

Calendar of Events September 2022



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Glossary :

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| <i>Bugaku</i> | Ancient court dance with music |
| <i>Kagura</i> | Shinto dance with music |
| <i>Matsuri</i> | Festival, Event |
| <i>Mikoshi</i> | Portable shrine |
| <i>Noh</i> | Traditional masked drama |
| <i>Otabisho</i> | Portable shrine resting place |
| <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

Tsukimi 月見

Tsukimi, moon viewing parties are held on the evenings when there is a full harvest moon in September. People set up a table with Susuki - pampas grass, Sake, Tsukimi-dango - rice dumplings and assorted seasonal fruits and vegetables as offerings to the moon and appreciate the beauty of the moon.

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.

The following events are still to be confirmed. (as of Aug.28) Please check the latest information in advance.

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| Tohoku 東北 | 9/3 | Fukushima 福島県 | Hinoemata -mura 檜枝岐村 | Chinju-jinja Shrine 鎮守神社 | Hinoemata Kabuki-no Yube 檜枝岐歌舞伎の夕べ | Summary: One-night performance of local <i>Kabuki</i> (traditional play by male actors) in the precincts of the shrine, handed down for generations in a rustic village called Hinoemata. Admission is 1,000JPY. The guests of local accommodations in the village on the night are invited for free admission. Schedule & Key events: 19:00- | From Tobu Asakusa Sta., take Tobu Isesaki Line to Aizukogen-ozeguchi Sta. via Yagan Railway Aizu-Kinugawa Line. From there, take bus to Hinoemata-chuo Bus Stop (70 min.) | 東武浅草駅より東武伊勢崎線で野岩鉄道会津鬼怒川線經由会津高原尾瀬口駅下車、バスで70分檜枝岐中央下車 http://www.ozinfo.jp/history/ |

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| Tohoku 東北 | 9/10 ~ 9/11 | Iwate 岩手県 | Hanamaki 花巻市 | Hanamaki 花巻市 | Hanamaki Matsuri 花巻まつり | <p>Summary: Festival with over a 400-year history, featuring various parades of beautifully bedecked floats and <i>Shishi Odori</i> (people wearing deer head's hoods and dancing with drums, native to Iwate Pref.). The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <p>● 9/10 16:10-17:30 <i>Gongen-mai Kagura</i> performance 17:40-18:40 Parade of floats</p> <p>● 9/11 16:00-17:00 <i>Hanamaki-Bayashi</i> dancing 17:00-18:00 Parade of floats 18:00-19:00 <i>Shishi Odori</i></p> | JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hanamaki Sta. From there, (1) take bus to Hanamaki Ekimae Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) take JR Kamaishi Line to Hanamaki Sta., and then walk 10 min. | JR東北新幹線新花巻駅より (1) バスで20分花巻駅前下車、徒歩10分 (2) JR釜石線で花巻駅下車、徒歩10分 | https://www.city.hanamaki.iwate.jp/kanko/oshirase/1016769.html |
| Tohoku 東北 | 9/14 ~ 9/16 | Iwate 岩手県 | Morioka 盛岡市 | Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 盛岡八幡宮ほか | Morioka Hachiman-gu Reisai & Morioka Aki Matsuri Dashi 盛岡八幡宮例祭と盛岡秋まつり山車 | <p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine featuring gorgeous <i>Dashi</i> (floats) parading in the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <p>● 9/14 9:00- 16:00 Parade of floats 13:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i></p> <p>● 9/16 13:00- <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) in the precincts of the shrine</p> | Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine : JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, take bus (for Chabatake) to Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop (15 min.) | 盛岡八幡宮 : JR東北新幹線盛岡駅よりバス茶畑行で15分八幡宮前下車 | https://www.odette.or.jp/?p=829 |
| Tohoku 東北 | 9/17 ~ 9/18 | Iwate 岩手県 | Tono 遠野市 | Tonogo Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 遠野郷八幡宮ほか | Nihon-no- Furusato Tono Matsuri 日本のふるさと遠野まつり | <p>Summary: Festival coinciding with an annual festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of local performing arts all native to the Tohoku region such as <i>Shishi-odori</i> (deer dance), <i>Kagura</i> , <i>Taiko</i> and folk dancing held by about 60 grouped people.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <p>● 9/17 12:00-15:30 Parade of local performing arts on the city's main street 15:45-16:15 Parade of <i>Shishi-odori</i> (deer dance) on the city's main street</p> <p>● 9/18 12:00-13:00 <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) on the grounds of the shrine 13:00-16:30 <i>Baba-meguri</i> (local performing arts) demonstration at Kaguraden in the shrine</p> | JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hanamaki Sta. From there, take JR Kamaishi Line to Tono Sta. | JR東北新幹線新花巻駅よりJR釜石線で遠野駅下車 | https://tonomatsuri.com/ |
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| Tohoku 東北 | 9/17 ~ 9/19 | Yamagata 山形県 | Kahoku-cho 河北町 | Yachi Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 谷地八幡宮ほか | Yachi Donga Matsuri 谷地どんが祭り | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, featuring <i>Bugaku</i> with a 1,100-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/17 <i>Bugaku</i> performance ●9/18 <i>Bugaku</i> performance</p> | JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Sakurambo-Higashine Sta. From there, take taxi (15min.) | JR山形新幹線さくらんぼ東根駅よりタクシーで15分 | https://www.benibananosato.jp/guide/event/donga-festival/ |
| Tohoku 東北 | 9/22 ~ 9/24 | Fukushima 福島県 | Aizu-Wakamatsu 会津若松市 | Shinmei-dori Street, Tsuruga Castle and others 神明通り、鶴ヶ城ほか | Aizu Matsuri 会津まつり | <p>Summary: Festival of the area. The highlight of this festival is <i>Aizu-han-ko Gyoretsu</i> (a procession in honor of a feudal lord of the Aizu domain and his 500 armored warriors). Some more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/22 19:00-20:30 Procession of townspeople folk dancing on Shinmei-dori Street ●9/23 10:30- <i>Aizu-han-ko Gyoretsu</i> from Tsuruga Castle, through the city 19:00-20:30 Procession of townspeople folk dancing on Shinmei-dori Street ●9/24 9:30-10:30 <i>Musha Gyoretsu</i> (warriors' processions) by children from Tsuruga Castle Gymnasium</p> | Tsuruga Castle : JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Koriyama Sta. From there, take JR Ban'etsu Saisen Line to Aizu-Wakamatsu Sta., and then take bus to Tsuruga-jo Iriguchi Bus Stop (15-20 min.), and then walk 5 min. | 鶴ヶ城 : JR東北新幹線郡山駅よりJR磐越西線で会津若松駅下車、バスで15～20分鶴ヶ城入口下車、徒歩5分 | https://www.aizukanko.com/k/festival/aizu-matsuri |
| Chubu 中部 | 5/11 ~ 10/15 | Gifu 岐阜県 | Gifu 岐阜市 | Nagara River 長良川 | Nagaragawa Ukai 長良川鵜飼 | <p>Summary: Cormorant fishing, an ancient method of catching <i>Ayu</i> (sweetfish or trout-like fish), handling trained cormorants. It will be held every day during the period except on the night of the full moon (9/12 this year) or when the water is excessively muddy. Fee is 3,200 JPY or 3,500 JPY without meal. For reservation, please call 058-262-0104 (Gifu City Ukai Kanransen Jimusho), or reserve through the website.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily (except 9/12) 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 (20 min.) | JR東海道本線岐阜駅よりバスで20分長良橋下車 | https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/ |

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| Chubu 中部 | 6/1 ~ 10/15 | Aichi 愛知県 | Inuyama 犬山市 | Kiso River 木曽川 | Kisogawa Ukai 木曽川鵜飼 | <p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 3,000JPY without meal. There are also lunch cruise every Tue., Thu., Sat. and Sun. For reservation, please call 0568-61-2727 (Kisogawa Kanko) or reserve through the website.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/1-10/15 19:00-19:45 Lunch Cruise (every Tue., Thu., Sat. & Sun.) 13:00-13:50</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 | https://kisogawa-ukai.jp/ |
| Chubu 中部 | 7/9 ~ 9/3 | 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, one of the most popular folk dancing events joined by thousands of people in <i>Yukata</i> (cotton Kimono), to the accompaniment of festival music at several sites in the town.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/3 20:00-23:00</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.guiohachiman.com/kanko/ |
| Chubu 中部 | 9/10 ~ 9/11 | Aichi 愛知県 | Seto 瀬戸市 | Seto River and others 瀬戸川周辺ほか | Setomono Matsuri せともの祭 | <p>Summary: Ceramic Fair. About 150 open-air stalls are set up along the streets near Seto River in the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/10 9:00-18:00 Ceramic Fair 18:30-18:45 Fireworks display (In case of rain, it will be held from 18:00 to 18:15 on 9/11.) ●9/11 9:00-17:30 Ceramic Fair</p> | JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take (1) JR Chuo Honsen Line to Ozone Sta., and change to Meitetsu Seto Line to Owari-Seto Sta. (2) Higashiyama Subway Line to Sakae Sta., and then walk to Sakaemachi Sta., and change to Meitetsu Seto Line to Owari-Seto Sta. | JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より (1) JR中央本線で大曽根駅にて名鉄瀬戸線に乗り換え尾張瀬戸駅下車 (2) 地下鉄東山線で栄駅にて栄町駅まで歩き名鉄瀬戸線に乗り換え尾張瀬戸駅下車 | http://www.setomomatsuri.info/event/ |
| Chubu 中部 | 9/18 | Shizuoka 静岡県 | Shimada 島田市 | Obi-dori Street South Square おび通り南側広場 | Shimada Mage Matsuri 島田まげまつり | <p>Summary: Festival featuring a folk dacing of traditional Shimada coiffured women in <i>Yukata</i> (cotton Kimono). The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: daytime folk dance</p> | JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Shimada Sta., and then walk 5 min. | JR東海道本線島田駅より徒歩5分 | http://www.shimada-mage.jp/event/event_detail.php?id=5 |
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| Hokuriku 北陸 | 9/1 ~ 9/3 | Toyama 富山県 | Yatsuo-machi, Toyama 富山市 八尾町 | Yatsuo-machi, Toyama 富山市 八尾町 | Owara Kaze-no-Bon おわら風の盆 | <p>Summary: Festival featuring <i>Owara-machi-nagashi</i> , a parade of folk dancing to the tune of the music of <i>Shamisen</i> (three-stringed musical instruments), bamboo flutes and <i>Taiko</i> on the main streets in 11 old towns of the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/1 & 2 17:00-23:00 <i>Owara-machi-nagashi</i> ●9/3 19:00-23:00 <i>Owara-machi-nagashi</i></p> | JR Takayama Honsen Line to Etchu Yatsuo Sta. | JR高山本線越中八尾駅下車 | https://www.yatsuo.net/kaze-nobon |
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| Hokuriku 北陸 | 9/9 ~ 9/10 | Niigata 新潟県 | Ojiya 小千谷市 | Asahara-jinja Shrine 浅原神社 | Katakai Matsuri Asahara-jinja Shu-ki Reitaisai 片貝まつり 浅原神社 秋季例大祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. <i>Katakai Hanabi</i> (a spectacular fireworks display with a 400-year history) is held on the hill behind the shrine (15,000 fireworks in total, including the world's largest one).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 19:30-22:20 <i>Katakai Hanabi</i></p> | (1) JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Nagaoka Sta. From there, take bus (for Ojiya) to Katakai Ninocho Bus Stop (40 min.) (2) JR Joetsu Line to Ojiya Sta. From there, take bus (for Nagaoka) to Katakai Ninocho Bus Stop (20 min.) | (1) JR上越新幹線長岡駅より小千谷行バスで40分片貝二之町下車 (2) JR上越線小千谷駅より長岡行バスで20分片貝二之町下車 | https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/15092 |
| Hokuriku 北陸 | 9/17 ~ 9/18 | Fukui 福井県 | Obama 小浜市 | Hachiman-jinja Shrine and others 八幡神社ほか | Hoze Matsuri 放生祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> , <i>Shishi-mai</i> (lion dance), <i>Taiko</i> , <i>Kagura</i> and beautifully decorated floats.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily daytime Parade on the main street in the city ●9/18 13:00- All are gathered around Obamashi-machinoeki Town Station</p> | JR Obama Line to Obama Sta., and then walk 10-15 min. | JR小浜線小浜駅より徒歩10～15分 | https://hoze-matsuri.jp/ |
| Hokuriku 北陸 | 9/18 | Toyama 富山県 | Johana, Nanto 南砺市 城端 | Zentoku-ji Temple, Johana Dento Geino Kaikan "Johana-za" Hall and others 城端別院善徳寺、城端伝統芸能会館「じょうはな座」ほか | Johana Mugiya Matsuri 城端むぎや祭 | <p>Summary: Festival featuring <i>Mugiya-odori</i> (Japanese folk dancing native to the Nanto district). The <i>Mugiya-odori</i> dancing show is also staged at Johana Dento Geino Kaikan, "Johana-za" Hall. Admission to "Johana-za" Hall will be required. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: afternoon <i>Mugiya-odori</i> at Zentoku-ji Temple, "Johana-za" Hall and on Nishi-machi-dori Street</p> | JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Takaoka Sta. From there, take JR Johana Line to Johana Sta., and then (1) Zentoku-ji Temple: walk 10 min. (2) "Johana-za" Hall: walk 15 min. | JR北陸新幹線新高岡駅よりJR城端線で城端駅下車 (1) 善徳寺: 徒歩10分 (2) 「じょうはな座」: 徒歩15分 | https://www.tabi-nanto.jp/archives/2315 |
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| Hokuriku 北陸 | 9/23 ~ 9/24 | Ishikawa 石川県 | Kaga 加賀市 | Yamanaka Onsen 山中温泉 | Koi-koi Matsuri こいこい祭 | <p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of <i>O-shishi Mikoshi</i> (portable shrine shaped like a huge lion head carried by town's people) and <i>Geisha</i> (professional female entertainers), and <i>Yamanaka-bushi-wa-odori</i> dancing parade by people in festival attire to the sound of <i>Shamisen</i> (three-stringed musical instruments), flutes and drums on the main street.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-21:00</p> | JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa Sta. From there, take JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Kaga Onsen Sta. and then take bus to Yamanaka Onsen Bus Stop (35 min.) | JR北陸新幹線金沢駅よりJR北陸本線で加賀温泉駅下車、バスで35分山中温泉下車 | https://www.taibimati.net/event/detail/357.html |
| Kinki 近畿 | 7/1 ~ 9/30 | Kyoto 京都府 | Uji 宇治 | Uji River 宇治川 | Ujigawa Ukai 宇治川鵜飼 | <p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 2,000JPY (child 1,000JPY) without meal. Tickets are put on sale on the day from 17:00. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●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 | https://www.kyoto-ujikankou.or.jp/ukai.html |
| Kinki 近畿 | 7/2 ~ 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 嵐山鵜飼 | <p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 2,300JPY without meal. Tickets are put on sale on the day from 18:00. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/1-9/23 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 10 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10分 (3) JR嵯峨野線嵯峨嵐山駅より徒歩15分 | https://arashiyama-yakatabune.com/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | 9/10 ~ 9/12 | Kyoto 京都府 | Ukyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 右京区 | Daikaku-ji Temple 大覚寺 | Kangetsu-no Yube 観月の夕べ | <p>Summary: Moon-viewing Party. Admission to the precincts is 500JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 17:30-21:00 (entry up to 20:30)</p> | From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 28 to Daikaku-ji Bus Stop (1 hr.) | JR京都駅より市バスNo. 28で1時間大覚寺下車 | https://www.daikakuji.or.jp/event/season-autumn/ |

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| Kinki 近畿 | 9/17 ~ 9/18 | Osaka 大阪府 | Kishiwada 岸和田市 | Kishiwada 岸和田市 | Danjiri Matsuri だんじり祭 | <p>Summary: Festival known as one of the most powerful and exciting festivals in Japan. Men wearing happi coats pull over 30 beautifully-bedecked floats on the city's main streets.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/17 6:00-22:00 Parade of floats ●9/18 9:00-22:00 Parade of floats</p> | Nankai Honsen Line to Kishiwada Sta. | 南海本線岸和田駅下車 | https://www.city.kishiwada.osaka.jp/site/danjiri/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | 9/19 | Kyoto 京都府 | Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 左京区 | Heian-jingu Shrine Shin-en 平安神宮 神苑 | Heian-jingu Shin-en Muryo Kokai 平安神宮神苑 無料公開 | <p>Summary: Opening Shin-en (the sacred garden) at the shrine to the public for free of charge. Japanese bush clovers are usually in full bloom in September.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 8:30-16:30</p> | (1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 5 or 100 to Okazaki-koen・Bijutsukan・Heianjingu-mae Bus Stop (30 min.), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tozai Subway Line to Higashiyama Sta., and then walk 10 min. | (1) JR京都駅より市バスNo. 5又は100で30分、岡崎公園・美術館・平安神宮前下車、徒歩5分 (2) 地下鉄東西線東山駅より徒歩10分 | https://ia.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4826 |
| Kinki 近畿 | 9/22 ~ 9/23 | Kyoto 京都府 | Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区 | Seimei-jinja Shrine and others 晴明神社ほか | Seimei-sai 晴明祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Main event of the festival is <i>Shinko-sai</i> (a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> led by a traditional boys' drums and fifes band, the carriages of the halberds, girls in beautiful attire, and decorated horses), proceeding on the main streets in the neighborhood of the shrine. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/22 19:00- <i>Kagura</i> and a lantern parade of children ●9/23 13:00- <i>Shinko-sai</i> (<i>Mikoshi</i> parade)</p> | From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 9 to Ichijo-Modoribashi Seimei Jinja-mae Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 2 min. | JR京都駅より市バスNo. 9で20分— 条戻橋・清明神社前下車、徒歩2分 | https://www.seimeijin.jp/archives/12463 |

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| Kinki 近畿 | 9/22 ~ 9/24 | Mie 三重県 | Ise 伊勢市 | Ise-jingu Shrine - Naiku, Sanshuden Hall and others 伊勢神宮(内宮)、 参集殿ほか | Jingu Aki-no- Kagura-sai 神宮秋の神楽祭 | <p>Summary: Autumn Festival at the shrine. If it rains, <i>Jingu Bugaku</i> will be performed in the Sanshuden Hall only once from 11:00 on the day. Various Japanese traditional performing arts are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 11:00- & 14:00- <i>Jingu Bugaku</i> on the makeshift stage in Shin-en of Naiku</p> | JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take (1) Kintetsu Yamada Line to Ujiyamada Sta., and take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (10 min.) (2) JR Rapid Train "Mie" to Ise-shi Sta., and take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (15 min.) | JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より (1) 近鉄山田線で宇治山田駅下車、バスで10分内宮前下車 (2) JR快速"みえ"で伊勢市駅下車、バスで15分内宮前下車 | https://www.isejingu.or.jp/ritual/annual/kagurasai.html |
| Kinki 近畿 | 9/23 ~ 9/25 | Kyoto 京都府 | Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区 | Nashinoki-jinja Shrine 梨木神社 | Hagi Matsuri 萩まつり | <p>Summary: Japanese bush clover Festival. Bush clovers are beautifully planted all over the precincts of the shrine. Several Japanese traditional performances are scheduled. Fee for tea ceremony is 800JPY or 1,500JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00-15:00 <i>Chakai</i> (tea ceremony)</p> | From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4, 17 or 205 to Furitsu Idai Byoin-mae Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 3 min. | JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4、17又は205で20分府立医大病院前下車、徒歩3分 | https://www.nashinoki.jp/ |
| Chugoku 中国 | 9/4 | Shimane 島根県 | Okinoshima-cho 隠岐の島町 | Sayama Ushitsukijo 佐山牛突き場 | Hassaku Ushi-zuki Taikai 八朔牛突き大会 | <p>Summary: Bull Fighting Event. This is the biggest event of the year on Okinoshima island. It's thrilling to see the huge bulls violently butt against each other. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Bull fighting</p> | JR San'in Honsen Line to Matsue Sta. or Yonago Sta. From there, take bus to Shichirui Port or Sakai-Minato Port (40 min.), and change to ferry (2 hrs. 30 min.) or hydrofoil (1hr.) to Saigo Port, and then take taxi (40 min) | JR山陰本線松江駅又は米子駅よりバスで40分七類港又は境港下車、フェリーに乗り換え2時間30分又は高速船に乗り換え1時間西郷港下船、タクシーで40分 | https://okinoshima-dougo.info/index.html |

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| Kyushu 九州 | 9/13 ~ 9/19 | Kumamoto 熊本県 | Kumamoto 熊本市 | Fujisaki Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 藤崎八幡宮ほか | Fujisaki Hachiman-gu Reitaisai 藤崎八幡宮例大祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Kazari-uma-kazari-oroshi</i> (the purification ceremony of about 19 adorned horses being assembled at the shrine) and <i>Shinko-sai</i>, a long procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> followed by priests, <i>Shishi-Kazari</i> dancers with lion-head hoods, <i>Zuibyo</i> (thousands of armored warriors) and about 19 <i>Kazari-uma</i> (horses adorned with ornaments). More events are held during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/13 11:00- <i>Shishi-kazari-oroshi</i> (lion dance) at the shrine 15:00- <i>Kagura</i> performance at the shrine ●9/16 10:00-14:00 <i>Kazari-uma-kazari-oroshi</i> at the shrine ●9/18 6:00- <i>Shinko-sai</i> procession from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> 9:00- <i>Noh</i> performance at <i>Otabisho</i> 13:30-15:30 <i>Shinko-sai</i> procession back to the shrine</p> | JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Kumamoto Sta. From there, (1) take bus to Fujisakigu-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. (2) take streetcar to Suidocho, and then walk 15 min. | JR九州新幹線熊本駅より (1) バスで藤崎宮前下車、徒歩5分 (2) 市電で水道町下車、徒歩15分 | https://www.fujisakigu.or.jp/reitai/nittei.html |
| Okinawa 沖縄 | 9/4 | Okinawa 沖縄県 | Tomigusuku-shi 豊見城市 | Senaga-jima Sunset Park 瀬長島サンセットパーク | Seinen Furusato Ei-sah Matsuri 青年ふるさとエイサーまつり | <p>Summary: Festival of Local performing arts featuring <i>Ei-sah</i>, local folk dancing with drumming by groups of young people.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 16:00-21:00</p> | From Naha Airport, take Umikaji Liner bus to Senagajima Hotel Umikaji Terrace Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min. | 那覇空港よりウミカジライナーバスで瀬長島ホテルウミカジェラス下車、徒歩3分 | https://www.furusatoeisa.com/ |
| Okinawa 沖縄 | 9/10 | Okinawa 沖縄県 | Itoman 糸満市 | Prefectural Road No. 256 (former National Road No. 331) between Itoman Rotary and Hakugindo 糸満ロータリー・白銀堂間の県道256号線 (旧国道331号線) | Itoman Otsuna-hiki Gyoji 糸満大綱引き行事 | <p>Summary: <i>Otsuna-hiki</i> (tug of war) is the main event, using a rope of about 180 meters in length, 1.5 meters in diameter and 10 tons in weight. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 14:00-18:00</p> | From Naha Airport, take Yui Rail (monorail) to Akamine Sta., and then take bus No.89 to Hakugindo-mae Bus Stop (20 min.) | 那覇空港よりゆいレールで赤嶺駅下車、バスNo.89で20分白銀堂前下車 | https://www.okinawastory.jp/event/600009343 |

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| Hokuriku 北陸 | - | Fukui 福井県 | Tsuruga 敦賀市 | Kehi-jingu Shrine and others 氣比神宮ほか | Tsuruga Matsuri 敦賀まつり | Summary: This festival takes place simultaneously with an annual festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Go-horen Junko</i> , a procession of a sacred palanquin and Shinto priests in traditional costumes on horsebacks. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | Kehi-jingu Shrine: JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Tsuruga Sta. From there, walk 15 min. or take bus to Kehijingu-mae Bus Stop (5min.) | 氣比神宮: JR北陸本線敦賀駅より徒歩15分又はバスで5分氣比神宮前下車 | https://tsurugamatsuri.info/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | - | Mie 三重県 | Daio-cho, Shima 志摩市 大王町 | Nakiri-jinja Shrine, Nakiri Port and others 波切神社、 波切漁港ほか | Waraji Matsuri わらじ祭り | Summary: Festival of a Japanese traditional straw-made sandal, " <i>Waraji</i> ". Four young men in traditional festival costumes carry huge <i>Waraji</i> , and after the ceremony of purification, <i>Waraji</i> is thrown into the sea to pray for the fishermen's safety at sea. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | JR Sangu Line to Toba Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Shima Line to Ugata Sta., and take Mie Kotsu Bus (for Gozako) to Nakiri Shogakko Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 10 min. | JR参宮線鳥羽駅より近鉄志摩線で鵜方駅下車、三重交通バス御座港行で20分波切小学校下車、徒歩10分 | https://www.kankomie.or.jp/event/detail_35099.html |
| Kinki 近畿 | - | Nara 奈良県 | Nara 奈良市 | JR Nara Sta., Sarusawa Pond and others JR奈良駅、 猿沢池ほか | Uneme Matsuri (Hanaogi Hono Gyoretsu) 采女まつり (花扇奉納行列) | Summary: Annual Festival held on the night of the mid-autumn full moon (<i>Chushu-no-meigetsu</i>). The highlight of this festival is a procession of people drawing <i>Hanaguruma</i> (carriages with a big fan decorated with flowers) with Miss Uneme Beauty Queens sitting inside, and a group of children in fancy attire. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | (1) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 5 min. | (1) JR奈良線奈良駅より徒歩15分 (2) 近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より徒歩5分 | https://narashikanko.or.jp/event/unemematsuri/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | - | Kyoto 京都府 | Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市 東山区 | Yasui Konpira-gu Shrine and others 安井金比羅宮ほか | Kushi Matsuri (Jidai Fuzoku Gyoretsu) 櫛祭 (時代風俗行列) | Summary: Comb Festival featuring a colorful parade of about 45 women having their hair done in various coiffures representing each era from ancient times to the present day and in clothes reflecting those eras. If it rains, the parade will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 to Higashiyama Yasui Bus Stop, and then walk 1 min. | JR京都駅より市バスNo. 206で東山安井下車、徒歩1分 | http://www.yasui-konpiragu.or.jp/ |

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Glossary :

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

Tsukimi 月見

Tsukimi, moon viewing parties are held on the evenings when there is a full harvest moon in September. People set up a table with Susuki - pampas grass, Sake, Tsukimi-dango - rice dumplings and assorted seasonal fruits and vegetables as offerings to the moon and appreciate the beauty of the moon.

The following events are still to be confirmed. (as of Aug.28) Please check the latest information in advance.

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| Tokyo 東京 | 9/9 ~ 9/11 | Tokyo 東京都 | Heiwajima, Ota-ku 太田区 平和島 | Tokyo Ryutsu Center Building 東京流通センタービル | Heiwajima Kotto Matsuri 平和島骨董まつり | Summary: The oldest Antique Fair. Admission is free. Please enter an hour before the closing time on 9/11. Schedule & Key events: ●9/9 & 10 10:00-17:00 ●9/11 10:00-16:00 | Tokyo Monorail Line to Ryutsu Center Sta., and then walk 1 min. | 東京モノレール流通センター駅より徒歩1分 | https://kottouichi.com/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 9/10 ~ 9/11 | Tokyo 東京都 | Musashino 武蔵野市 | Musashino Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 武蔵野八幡宮ほか | Kichijoji Aki Matsuri 吉祥寺秋まつり | Summary: Autumn Festival of the area. Musashino Hachiman-gu Shrine's <i>Mikoshi</i> and other town's <i>Mikoshi</i> are carried on the main streets of the town. The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: ●9/10 11:00-17:10 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> ●9/11 12:30-17:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> | JR Chuo Line or Keio Inokashira Line to Kichijoji Sta. | JR中央線又は京王井の頭線吉祥寺駅下車 | https://kichijojime/column/for-tune/autumn-festival0816/ |
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| Tokyo 東京 | 9/11 ~ 9/25 | Tokyo 東京都 | Sumida-ku 墨田区 | Ryogoku Kokugikan 両国国技館 | Ozumo Kugatsu Basha 大相撲9月場所 | <p>Summary: Grand Sumo Tournament at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall. Advance tickets are sold on the website (Ticket Pia and Ticket Oosumo) and Seven Eleven.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/11-22 8:30- ●9/23-25 10:00-</p> | <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.</p> | <p>(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</p> | https://www.sumo.or.jp/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 9/17 ~ 9/18 | Tokyo 東京都 | Bunkyo-ku 文京区 | Nezu-jinja Shrine 根津神社 | Nezu-jinja Reitai-sai 根津神社例大祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Open-air stalls are set up in the precincts of the shrine. The festival is rather large in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●9/17 19:00- <i>Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) "Urayasu-no-mai" performance ●9/18 9:00-16:00 Parade of Shrine's <i>Mikoshi</i></p> | <p>(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Nezu Sta. (C14)(Exit 1) or Sendagi Sta. (C15)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Namboku Line to Todaimae Sta. (N12)(Exit 1), and then walk 10 min.</p> | <p>(1) 東京メトロ千代田線根津駅 (1番出口) 又は千駄木駅 (1番出口)より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ南北線東大前駅 (1番出口)より徒歩10分</p> | http://www.neduiinia.or.jp/maturation/nentyu.htm |

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| Kanto 関東 | 9/14 ~ 9/16 | Kanagawa 神奈川県 | Kamakura 鎌倉市 | Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮 | Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Reitai-sai 鶴岡八幡宮例大祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 14:00-16:00 <i>Kamakura -bayashi</i> (festival music) ●9/14 19:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●9/15 18:00- Japanese dance performance</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/matsuri/index.html#tabpanel9 |
| Kanto 関東 | 9/17 ~ 9/19 | Ibaraki 茨城県 | Ishioka 石岡市 | Hitachinokuni Sosha-gu Shrine and others 常陸国総社宮ほか | Ishiokano Omatsuri (Hitachinokuni Sosha-gu Reitai-sai) 石岡のおまつり (常陸国総社宮例大祭) | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Horajishi</i> (floats each drawn by a man wearing a huge and vigorous lion headgear).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged</p> | JR Joban Line to Ishioka Sta., and then walk 20 min. | JR常磐線石岡駅より徒歩20分 | https://www.ishioka-kankou.com/page/page000138.html |

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| Tokyo 東京 | — | 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: cancelled | 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 | https://www.asakusa-samba.org |
| Tokyo 東京 | — | Tokyo 東京都 | Chiyoda-ku 千代田区 | Hie-jinja Shrine 日枝神社 | Chushu Kangen-sai 中秋管絃祭 | Summary: Court Music Festival associated with the mid-autumn full moon. <i>Taiko</i> , <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music), <i>Gagaku</i> (court music), and <i>Kagura</i> are performed in the precincts. Ticket for the performances is 3,000 JPY. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | (1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Akasaka Sta. (C06)(Exit 2), and then walk 3 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Ginza or Namboku Line to Tameike-Sanno Sta. (G06, N06)(Exit 7), and then walk 3 min. | (1) 東京メトロ千代田線赤坂駅 (2番出口) より徒歩3分 (2) 東京メトロ銀座線又は南北線溜池山王駅 (7番出口) より徒歩3分 | https://www.hiejinja.net/event/chushu.html |
| Tokyo 東京 | — | Tokyo 東京都 | Minato-ku 港区 | Shiba Daijin-gu Shrine 芝大神宮 | Dara-Dara Matsuri (Shoga Matsuri) Mikoshi Togyo だらだら祭り (生姜祭り) 神輿渡御 | Summary: Festival known as "Shoga Matsuri" (Ginger Root Festival). The festival features open-air stalls selling fresh ginger roots. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> in the neighborhood of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | (1) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta. (A09, E20)(Exit A6), and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Yamanote Line to Hamamatsucho Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 5 min. | (1) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線大門駅 (A6出口) より徒歩1分 (2) JR山手線浜松町駅 (北口) より徒歩5分 | https://www.shibadaijingu.com/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | — | Tokyo 東京都 | Shinjuku-ku 新宿区 | Akagi-jinja Shrine and others 赤城神社ほか | Akagi-jinja Reitai-sai Mikoshi Togyo 赤城神社例大祭 神輿渡御 | Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Open-air stalls are set up in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | Tokyo Metro Tozai Line to Kagurazaka Sta. (T05)(Exit 1), and then walk 1 min. | 東京メトロ東西線神楽坂駅 (1番出口) より徒歩1分 | https://www.akagi-jinja.jp/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | — | Tokyo 東京都 | Toshima-ku 豊島区 | JR Ikebukuro Sta. West Exit area JR池袋駅西口一帯 | Fukuro Matsuri ふくろ祭り | Summary: Annual Festival of the area. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> accompanied by people beating <i>Taiko</i> on the streets of JR Ikebukuro Sta. West Exit area. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | (1) JR Yamanote Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (West Exit) (2) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho, Marunouchi or Fukutoshin Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (Y09, M25, F09) | (1) JR山手線池袋駅 (西口) 下車 (2) 東京メトロ有楽町線、丸の内線又は副都心線池袋駅下車 | https://www.yosakitokyo.gr.jp/ |

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| Kanto 関東 | — | Chiba 千葉県 | Ichinomiya -machi 一宮町 | Tamasaki-jinja Shrine, Tsurigasaki Kaigan Beach and others 玉前神社、釣ヶ崎海岸ほか | Kazusa Junisha Matsuri (Hadaka Matsuri) 上総十二社祭り (裸祭り) | Summary: Festival with a 1,200-year history, known as "Hadaka Matsuri" (Naked Festival). The highlight of this festival is " <i>Jinkosai</i> ", in which <i>Mikoshi</i> are carried by about a thousand of loin-clothed youth to Tsurigasaki Kaigan Beach where <i>Mikoshi</i> are rushed along the beach and are jostled each other. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | Tamasaki-jinja Shrine : JR Sotobo Line to Kazusa-Ichinomiya Sta., and then walk 8 min. | 玉前神社 : JR外房線上総一ノ宮駅より徒歩8分 | https://www.tamasaki.org/12/index.htm |
| Kanto 関東 | — | Gunma 群馬県 | Minakami-machi みなかみ町 | Wakamiya Hachiman-gu Shrine 若宮八幡宮 | Yassa Matsuri ヤッサ祭り | Summary: Festival with a 400-year history. Youths wearing loin-clothes jostle each other in the precincts of the shrine, shouting "Yassa, Yassa," and vie with one another climbing up the pillars to be the first getting the bell attached to the top of the ceiling in the shrine. Schedule & Key events: cancelled | JR Joetsu Line to Gokan Sta., and then walk 15 min. | JR上越線後閑駅より徒歩15分 | https://www2.gunmabunkazigyodan.or.jp/info/minzokugyoji.html |
| Kanto 関東 | — | Ibaraki 茨城県 | Kashima 鹿嶋市 | Kashima-jingu Shrine and others 鹿島神宮ほか | Kashima-jingu Chochin-machi Mikoshi Togyo 鹿島神宮提灯まち神輿渡御 | Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlights of this festival are <i>Chochin-machi</i> in which worshipers hang hundreds of paper lanterns on the tall bamboo trees each and bring them all one by one into the sacred fire kindled in the precincts of the shrine, and a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> . Schedule & Key events: cancelled | (1) JR Kashima Line to Kashima Jingu Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) From JR Tokyo Sta. (Yaesu South Exit), take Expressway Bus to Kashima Jingu Bus Stop (2 hours) | (1) JR鹿島線鹿島神宮駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR東京駅 (八重洲南口) より高速バスで2時間鹿島神宮下車 | https://city.kashima.ibaraki.jp/soshiki/45/65785.html |