuku-ji Temple 法隆寺、 興福寺	Tsuina-e (Oni-oi-shiki) 追儺会 (鬼追い式)	Summary: Rites of driving away devils. The rites including Buddhist sermon are conducted at the two temples. Both are listed as the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites. Schedule & Key events: 18:30- Rites at Kofuku-ji Temple 19:00- Rites at Horyu-ji Temple	(1) Kofuku-ji Temple : Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 5 min. or JR Nara Line to Nara Sta., and then take Nara Kotsu bus to Kencho-mae Bus Stop (5 min.) (2) Horyu-ji Temple : JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take JR Kansai Honsen Line to Horyuji Sta., and then walk 20 min. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then take Nara Kotsu bus to Horyuji-mae Bus Stop (1 hr.)	(1) 興福寺 : 近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より徒歩5分又はJR奈良線奈良駅より奈良交通バスで5分県庁前下車 (2) 法隆寺 : JR奈良駅よりJR関西本線で法隆寺駅下車。徒歩20分又は近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より奈良交通バスで1時間法隆寺前下車	http://www.kohfukuji.com/event/festival/02.html http://www.horyuji.or.jp/gyouji/

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Kinki 近畿	2/9	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市伏見区	Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine and others 伏見稲荷大社ほか	Fushimi Inari Hatsu-uma Taisai 伏見稲荷初午大祭	<p>Summary: The year's first "Horse Day" Festival. The shrine is thronged with people from all over the country to pray for the business prosperity and the safety of the family.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 8:00-9:00 Ritual pray is held 8:00- Open-air stalls are set up along the approach to the shrine</p>	(1) JR Nara Line to Inari Sta. (2) Keihan Honsen Line to Fushimi-Inari Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) JR奈良線稲荷駅下車 (2) 京阪本線伏見稲荷駅より徒歩5分	http://inari.jp/rite/?month=2%E6%9C%88#308
Kinki 近畿	2/23	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市伏見区	Daigo-ji Temple 醍醐寺	Daigoji Godai-rikison Ninno-e 醍醐寺五大力尊仁王会	<p>Summary: A contest, in which young men and women show their strength by lifting <i>Mochi</i> (rice cakes), weighing some 150 kilograms (for men) and 90 kilograms (for women), is held in front of Kondo Hall of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:30- Contest for women 13:30- Contest for men</p>	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take Keihan Bus to Daigoji Bus Stop (30 min.) (2) Tozai Subway Line to Daigo Sta. (Exit 2), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京都駅より京阪バスで30分醍醐寺下車 (2) 地下鉄東西線醍醐駅(2番出口)より徒歩10分	https://www.daigoji.or.jp/godairiki/index.html
Kinki 近畿	2/24	Kyoto 京都府	Kita-ku, Kyoto 京都市北区	Kamigamo-jinja Shrine 上賀茂神社	Kamigamo Sanyare-sai 上賀茂さんやれ祭	<p>Summary: A group of boys who have become the age of 15, solemnly go up the steps in line to the shrine for their <i>Genpuku</i>, the traditional initiation ceremony of coming-of-age.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:00-</p>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 to Kamigamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4で上賀茂神社前下車	https://www.kamigamojinja.jp/hitotose.html

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Kinki 近畿	2/25	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市上京区	Kitano Tenman-gu Shrine 北野天満宮	Baika-sai 梅花祭	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Blossom Festival. There are 1,500 apricot trees of 50 species in the garden which is open to the public from the beginning of February to the middle of March, depending on the flowering. Admission to the garden is ¥1,000. Fee for <i>Nodate</i> (open-air tea ceremony) is ¥2,000 per person.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00-16:00 Apricot garden is open 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> is held near Sanko-mon Gate</p>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 or 101 to Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop (30 min.)	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	http://kitanotenmangu.or.jp/annual_events.php
Chugoku 中国	2/1	Tottori 鳥取県	Chizu-cho 智頭町	Chizu-cho 智頭町	Chizu-Shuku Yuki Matsuri 智頭宿雪まつり	<p>Summary: Snow Festival featuring hundreds of <i>Yuki Toro</i> or lanterns made of snow displayed on the both sides of streets. When all the lanterns are lit up, a magical atmosphere is created throughout this old post town. Some other events are scheduled in daytime.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-20:00</p>	JR Inbi Line to Chizu Sta.	JR因美線智頭駅下車	http://cms.sannin.jp/p/chizu/kankou/information/10/
Chugoku 中国	2/15	Okayama 岡山県	Okayama 岡山市	Saidai-ji Temple 西大寺	Saidaiji Eyo (Hadaka Matsuri) 西大寺会陽(はだか祭り)	<p>Summary: Naked Festival. This festival is the largest in scale of this kind. Some 9,000 young men wearing only loincloth vigorously purify themselves by pouring cold water over their bodies in Yoshii River. Then they vie with each other to get a pair of <i>Shingi</i> (amulets) which are thrown over the throng by the priest in the compound of the temple. The gallery tickets are sold at the temple on the day.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:30- & 19:30- <i>Taiko</i>, Japanese drumming performance 19:00-19:30 Fireworks display 20:00- Men gather at the temple 22:00-midnight <i>Shingi</i> are thrown in the compound</p>	(1) JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Okayama Sta., and then take temporary bus (40 min.) (2) JR Ako Line to Saidaiji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) JR山陽新幹線岡山駅より臨時バスで40分 (2) JR赤穂線西大寺駅より徒歩15分	https://okayama-kanko.net/sightseeing/special.php?f=info_special_24

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Shikoku 四国	2/11	Kochi 高知県	Niyodogawa-cho 仁淀川町	Akiba-jinja Shrine, Iwaya-jinja Shrine and others 秋葉神社、 岩屋神社ほか	Akiba Matsuri 秋葉祭り	<p>Summary: Festival with an over 200-year history, featuring a pageant of 200 townspeople wearing traditional costumes following <i>Mikoshi</i> (portable shrine), along the mountain paths stopping by three major sites where they perform local performing arts to the tune of music.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 8:30-15:30 Parade from Iwaya-jinja Shrine to Akiba-jinja Shrine</p>	JR Dosan Line to Sakawa Sta., and then take taxi (40 min.)	JR土讃線佐川駅よりタクシーで40分	http://www.town.niyodogawa.lg.jp/life/liife_dtl.php?hdnKey=776
Kyushu 九州	1/24 ~ 2/9	Nagasaki 長崎県	Nagasaki 長崎市	Chinatown, Chuo Park, Koshi-byo and others 新地中華街、 中央公園、 孔子廟ほか	2020 Nagasaki Lantern Festival 2020 長崎ランタンフェスティバル	<p>Summary: Lantern Festival, a picturesque Chinese event featuring 15,000 lanterns in the shape of various creatures along the streets lit up daily during the festival period. The highlight of this festival is <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> (a parade of Chinese emperor) and <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> (a parade of the goddess of voyage). Chinese dragon dances and some other performing arts are also daily demonstrated at Chinatown, Chuo Park, Koshi-byo and other sites. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/1 14:00-16:30 <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Minato Park ●2/2 13:15-16:00 <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Koshi-byo ●2/8 14:00-16:30 <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Minato Park</p>	Chinatown : JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta. From there, take streetcar to Shinchi-Chukagai, and then walk 2 min.	新地中華街 : JR長崎本線長崎駅より市電で新地中華街下車、徒歩2分	https://www.at-nagasaki.jp/festival/winter/top/
Kyushu 九州	2/11 ~ 4/3	Fukuoka 福岡県	Yanagawa 柳川市	Yanagawa 柳川市	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: ●2/11 10:00- Procession after ritual pray at Hiyoshi-jinja Shrine</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=101

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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 are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-16:00</p>	JR Kyudai Honsen Line to Hita Sta.	JR久大本線日田駅下車	https://www.oidehita.com/archives/44715

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Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Torigoe-jinja Shrine 鳥越神社	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 16:00-18:00 <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Kuramae Sta. (A17,E11), and then walk 5 - 10 min. (2) JR Sobu Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusabashi Sta. (A16), and then walk 8 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線蔵前駅より徒歩5~10分 (2) JR総武線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草橋駅より徒歩8分	https://t-navi.city.taito.lg.jp/spot/tabid/90.html?pdid1=230
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区	Toyokawa Inari Betsuin Temple 豊川稲荷別院	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Rites pray 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Tokyo Metro Marunouchi or Ginza Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta. (M13, G05)(Exit B), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho, Hanzomon or Namboku Line to Nagatacho Sta. (Y16, Z04, N07)(Exit7), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ丸ノ内線又は銀座線赤坂見附駅 (B出口) より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ有楽町線、半蔵門線又は南北線永田町駅 (7番出口) より徒歩5分	http://toyokawaainari-tokyo.jp/event.html
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神	Setsubun Tsuina-sai 節分追儺祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted after <i>Oni-yarai</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons). Schedule & Key events: 17:30- <i>Oni-yarai</i> and <i>Mamemaki</i>	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/
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Katsushika-ku 葛飾区	Shibamata Taishakuten Temple (Daikyo-ji Temple) 柴又帝釈天 (題経寺)	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- & 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> after procession of beans thrower	Keisei Kanamachi Line to Shibamata Sta., and then walk 3 min.	京成金町線柴又駅より徒歩3分	http://www.taishakuten.or.jp/index2.html
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区	Zojo-ji Temple 増上寺	Setsubun Tsuina-shiki 節分追儺式	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:30- Procession of beans thrower and Rites pray 12:20- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Toei Mita Subway Line to Onarimon Sta. (I06) or Shibakoen Sta. (I05), and then walk 3 min. (2) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta. (A09, E20), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄三田線御成門駅又は芝公園駅より徒歩3分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線大門駅より徒歩5分	http://www.zojoji.or.jp/event/ev_setsubun.html

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Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	Setsubun Mamemaki-shiki 節分豆まき式	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Procession of beans thrower, Rites pray and <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	<p>(1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit) (Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12) (Exit B1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR中央線又は東京メトロ丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅(聖橋口)(1番出口)より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線新御茶ノ水駅(B1出口)より徒歩5分 (3) JR山手線、京浜東北線又は総武線秋葉原駅(電気街口)より徒歩7分</p>	http://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp/event/detail/?id=8
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Ikegami Honmon-ji Temple 池上本門寺	Setsubun Tsuina-shiki 節分追儺式	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Procession of beans thrower from Tokumochi Kaikan hall to temple 14:00- Rites pray 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	<p>(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.</p>	<p>(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</p>	http://honmonji.jp/news/schedule.html
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Gokoku-ji Temple 護国寺	Setsubun-e Tsuina-shiki 節分会追儺式	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 14:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance 15:00- Rites pray 15:30- <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	<p>Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line to Gokokuji Sta. (Y11), and then walk 1 min.</p>	<p>東京メトロ有楽町線護国寺駅より徒歩1分</p>	http://www.gokokuji.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Setsubun-e 節分会	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:00- & 14:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> 12:30- & 14:30- <i>Fukuju-no-Mai</i> (dance of Seven Deities of Good Luck) 16:00- 17:00 <i>Mamemaki</i> by famous figures</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://www.senso-ji.jp/info/mont-hly.html#3

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Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku 足立区	Nishiarai Daishi Temple 西新井大師	Daruma-kuyo だるま供養	<p>Summary: Memorial services for used Dharma dolls. When people make a wish and it is granted, they paint eyes of Dharma dolls. The memorial service in which the priest sets fire to stacks of used Dharma dolls while chanting a Buddhist sutra, is conducted. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - also takes place in the afternoon.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:30- Memorial service 15:30- <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi-mae Sta., 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	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Hino 日野市	Takahata Fudosen Temple 高幡不動尊	Setsubun Mamemaki-shiki 節分豆まき式	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. About 100 open-air stalls selling Dharma dolls are set up in and around the compound of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-, 11:00-, 13:00-, 15:00- & 16:00- <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	Keio Line to Takahata-Fudo Sta., and then walk 5 min. 京王線高幡不動駅より徒歩5分	http://www.takahatafudosen.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Nakano-ku 中野区	Hosen-ji Temple, Meitoku Inari-jinja Shrine and others 宝仙寺、明徳稲荷神社ほか	Setsubun-e Saitodaigomaku 節分会柴燈大護摩供	<p>Summary: Procession of monk soldiers. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 15:30- Procession of 100 monks and parishioners attired in monk soldier costumes from Meitoku Inari-jinja Shrine to Hosen-ji Temple 16:30- <i>Mamemaki</i> in the compound of the temple</p>	Hosen-ji Temple : Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Nakano-Sakaue Sta. (M06, E30), and then walk 5 min. 宝仙寺 : 東京メトロ丸ノ内線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線中野坂上駅より徒歩5分	http://www.hosen.or.jp/news/200106.html
Tokyo 東京	2/8 ~ 3/1	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: ●2/8,15,22 & 29 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (7 times in a day) ●2/11 13:30- <i>Koto</i> performance ●2/15 & 22 12:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●2/23 10:00- <i>Matcha Nodate</i> (8 times in a day) ●3/1 10:00- <i>Sencha Nodate</i> (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/

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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: Ume (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. Taiko 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: ●2/8,9,11,15,16,22,23,24 & 29 12:00- Various entertainments 15:00- Taiko performance ●2/11 & 24 11:00-,13:00- & 14:00- <i>Satsuma-Biwa</i> (Japanese lute) ●2/16 & 23 10:00- <i>Nodate</i> ●2/22 11:00-,13:00- & 14:00- <i>Koto & Shakuhachi</i> (Bamboo flute) ●2/23 13:00- 15:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> parade from Matsuzakaya Department store to the shrine ●2/29 16:30- <i>Iwami-Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music)</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/2020/index.htm
Tokyo 東京	2/8	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Hari-kuyo-e 針供養会	<p>Summary: <i>Hari-kuyo</i> memorial service for broken needles at the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00-</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/info/mont-hly.html#4
Tokyo 東京	2/9 & 2/21	Tokyo 東京都	Kita-ku 北区	Oji Inari-jinja Shrine 王子稲荷神社	Tako Ichi 凧市	<p>Summary: Kite Fair. Kites, regarded as a talisman for preventing fire, are sold at some stalls among many other open-air stalls, which are set up in the precincts and along the approach to the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/9 & 2/21 10:00-18:00</p>	JR Keihin Tohoku Line or Tokyo Metro Namboku Line to Oji Sta. (N16), and then walk 10 min.	JR京浜東北線又は東京メトロ南北線王子駅より徒歩10分	http://www.kanko.city.kita.tokyo.jp/event/593-2/
Tokyo 東京	2/9	Tokyo 東京都	Sumida-ku 墨田区	Ryogoku Kokugikan 両国国技館	Nihon O-Zumo Tournament 日本大相撲トーナメント	<p>Summary: Grand Sumo Tournament. Tickets range from 1,500JPY to 14,800JPY. The advance tickets are sold at Ticket Pia, CN playguide, convenience stores and others. If advanced tickets are sold out, same-day tickets will be unavailable. For further information, please call Nihon O-Zumo Tournament Jimukyoku (in Japanese only) at 03-5530-2052 (weekdays: 10:00-18:00).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00-17:30</p>	(1) JR Sobu Line to Ryogoku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 2 min. (2) Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ryogoku Sta. (E12)(Exit A3), and then walk 5 min.	(1) JR総武線両国駅(西口)より徒歩2分 (2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅(A3出口)より徒歩5分	http://www.grandsumo.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	2/11	Tokyo 東京都	Itabashi-ku 板橋区	Tokumaru Kitano-jinja Shrine 徳丸北野神社	Ta-asobi 田遊び	Summary: Rice field work pantomime to pray for a rich harvest of the year, designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. People in traditional attire pantomime the process of rice cultivation on the plank stage representing a paddy field. Schedule & Key events: 18:00 -	(1) Tobu Tojo Line to Tobu Nerima Sta., and then walk 20 min. (2) Toei Mita Subway Line to Takashimadaira Sta.(I25), and then walk 20 min.	(1) 東武東上線東武練馬駅より徒歩20分 (2) 都営地下鉄三田線高島平駅より徒歩20分	https://tokumarutenjin-kitanojinja.jimdofree.com/田遊び神事について/
Tokyo 東京	2/11	Tokyo 東京都	Sumida-ku 墨田区	Ryogoku Kokugikan 両国国技館	NHK Fukushi O-Zumo NHK福祉大相撲	Summary: <i>Sumo</i> for charity. Some matches as well as demonstrations of wrestling styles and some comical sumo bouts for entertainment are featured. Tickets range from 2,600JPY to 8,700JPY. The advance tickets are sold at Ticket Pia and convenience stores. For further information, please call Hello Dial (in English) at 03-5777-8600 (8:00-22:00). The venue is open at 12:10. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-17:30	(1) JR Sobu Line to Ryogoku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 2 min. (2) Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ryogoku Sta. (E12)(Exit A3), and then walk 5 min.	(1) JR総武線両国駅(西口)より徒歩2分 (2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅(A3出口)より徒歩5分	http://www.sumo.or.jp/Iroha/KyokaiInformation/detail?id=333
Tokyo 東京	2/11	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区、 Minato-ku 港区	Meiji Jingu-Gaien, Meiji-jingu Shrine and others 明治神宮外苑、 明治神宮ほか	Kenkoku Kinen-no-hi Hoshuku Parade 建国記念の日奉祝パレード	Summary: Celebration on National Foundation Day. The parade of a brass band and cars decorated with flowers starts from Jingu-Gaien Ichō Namiki Street, proceeding along Aoyama-dori Street and Omote-Sando Street where <i>Mikoshi</i> join the parade, and then reaches Meiji-jingu Shrine. Schedule & Key events: 9:40-12:30	(1) Meiji Jingu-Gaien : Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hanzomon Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Aoyama-Itchome Sta. (G04, Z03, E24) (Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Meiji-jingu Shrine : JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta.(Omote-sando Exit), or Tokyo Metro Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C03, F15)(Exit 2), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 明治神宮外苑 : 東京メトロ銀座線又は半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線青山一丁目駅(1番出口)より徒歩5分 (2) 明治神宮 : JR山手線原宿駅(表参道口)又は東京メトロ千代田線又は副都心線明治神宮前駅(2番出口)より徒歩5分	http://kenkoku.web.fc2.com/index.htm
Tokyo 東京	2/13	Tokyo 東京都	Itabashi-ku 板橋区	Akatsuka Suwa-jinja Shrine 赤塚諏訪神社	Ta-asobi 田遊び	Summary: Rice field work pantomime to pray for a rich harvest of the year, designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Shishimai</i> lion dance and <i>Tengumai</i> dance by men with long red-nosed masks are performed after <i>Mikoshi</i> is carried onto the ground in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 19:00 - 21:00	Toei Mita Subway Line to Shin-Takashimadaira Sta. (I26), and then walk 15 min.	都営地下鉄三田線新高島平駅より徒歩15分	http://www.city.itabashi.tokyo.jp/c_kurashi/003/003809.html

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Tokyo 東京	2/16	Tokyo 東京都	Ome 青梅市	Higashi Ome 4- chome area and others 東青梅4丁目ほか	Ome Marathon 青梅マラソン	Summary: Marathon, with 19,000 runners participated, from Higashi Ome 4-chome area. Schedule & Key events: 9:30- 10:50 Marathon for the 10-km race 11:30- 15:30 Marathon for the 30-km race	JR Ome Line to Kabe Sta. or Higashi Ome Sta. JR青梅線河辺駅又は東青梅駅下車	http://www.ome-marathon.jp

Kanto 関東	1/25 ~ 2/8	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Chinatown 横浜中華街	2020 Shunsetsu 春節	Summary: Chinese New Year's Day, 1/25, according to the lunar calendar. Various events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●2/1 & 2/2 13:00- 17:00 Many Chinese performing arts demonstration in Yamashitacho Park ●2/8 13:00-19:00 Lantern festival in Yamashitacho Park	(1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta., and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Ishikawacho Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東急東横線又は横浜みなとみ らい線元町・中華街駅より徒歩1分 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線石 川町駅(北口)より徒歩5分	https://www.chinatown.or.jp/event/celebration/shunsetsu2020/
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Kanto 関東	2/1 ~ 3/1	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	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. Many events are scheduled on every Saturday and Sunday during the festival period. If it rains, performing arts at Bessho site will be cancelled, and <i>Yabusame</i> (Horseback Archery) will be postponed until 2/16. Schedule & Key events: ●2/8 & 16 11:00- Folk dance at Bessho site ●2/8 13:00- <i>Koto & Shakuhachi</i> (Bamboo flute) performance at Nakagawara site ●2/9, 16 & 23 13:30- & 15:00- <i>Kotobuki-Shishimai</i> (Lion dance) at Bessho site ●2/11 13:00- <i>Yabusame</i> at Hara Garden in Soga Bairin	(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.	(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	http://www.city.odawara.kanagawa.jp/kankou/event/FEB/umematuri-teirei.html
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Kanto 関東	2/1 ~ 3/8	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yugawara- machi 湯河原町	Makuyama Park 幕山公園	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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2/1 & 29 12:00- <i>Geigi-no-Mai</i> (classical Japanese dance performed by professional female entertainers) ● 2/15 13:30- & 15:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ● 2/16 13:00- <i>Minyo</i> (Japanese folk song) & <i>Tsugaru Shamisen</i> (banjo-like instrument) ● 2/22 - 3/1 18:00-20:30 Flowers are lit up ● 2/23 13:30- <i>Kyogen</i> (Japanese traditional comic drama) 	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幕山公園下車	http://www.town.yugawara.kanagawa.jp/kankou/event/ume-top.html
Kanto 関東	2/2 ~ 2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Hakone- machi 箱根町	Hakone-jinja Shrine, Lake Ashinoko and others 箱根神社、 芦ノ湖ほか	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony, featuring a ceremonial fireworks and a procession including people attired in court costumes of the <i>Heian</i> period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2/2 19:30- 19:50 Fireworks display at Lake Ashinoko ● 2/3 11:00- 11:30 Procession from <i>Ichi-no-Torii</i> Gate to the shrine 12:00- <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons) and <i>Mamemaki</i> in the shrine 	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta. From there, take bus to Moto-Hakone Bus Stop (1 hour), and then walk 10 min.	JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅よりバスで1時間元箱根下車、徒歩10分	http://www.hakone-ashinoko.net/special_page008.html
Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Hase-dera Temple 長谷寺	Setsubun-e 節分会	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. As the number of visitors is limited, it might be better to come to the temple early. Admission is 400JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:00- <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. From there, take Enoshima Dentetsu (Enoden) Line to Hase Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より江ノ島電鉄線(江ノ電)で長谷駅下車、徒歩5分	https://www.hasedera.jp/2020/01/8095

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Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kawasaki 川崎市	Kawasaki Daishi Temple 川崎大師	Setsubun-e 節分会	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:30-, 14:00- & 16:30- <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	Keiyou 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://kawasa-kidaishi.com/event/setsubune.html
Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Soji-ji Temple 総持寺	Setsubun-e 節分会	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. As the number of visitors is limited, it might be better to come to the temple early. The gate will open at 10:00 for this event.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 12:00- Rites pray and <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	(1) JR Keihin Tohoku Line to Tsurumi Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 7 min. (2) Keiyou Line to Keiyou Tsurumi Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京浜東北線鶴見駅(西口)より徒歩7分 (2) 京急線京急鶴見駅より徒歩10分	http://www.sojiji.jp/index.html
Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted. As the number of visitors is limited, numbered tickets are distributed in the precincts of the shrine from 12:00.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Rites pray and <i>Mamemaki</i></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.hachimangu.or.jp/news/
Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Kamakura-gu Shrine 鎌倉宮	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	<p>Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted after <i>Oni-yarai</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 15:20- <i>Oni-yarai</i> and <i>Mamemaki</i></p>	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 30 min. or take Keiyou bus (for Daitonomiya) to Daitonomiya Bus Stop	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅(東口)より徒歩30分又は京急バス(大塔宮行)で大塔宮下車	http://www.kamakuraguu.jp/schedule.html

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Kanto 関東	2/3	Chiba 千葉県	Narita 成田市	Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple 成田山新勝寺	Tokubetsu Tsuina Mamemaki-shiki 特別追儺豆まき式	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks, famous figures such as sumo wrestlers - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-, 13:30- & 16:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) JR Sobu Honsen Line Rapid Train (for Narita Airport) to Narita Sta., and then 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/gyoji/setsubun-e/
Kanto 関東	2/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Chichibu 秩父市	Chichibu-jinja Shrine 秩父神社	Setubun Tsuina-sai 節分追儺祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted after <i>Oni-yarai</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons). <i>Fukujin-mai</i> (Shinto dance with music) is performed in Kagura-den Hall. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-15:00 <i>Oniyarai</i> , <i>Mamemaki</i> and <i>Fukujin-mai</i> 18:30- <i>Sumo</i> match by towns people 19:30- <i>Oni-yarai</i> , <i>Mamemaki</i> and <i>Fukujin-mai</i>	(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Chichibu Sta., and then walk 3 min. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で秩父駅下車、徒歩3分 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩15分	https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/p_festival/1002/
Kanto 関東	2/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Kawagoe 川越市	Kawagoe Daishi Temple 川越大師	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 12:45- Procession of beans thrower to the main hall 13:00- Fire Rites pray 13:20- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoe-shi Sta., and then walk 18 min. (3) JR Kawagoe Line to Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) 西武新宿線本川越駅より徒歩15分 (2) 東武東上線川越市駅より徒歩18分 (3) JR川越線川越駅より徒歩20分	http://www.kawagoe.com/kitain/information/annual-events/0203.html
Kanto 関東	2/3	Tochigi 栃木県	Ashikaga 足利市	Banna-ji Temple, Orihime Kominkan and others 鏝阿寺、 織姫公民館ほか	Setsubun Yoroi Toshikoshi 節分鎧年越	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> , featuring <i>Yoroi-gyoretsu</i> , a procession of about 200 people clad in armored warriors along O-dori Ave. from Orihime Kominkan Public Hall to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 18:30-19:30 <i>Yoroi-gyoretsu</i> 19:30-20:00 <i>Mamemaki</i>	Banna-ji Temple: (1) JR Ryomo Line to Ashikaga Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 7 min. (2) Tobu Isesaki Line to Ashikaga-shi Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 10 min.	鏝阿寺: (1) JR両毛線足利駅(北口)より徒歩7分 (2) 東武伊勢崎線足利市駅(北口)より徒歩10分	https://www.ashikagayoroigyouretu.jp/

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Kanto 関東	2/8 ~ 3/1	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Sankei-en Kanbai-kai 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 ●2/8,9,11,15,16,22,23 & 29 10:30-15:30 Monkey Show ●3/1 11:00-12:00 & 13:30-14:30 <i>Ohayashi</i> (Festival music)</p>	<p>(1) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Negishi Sta. From there, 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 there, 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)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/1173/</p>
Kanto 関東	2/15 ~ 3/29	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 3,000 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 performances and <i>Hina-nagashi</i> (floating paper dolls down on a stream). Admission to Kairaku-en is 300JPY, and to Kodo-kan is 400JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●2/15-3/22 Sunset-19:00 Flowers and trees are lit up at Kairaku-en ●2/22 10:00-11:30 <i>Budo-enbu</i> (Japanese martial arts performance) at Kodo-kan 13:00-14:00 <i>Bojutsu</i> (performance with Cudgels) at Kodo-kan ●2/23 11:00-12:00 <i>Hina-nagashi</i> at Kairaku-en ●2/15, 22 & 23 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> at Kairaku-en</p>	<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). From there, 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>	<p>http://www.mitokoumon.com/festival/ume.html</p>
Kanto 関東	2/25	Chiba 千葉県	Yotsukaido 四街道市	Warabigaoka Park, Mimusubi-jinja Shrine 和良比ヶ丘公園、 皇産霊神社	Warabi Hadaka Matsuri 和良比はだか祭り	<p>Summary: Hadaka Matsuri, literally "naked festival", which is a traditional event of Mimusubi-jinja Shrine. Local young men in loincloth holding infants in their arms step into the sacred muddy rice paddy and put a pinch of mud on their infants' faces. It is believed to protect babies from harm. And then, the young men play cavalry battles in the muddy rice paddy in prayer for a good harvest of the year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00-15:00</p>	<p>JR Sobu Honsen Line to Yotsukaido Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 15 min.</p>	<p>JR総武本線四街道駅(南口)より徒歩15分</p>	<p>https://www.city.yotsukaido.chiba.jp/miryoku/smile/kanko/matsuri_geino/ysangyowarabihadaka.html</p>