

Calendar of Events  
February 2023



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Glossary :

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| 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.

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| Hokkaido<br>北海道 | 1/28 ~ 2/23 | Hokkaido<br>北海道 | Chitose<br>千歳市 | Lake Shikotsu<br>支笏湖                             | <b>Chitose-Shikotsuko Hyoto Matsuri</b><br>千歳・支笏湖<br>氷濤まつり | Summary:<br>Ice Festival. Many ice sculptures exhibited on the shore are lit up. Admission is 500JPY.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>● daily    16:30-20:00   Ice sculptures lighting up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | From Shin-Chitose Airport, take bus to Shikotsuko Bus Stop (55 min.)                                                                         | 新千歳空港よりバスで55分支笏湖下車                                         | <a href="https://hyoutou-special.asia/">https://hyoutou-special.asia/</a> |
| Hokkaido<br>北海道 | 2/4 ~ 2/11  | Hokkaido<br>北海道 | Sapporo<br>札幌市 | Odori Site,<br>Susukino Site,<br>大通会場、<br>すすきの会場 | <b>73rd Sapporo Yuki Matsuri</b><br>第73回<br>さっぽろ雪まつり       | Summary:<br>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. Snow creations and ice sculptures are exhibited at two sites, mainly at Odori site with enormous snow creations and many attractions, and at Susukino site with fantastic ice sculptures.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>● daily<br>sunset-22:00   Ice sculptures lighting up at Odori site<br>sunset-23:00 (-22:00 on 2/11)   Ice sculptures lighting up at Susukino site | JR Chitose Line to Sapporo Sta.<br>From there, take Namboku Subway Line to<br>(1) Odori Site: Odori Sta.<br>(2) Susukino Site: Susukino Sta. | JR千歳線札幌駅より地下鉄南北線で<br>(1) 大通会場: 大通駅下車<br>(2) すすきの会場: すすきの下車 | <a href="https://www.snowfes.com/">https://www.snowfes.com/</a>           |

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| Hokkaido<br>北海道 | 2/7 ~ 2/12   | Hokkaido<br>北海道 | Asahikawa<br>旭川市 | Asahibashi-Kahan,<br>Heiwa-dori<br>Kaimono Park<br>and others<br>旭橋河畔、<br>平和通買物公園ほか             | <b>Asahikawa<br/>Fuyu Matsuri</b><br>旭川冬まつり                      | <p>Summary:<br/>Winter Festival. Many snow creations and ice statues are exhibited at Asahibashi-kahan site (on the riversides of Ishikari River), and on Heiwa-dori Kaimono Park where about 25 ice sculptures are to be judged in competition. Many attractive events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>● daily 9:00-21:00 (-20:00 on 2/12)<br/>● 2/7&amp;12 19:15- Fireworks display</p> | Asahibashi-Kahan:<br>JR Hakodate Honsen Line to<br>Asahikawa Sta., and then<br>walk 25 min.                                                                                                                           | 旭橋河畔：<br>JR函館本線旭川駅より徒歩25分                               | <a href="https://asahikawa-winterfes.jp/">https://asahikawa-winterfes.jp/</a>                                                                                           |
| Hokkaido<br>北海道 | 2/11 ~ 2/12  | Hokkaido<br>北海道 | Abashiri<br>網走市  | Okhotsk Bunka-koryu Center<br>(Eco-center 2000)<br>オホーツク文化交流センター<br>(エコセンター 2000)               | <b>Abashiri-Okhotsk<br/>Ryuhyo Matsuri</b><br>あばしりオホーツク<br>流氷まつり | <p>Summary:<br/>Winter Festival. Snow creations and ice sculptures are exhibited. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>● daily evening- Snow creations and ice sculptures lighting up<br/>● 2/12 around 18:00 Fireworks display</p>                                                                                                                                          | JR Sekihoku Honsen Line to<br>Abashiri Sta., and then walk<br>15 min.                                                                                                                                                 | JR石北本線網走駅より徒歩15分                                        | <a href="https://visit-abashiri.jp/event/b9b5c81d6a90669b636d2b1511eafef4416fbc5.html">https://visit-abashiri.jp/event/b9b5c81d6a90669b636d2b1511eafef4416fbc5.html</a> |
| Tohoku<br>東北    | 12/24 ~ 2/27 | Yamagata<br>山形県 | Yamagata<br>山形市  | along Zao<br>Ropeway Sancho Line,<br>around Jizo Sancho Sta.<br>蔵王ロープウェイ山頂<br>線沿線および地藏山<br>頂駅周辺 | <b>Zao Juhyo<br/>Light-up</b><br>蔵王樹氷ライトアップ                      | <p>Summary:<br/>Festival featuring the lighting up Juhyo, known as "Ice Monster", trees covered with frost.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>● 2/1-27 except Tue.<br/>17:00-21:00 Juhyo lighting up</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line<br>to Yamagata Sta., and then<br>take bus to Zao Onsen Bus<br>Stop (45 min.) From there,<br>walk to Zao Sanroku Sta. (15<br>min.), and then take ropeway<br>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 | <a href="https://zaoropeway.co.jp/winter/juhyo.php">https://zaoropeway.co.jp/winter/juhyo.php</a>                                                                       |
| Tohoku<br>東北    | 2/9 ~ 2/12   | Aomori<br>青森県   | Hirosaki<br>弘前市  | Hirosaki Park<br>弘前公園                                                                           | <b>Hirosaki-jo<br/>Yukidoro Matsuri</b><br>弘前城雪燈籠まつり             | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>● 2/9-2/11 16:30-21:00 <i>Mini-Kamakura</i> lighting up<br/>● 2/12 16:30-20:00 <i>Mini-Kamakura</i> lighting up</p>                                                     | JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki<br>Sta. From there, walk 30 min.<br>or take Konan 100 yen bus to<br>Shiyakushomae Bus Stop (15<br>min.), and then walk 4 min.                                                           | JR奥羽本線弘前駅より徒歩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     | <a href="https://www.hirosaki-kanko.or.jp/edit.html?id=cat02_winter_yuki">https://www.hirosaki-kanko.or.jp/edit.html?id=cat02_winter_yuki</a>                           |

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| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/10              | Akita<br>秋田県    | Daisen<br>大仙市                   | Omachi-dori<br>Street<br>刈和野大町通り                                                                                                                                  | <b>Kariwano-no<br/>Otsuna-hiki</b><br>刈和野の大綱引き | Summary:<br>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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>21:00-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 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                                                           | <a href="https://akita-fun.jp/spots/30">https://akita-fun.jp/spots/30</a>                                                                                                                                  |
| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/10 ~ 2/12       | Akita<br>秋田県    | Oga<br>男鹿市                      | Shinzan-jinja<br>Shrine<br>真山神社                                                                                                                                   | <b>Namahage<br/>Sedo Matsuri</b><br>なまはげ柴灯祭    | Summary:<br>Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, features <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. Reservation is required on the website, by mail or FAX this year.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>● daily 18:00-20:30                                                                                                                                                                                            | JR Oga Line to Oga Sta., and then take temporary bus (30 min.)                                                                                                                              | JR男鹿線男鹿駅より臨時バスで30分                                                         | <a href="https://oganavi.com/sedo/">https://oganavi.com/sedo/</a>                                                                                                                                          |
| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/11 ~ 2/12       | Yamagata<br>山形県 | Yonezawa<br>米沢市                 | Uesugi-jinja<br>Shrine,<br>Matsugasaki<br>Park<br>上杉神社、<br>松が岬公園                                                                                                  | <b>Uesugi Yukidoro<br/>Matsuri</b><br>上杉雪灯籠まつり | Summary:<br>Snow Lantern Festival. About 200 <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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>● daily 17:30- <i>Yuki-doro</i> lighting up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 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                                         | <a href="http://yukidourou.yonezawa-matsuri.jp/">http://yukidourou.yonezawa-matsuri.jp/</a>                                                                                                                |
| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/11, 2/16 & 2/17 | Akita<br>秋田県    | Daisen<br>大仙市、<br>Yokote<br>横手市 | Hanadate,<br>Omono River,<br>Izusan-jinja<br>Shrine,<br>Yokote City Hall,<br>Asahiokayama-jinja Shrine and others<br>花館地区、<br>雄物川、<br>伊豆山神社、<br>横手市役所、<br>旭岡山神社ほか | <b>Bonden</b><br>ぼんでん                          | Summary:<br>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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>● 2/11<br>Boats transfer <i>Bonden</i> from Hanadate Pier to the other side of Omono River at some time between 9:30 to 11:30<br>● 2/16 9:30-13:00 Bonden Workmanship Contest is held at the festival site near Yokote City Hall<br>● 2/17 morning- Local young men carrying <i>Bonden</i> for Asahiokayama-jinja Shrine to dedicate <i>Bonden</i> | (1) Omono River in Hanadate :<br>JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Omagari Sta., and then take taxi (5 min.)<br>(2) Yokote City Hall :<br>JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min. | (1) 雄物川会場 (花館) :<br>JR秋田新幹線大曲駅よりタクシーで5分<br>(2) 横手市役所 :<br>JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分 | <a href="https://daisenkankou.com/">https://daisenkankou.com/</a><br><br><a href="https://www.yokotekamakura.com/2023/01/18/yukimaturi1208/">https://www.yokotekamakura.com/2023/01/18/yukimaturi1208/</a> |

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| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/15 ~ 2/16 | Akita<br>秋田県    | Yokote<br>横手市             | Around Yokote City Hall and others<br>横手市役所周辺ほか                          | <b>Yokote Kamakura</b><br>横手かまくら | <p>Summary:<br/>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. Snow huts and snow creations are built in the city.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>● daily 18:00-21:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yokote City Hall :<br>JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.    | 横手市役所 :<br>JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分 | <a href="https://www.yokotekamakura.com/2023/01/18/yukimaturi1208/">https://www.yokotekamakura.com/2023/01/18/yukimaturi1208/</a> |
| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/15 & 2/17 | Yamagata<br>山形県 | Kuromori, Sakata<br>酒田市黒森 | Hie-jinja Shrine<br>日枝神社                                                 | <b>Kuromori Kabuki</b><br>黒森歌舞伎  | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>Details are still to be arranged</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Sakata Sta., and then take taxi (20 min.)                | JR羽越本線酒田駅よりタクシーで20分         | <a href="https://sakata-kankou.com/event/30719">https://sakata-kankou.com/event/30719</a>                                         |
| Tohoku<br>東北 | 2/17 ~ 2/20 | Aomori<br>青森県   | Hachinohe<br>八戸市          | Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine, Shimin Hiroba and others<br>長者山新羅神社、市民広場ほか | <b>Emburi</b><br>えんぶり            | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>● daily<br/>18:00-, 19:00- &amp; 20:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba in the city hall<br/>● 2/17<br/>7:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine<br/>10:00-11:10 Parade of over 30 grouped villagers in fancy costumes, through the city<br/>12:15- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba in the city hall<br/>● 2/19&amp;20<br/>13:00- &amp; 14:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba in the city hall</p> | Shimin Hiroba:<br>JR Hachinohe Line to Hon-Hachinohe Sta., and then walk 10 min. | 市民広場:<br>JR八戸線本八戸駅より徒歩10分   | <a href="https://visithachinohe.com/stories/emburi_schedule/">https://visithachinohe.com/stories/emburi_schedule/</a>             |

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| Chubu<br>中部 | 1/7 ~ 3/5   | Shizuoka<br>静岡県 | Atami<br>熱海市      | Atami Baien<br>Garden<br>熱海梅園                  | <b>Atami Baien Ume<br/>Matsuri</b><br>熱海梅園梅まつり | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● daily 8:30-16:00<br/>           ● 2/5 10:30-11:00 &amp; 13:30-14:00<br/>               Japanese dance with sword<br/>           ● 2/19 10:30-11:00 &amp; 13:30-14:00<br/>               <i>Tsugaru-Shamisen</i> (local banjo-like instrument)<br/>           ● 2/23 10:30-11:00 &amp; 13:30-14:00<br/>               Performances by <i>Geigi</i> (professional female entertainers)</p> | (1) JR Ito Line to Kinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.<br>(2) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta. From there, take bus (for Ainohara-Danchi or Baien) to Baien Bus Stop (15 min.) | (1) JR伊東線来宮駅より徒歩10分<br>(2) JR東海道新幹線熱海駅よりバス相の原団地行又は梅園行で15分梅園下車 | <a href="http://www.ataminews.gr.jp/ume/">http://www.ataminews.gr.jp/ume/</a>     |
| Chubu<br>中部 | 2/1 ~ 2/28  | Shizuoka<br>静岡県 | Kawazu-cho<br>河津町 | Kawazu River<br>河津川                            | <b>Kawazu-zakura<br/>Matsuri</b><br>河津桜まつり     | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● 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                                        | <a href="https://kawazuzakura.jp/">https://kawazuzakura.jp/</a>                   |
| Chubu<br>中部 | 2/10 ~ 2/11 | Aichi<br>愛知県    | Toyohashi<br>豊橋市  | Akumikanbe<br>Shinmeisha<br>Shrine<br>安久美神戸神明社 | <b>Toyohashi<br/>Oni Matsuri</b><br>豊橋鬼祭       | <p>Summary:<br/>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> (powder candy-throwing ceremony) to pray for a good harvest of the year. The festival is highlighted by "<i>Tengu to Aka-oni no Karakai</i>" in which <i>Tengu</i> (a long-nosed goblin) defeats red devils.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● daily <i>Kagura</i> performance at several times<br/>           ● 2/11 14:00- <i>Tengu to Aka-oni no Karakai</i> with <i>Ame-maki</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                               | <a href="https://onimatsuri.jimdofree.com/">https://onimatsuri.jimdofree.com/</a> |



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| Hokuriku<br>北陸 | 2/25 ~ 2/26 | Fukui<br>福井県 | Katsuyama<br>勝山市 | Kuzuryu River and others<br>九頭竜川ほか | <b>Katsuyama Sagicho</b><br>勝山左義長               | <p>Summary:<br/>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). The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● 2/25<br/>           13:00- Local performing arts demonstration in the city<br/>           ● 2/26<br/>           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      | <a href="https://www.city.katsuyama.fukui.jp/soshiki/2/23091.html">https://www.city.katsuyama.fukui.jp/soshiki/2/23091.html</a>                 |
| Kinki<br>近畿    | 2/3         | Nara<br>奈良県  | Nara<br>奈良市      | Kasuga Taisha Shrine<br>春日大社       | <b>Setsubun Mantoro</b><br>節分万燈籠                | <p>Summary:<br/>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.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           18:00-20:30 Stone and bronze lanterns lighting up</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 | <a href="https://narahikanko.or.jp/event/setsubunmantou_rou_kasugataisya/">https://narahikanko.or.jp/event/setsubunmantou_rou_kasugataisya/</a> |
| Kinki<br>近畿    | 2/3         | Nara<br>奈良県  | Nara<br>奈良市      | Kofuku-ji Temple<br>興福寺            | <b>Tsuina-e (Oni-oi-shiki)</b><br>追儼会<br>(鬼追い式) | <p>Summary:<br/>Rites of driving away devils. The rites including Buddhist sermon are conducted at the temple, listed as the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           18:30- (※Numbered tickets will be distributed from 17:00)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 5 min. or JR Nara Line to Nara Sta., and then walk 15 min.                               | 近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より徒歩5分又はJR奈良線奈良駅より徒歩15分        | <a href="https://www.kohfukuji.com/news/1968/">https://www.kohfukuji.com/news/1968/</a>                                                         |



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| Kinki<br>近畿   | 2/23  | Kyoto<br>京都府   | Fushimi-ku,<br>Kyoto<br>京都市<br>伏見区 | Daigo-ji Temple<br>醍醐寺          | <b>Daigoji Godai-rikison Ninno-e</b><br>醍醐寺五大力尊<br>仁王会 | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>9:00-17:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | (1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take Keihan Bus to Daigoji Bus Stop (30 min.)<br>(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<br>醍醐寺下車<br>(2) 地下鉄東西線醍醐駅 (2番出口) より徒歩10分 | <a href="https://www.daigoji.or.jp/event/detail1.html">https://www.daigoji.or.jp/event/detail1.html</a>                             |
| Kinki<br>近畿   | 2/24  | Kyoto<br>京都府   | Kita-ku,<br>Kyoto<br>京都市<br>北区     | Kamigamo-jinja Shrine<br>上賀茂神社  | <b>Kamigamo Sanyare-sai</b><br>上賀茂さんやれ祭                | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>11:00- The line with <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) and festival music to the shrine</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                                     | <a href="https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=7476">https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=7476</a>         |
| Kinki<br>近畿   | 2/25  | Kyoto<br>京都府   | Kamigyo-ku,<br>Kyoto<br>京都市<br>上京区 | Kitano Tenmangu Shrine<br>北野天満宮 | <b>Baika-sai</b><br>梅花祭                                | <p>Summary:<br/><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 ¥1,200. Fee for <i>Nodate</i> (open-air tea ceremony) is ¥2,000 per person.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>9:00-20:00 Apricot garden is open (sunset-20:00 Lighting up)<br/>10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i></p> | From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 to Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop                                                                | JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50で北野天満宮前下車                                    | <a href="https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2595">https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2595</a>         |
| Chugoku<br>中国 | 2/4   | Tottori<br>鳥取県 | Chizu-cho<br>智頭町                   | Chizu-cho<br>智頭町                | <b>Chizu-Shuku Yuki Matsuri</b><br>智頭宿雪まつり             | <p>Summary:<br/>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. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>11:00-19:00</p>                                                                                            | JR Inbi Line to Chizu Sta.                                                                                                                   | JR因美線智頭駅下車                                                   | <a href="https://chizukankou-kurashiya.jp/event/winter/yukimatsuri/">https://chizukankou-kurashiya.jp/event/winter/yukimatsuri/</a> |

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| Kyushu<br>九州 | 1/22 ~ 2/5  | Nagasaki<br>長崎県 | Nagasaki<br>長崎市 | Chinatown,<br>Chuo Park,<br>Koshi-byo and<br>others<br>新地中華街、<br>中央公園、<br>孔子廟ほか | <b>2023 Nagasaki<br/>Lantern Festival</b><br>2023 長崎ランタン<br>フェスティバル     | <p>Summary:<br/>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 demonstrated. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● 2/4 14:00-16:30 <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Minato Park<br/>           ● 2/5 13:15-16:00 <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Koshi-byo</p>           | Chinatown :<br>JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to<br>Nagasaki Sta. From there,<br>take streetcar to<br>Shinchi-Chukagai, and then<br>walk 1 min.                                     | 新地中華街 :<br>JR長崎本線長崎駅より市電で新地<br>中華街下車、徒歩1分      | <a href="https://www.at-nagasaki.jp/lantern-festival">https://www.at-nagasaki.jp/lantern-festival</a> |
| Kyushu<br>九州 | 2/11 ~ 4/3  | Fukuoka<br>福岡県  | Yanagawa<br>柳川市 | Yanagawa<br>柳川市                                                                 | <b>Yanagawa<br/>Hina Matsuri<br/>Sagemon Meguri</b><br>柳川雛祭り<br>さげもんめぐり | <p>Summary:<br/>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 Ningyo</i> (traditional Japanese dolls) to celebrate her first Girl's Festival. This festival features a procession of girls and adults in <i>Hina Ningyo</i> attire, and floats adorned with colorful Sagemon. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● 2/11 10:00- Procession after ritual pray at Hiyoshi-jinja Shrine</p> | JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to<br>Hakata Sta. From there, take<br>JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to<br>Setaka Sta., and then take<br>bus to Nishitetsu Yanagawa<br>Bus Stop (15 min.) | JR山陽新幹線博多駅よりJR鹿児島<br>本線で瀬高駅下車、バスで15分西<br>鉄柳川下車 | <a href="https://www.yanagawa-net.com/">https://www.yanagawa-net.com/</a>                             |
| Kyushu<br>九州 | 2/15 ~ 3/31 | Oita<br>大分県     | Hita<br>日田市     | Mameda-machi,<br>Kuma-machi<br>and others<br>豆田町、<br>隈町ほか                       | <b>Tenryo Hita<br/>Ohina Matsuri</b><br>天領日田<br>おひなまつり                  | <p>Summary:<br/>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 &amp; Key events:<br/>           ● daily 10:00-17:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | JR Kyudai Honsen Line to Hita<br>Sta.                                                                                                                                        | JR久大本線日田駅下車                                    | <a href="https://oidehita.com/arcs/hives/56562">https://oidehita.com/arcs/hives/56562</a>             |



## Calendar of Events February 2023



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### Glossary :

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| <i>Matsuri</i> | Festival, Event       |
| <i>Mikoshi</i> | Portable shrine       |
| <i>Nodate</i>  | Open air tea ceremony |
| <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

### 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.

<<<All event information is subject to change. Please be sure to check the latest information in advance.>>>

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| Tokyo<br>東京 | 1/29 ~ 3/26 | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Oshima-machi<br>大島町 | Oshima-machi<br>大島町 | <b>Tsubaki Matsuri</b><br>椿まつり | <p>Summary:<br/>Camellia Festival. Various species of camellia are usually in bloom during the festival period in Oshima Island. The festival features Oshima local performing arts such as <i>Anko-no-Teodori</i> (dance performed by Oshima local girls in traditional costume) and <i>Oshima Minyo</i> (traditional folk songs).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>           ●Saturday, Sunday &amp; Holiday<br/>           10:00-15:00 Oshima local performing arts at Tsubaki Plaza<br/>           ●Friday &amp; Saturday<br/>           19:30-21:00 Dance, <i>Taiko</i> and many performing arts in Motomachi Pier Passenger Terminal</p> | (1) Yurikamome Monorail Line to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk to Takeshiba Pier. From there, take Tokai Kisen ferryboat (8 hrs.) or hydrofoil boat (1 hr. 45 min.) to Oshima Island<br>(2) From Chofu Airport, take airplane (25 min.) | (1) ゆりかもめ竹芝駅よりすぐの竹芝桟橋から東海汽船フェリーで8時間又は高速船で1時間45分大島下船<br>(2) 調布飛行場より飛行機で25分 | <a href="http://izu-oshima.or.jp/data/camellia_festival_68th/camellia_fes68th_flyer01.pdf">http://izu-oshima.or.jp/data/camellia_festival_68th/camellia_fes68th_flyer01.pdf</a> |

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| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Taito-ku<br>台東区      | Torikoe-jinja Shrine<br>鳥越神社                                   | <b>Setsubun-sai</b><br>節分祭                              | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>16:00-16:30 Lucky beans and snacks are given out to first 500 children                                                                                                                         | (1) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Kuramae Sta. (A17,E11), and then walk 5 - 10 min.<br>(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<br>(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                                                            | <a href="https://ja-jp.facebook.com/torikoej/">https://ja-jp.facebook.com/torikoej/</a>                       |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Koto-ku<br>江東区       | Kameido Tenjin Shrine<br>亀戸天神社                                 | <b>Setsubun Tsuina-sai Mamemaki-shiki</b><br>節分追儺祭 豆まき式 | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted after <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons).<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>17:30- <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> rites and <i>Mamemaki</i> | JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta., and then walk 15 min.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JR総武線亀戸駅より徒歩15分                                                                                                            | <a href="http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/info/">http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/info/</a>                               |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Katsushika-ku<br>葛飾区 | Shibamata Taishakuten Temple (Daikyo-ji Temple)<br>柴又帝釈天 (題経寺) | <b>Setsubun-e</b><br>節分会                                | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>14:00- & 15:00-                                                                                                     | 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                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.taishakuten.or.jp/index.html">http://www.taishakuten.or.jp/index.html</a>                 |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Minato-ku<br>港区      | Zojo-ji Temple<br>増上寺                                          | <b>Setsubun Tsuina-shiki</b><br>節分追儺式                   | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:30- Procession and Rites pray<br>12:20- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                       | (1) Toei Mita Subway Line to Onarimon Sta. (I06) or Shibakoen Sta. (I05), and then walk 3 min.<br>(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<br>(2) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線大門駅より徒歩5分                                                                | <a href="https://www.zojoji.or.jp/event/ev_setsubun.html">https://www.zojoji.or.jp/event/ev_setsubun.html</a> |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Chiyoda-ku<br>千代田区   | Kanda Myojin Shrine<br>神田明神                                    | <b>Setsubun-sai Mamemaki-shiki</b><br>節分祭豆まき式           | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>13:00-, 14:00-, 15:00- & 16:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                              | (1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit, Exit 1), and then walk 5 min.<br>(2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12)(Exit B1), and then walk 5 min.<br>(3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min. | (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<br>(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<br>(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 | <a href="https://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp/">https://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp/</a>                                 |

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| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Ota-ku<br>大田区    | Ikegami<br>Honmon-ji<br>Temple and<br>others<br>池上本門寺ほか | <b>Setsubun Tsuina-e</b><br>節分追儺会            | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by people applied in advance - is conducted, following procession of beans throwers and rites pray.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>13:00- Procession from Tokumochi Kaikan Hall<br>14:00- Rites pray<br>15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                                                                                                    | (1) Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ikegami Sta., and then walk 10 min.<br>(2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nishi-Magome Sta. (A01)(South Exit), and then walk 12 min. | (1) 東急池上線池上駅より徒歩10分<br>(2) 都営地下鉄浅草線西馬込駅(南口)より徒歩12分 | <a href="http://honmonji.jp/news/schedule.html">http://honmonji.jp/news/schedule.html</a>                                                                                                                              |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Bunkyo-ku<br>文京区 | Gokoku-ji<br>Temple<br>護国寺                              | <b>Setsubun-e Mamemaki-shiki</b><br>節分会 豆まき式 | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line to Gokokuji Sta. (Y11)                                                                                                           | 東京メトロ有楽町線護国寺駅下車                                    | <a href="http://www.gokokuji.or.jp/event">http://www.gokokuji.or.jp/event</a>                                                                                                                                          |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Taito-ku<br>台東区  | Senso-ji Temple<br>浅草寺                                  | <b>Setsubun-e</b><br>節分会                     | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by people applied in advance and famous figures - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>10:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> by Senso-ji Kindergarten students<br>12:00- & 14:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> by people applied in advance<br>14:30- <i>Fukuju-no-Mai</i> (dance of Seven Deities of Good Luck)<br>16:00-, 16:20-, 16:40- & 17:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> by famous figures | 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                        | <a href="https://www.senso-ji.jp/info/monthly.html#3">https://www.senso-ji.jp/info/monthly.html#3</a><br><br><a href="https://e-asakusa.jp/culture-experience/76063">https://e-asakusa.jp/culture-experience/76063</a> |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Hino<br>日野市      | Takahata<br>Fudoson Temple<br>高幡不動尊                     | <b>Setsubun Mamemaki-shiki</b><br>節分豆まき式     | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Open-air stalls selling Dharma dolls are set up in and around the compound of the temple.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>10:00-, 11:00-, 13:00-, 15:00- and 16:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                                                                                                              | 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                                     | <a href="http://www.takahatafudoston.or.jp/">http://www.takahatafudoston.or.jp/</a>                                                                                                                                    |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/3   | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Nakano-ku<br>中野区 | Hosen-ji Temple<br>宝仙寺                                  | <b>Setsubun-e</b><br>節分会                     | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Procession of monk soldiers is cancelled this year.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>16:00- <i>Saito-ogomaku</i> (Fire ritual)<br>16:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                                                                                                                                          | Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Nakano-Sakaue Sta. (M06, E30), and then walk 5 min.                                                 | 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                    | <a href="http://www.housen.org/news/230105.html">http://www.housen.org/news/230105.html</a>                                                                                                                            |

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| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/4        | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Sumida-ku<br>墨田区 | Ryogoku<br>Kokugikan<br>両国国技館    | <b>NHK Fukushi O-Zumo</b><br>NHK福祉大相撲         | Summary:<br><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 website and 7-ELEVEN stores.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>13:00-17:30                                     | (1) JR Sobu Line to Ryogoku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 2 min.<br>(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<br>(2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅 (A3出口) より徒歩5分 | <a href="https://www.sumo.or.jp/IrohaKyokaiInformation/detail?id=581">https://www.sumo.or.jp/IrohaKyokaiInformation/detail?id=581</a> |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/5        | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Sumida-ku<br>墨田区 | Ryogoku<br>Kokugikan<br>両国国技館    | <b>Nihon O-Zumo Tournament</b><br>日本大相撲トーナメント | Summary:<br>Grand Sumo Tournament. Tickets range from 3,000JPY to 14,800JPY. The advance tickets are sold at Ticket Pia website, convenience stores and others. If advance tickets are sold out, same-day tickets will be unavailable.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:00-17:30                                                                           | (1) JR Sobu Line to Ryogoku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 2 min.<br>(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<br>(2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅 (A3出口) より徒歩5分 | <a href="https://www.fujitv.co.jp/events/grandsumo/47_grandsumo.pdf">https://www.fujitv.co.jp/events/grandsumo/47_grandsumo.pdf</a>   |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/5 & 2/17 | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Kita-ku<br>北区    | Oji Inari-jinja Shrine<br>王子稲荷神社 | <b>Tako Ichi</b><br>凧市                        | Summary:<br>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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>●2/5 & 2/17 10:00-18:00                                                                                          | JR Keihin Tohoku Line or Tokyo Metro Namboku Line to Oji Sta. (N16), and then walk 7 min.                                                               | JR京浜東北線又は東京メトロ南北線王子駅より徒歩7分                                 | <a href="http://www.kanko.city.kita.tokyo.jp/event/593-2/">http://www.kanko.city.kita.tokyo.jp/event/593-2/</a>                       |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/8        | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Taito-ku<br>台東区  | Senso-ji Temple<br>浅草寺           | <b>Hari-kuyo-e</b><br>針供養会                    | Summary:<br><i>Hari-kuyo</i> memorial service for broken needles at the temple.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:00-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 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                                | <a href="https://www.senso-ji.jp/info/monthly.html">https://www.senso-ji.jp/info/monthly.html</a>                                     |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/8 ~ 3/8  | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Bunkyo-ku<br>文京区 | Yushima Tenjin Shrine<br>湯島天神    | <b>Yushima Tenjin Ume Matsuri</b><br>湯島天神梅まつり | Summary:<br><i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. <i>Taiko</i> and other entertainments are scheduled on Saturday, Sunday and national holidays during the festival period. Tea ticket for <i>Nodate</i> is 1,000JPY.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>●daily 8:00-19:30<br>●every Sunday <i>Nodate</i><br>●2/26 13:00- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> | (1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Yushima Sta. (C13), and then walk 2 min.<br>(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より徒歩2分<br>(2) 東京メトロ銀座線上野広小路駅より徒歩5分         | <a href="https://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/ume/2023/index.htm">https://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/ume/2023/index.htm</a>             |

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| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/11 ~ 3/5 | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Setagaya-ku<br>世田谷区 | Hanegi Park<br>羽根木公園                                                 | <b>Setagaya Ume Matsuri</b><br>世田谷梅まつり                    | <p>Summary:<br/> <i>Ume</i> (Japanese Apricot) Flower Festival. There are nearly 650 apricot trees in the park. <i>Matcha</i> (powdered green tea) are served in Seishin-do tea ceremony house during the festival period. Free tea tickets are distributed twice from 9:30 and 11:30 at Seishin-do on each day, on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●2/11 13:30- <i>Koto</i> (Japanese harp)</li> <li>●2/18 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (7 times in a day)</li> <li>●2/19 11:30- &amp; 14:00- <i>Amazake</i> (sweet drink made from fermented rice) service</li> <li>●2/23 12:00- <i>Taiko</i></li> <li>●2/25 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (7 times in a day)</li> <li>12:00- <i>Taiko</i></li> <li>●2/26 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (8 times in a day)</li> <li>10:30-, 12:00- &amp; 13:30- <i>Mochitsuki</i> (pounding boiled rice into rice cakes)</li> </ul> | Odakyu Line to Umegaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 小田急線梅ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分                                                                                     | <a href="http://setagaya-umematsuri.com/">http://setagaya-umematsuri.com/</a>                             |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/11       | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Itabashi-ku<br>板橋区  | Tokumaru Kitano-jinja Shrine<br>徳丸北野神社                               | <b>Ta-asobi</b><br>田遊び                                    | <p>Summary:<br/> 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.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/> 18:00 -</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (1) Tobu Tojo Line to Tobu Nerima Sta., and then, walk 15 min.<br>(2) Toei Mita Subway Line to Takashimadaira Sta.(I25), and then walk 15 min.                                                                                                                                         | (1) 東武東上線東武練馬駅より徒歩15分<br>(2) 都営地下鉄三田線高島平駅より徒歩15分                                                   | <a href="https://tokumarutenjin-kitanojinja.jimdo.com/">https://tokumarutenjin-kitanojinja.jimdo.com/</a> |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/11       | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Shibuya-ku<br>渋谷区   | Omote-sando crossing, Meiji-jingu Shrine and others<br>表参道交差点、明治神宮ほか | <b>Kenkoku Kinen-no-hi Hoshuku Parade</b><br>建国記念の日奉祝パレード | <p>Summary:<br/> Celebration on National Foundation Day. The parade of a brass band and <i>Mikoshi</i> starts from Omote-sando crossing to Meiji-jingu Shrine. <i>Taiko</i> performance is also conducted around shrine. This event is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/> 10:00-12:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (1) Omote-sando crossing : Tokyo Metro Hanzomon or Ginza or Chiyoda Line to Omote-sando Sta. (Z02, G02, C04) (Exit A3)<br>(2) Meiji-jingu Shrine : JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta. or Tokyo Metro Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C03, F15), and then walk 1 min. | (1) 表参道交差点 : 東京メトロ半蔵門線又は銀座線又は千代田線表参道駅 (A3出口)下車<br>(2) 明治神宮 : JR山手線原宿駅又は東京メトロ千代田線又は副都心線明治神宮前駅より徒歩1分 | <a href="http://kenko.ku.web.fc2.com/parade.htm">http://kenko.ku.web.fc2.com/parade.htm</a>               |



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| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/13  | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Itabashi-ku<br>板橋区 | Akatsuka Suwa-jinja Shrine<br>赤塚諏訪神社                        | <b>Ta-asobi</b><br>田遊び           | Summary:<br>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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>Details are still to be arranged | 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        | <a href="https://www.city.itabashi.tokyo.jp/bunka/bunkazi/bunkazai/1004839.html">https://www.city.itabashi.tokyo.jp/bunka/bunkazi/bunkazai/1004839.html</a> |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/19  | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Ome<br>青梅市         | Higashi Ome 4-chome area and others<br>東青梅4丁目ほか             | <b>Ome Marathon</b><br>青梅マラソン    | Summary:<br>Marathon, with 13,000 runners participated, from Higashi Ome 4-chome area.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>9:30-10:50 10km Road Race<br>11:30-15:30 30km Road 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            | <a href="https://www.ohme-marathon.jp">https://www.ohme-marathon.jp</a>                                                                                     |
| Tokyo<br>東京 | 2/26  | Tokyo<br>東京都 | Taito-ku<br>台東区    | Azumabashi Shinsui Terrace and Sumida Park<br>吾妻橋親水テラス、隅田公園 | <b>Edo Nagashibina</b><br>江戸流しびな | Summary:<br>Event of floating paper dolls on Sumida River, wishing safety and good health of children. Anyone who purchases a floating papr doll (800JPY) at this site is able to take part in this event.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:30-                                                                                                                                                                | Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 3 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3分 | <a href="http://hina-ko.jp/sumida/index.html">http://hina-ko.jp/sumida/index.html</a>                                                                       |

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| Kanto<br>関東 | 1/22 ~ 2/5 | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Yokohama<br>横浜市 | Chinatown<br>横浜中華街      | <b>2023 Shunsetsu</b><br>春節 | Summary:<br>Chinese New Year's Day, 1/22, according to the lunar calendar.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>●2/4 16:00- Parade throughout Chinatown<br>●2/5 17:30- Many Chinese performing arts such as dance, lion dance in Yokohama Masobyō Temple                                                                 | (1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta., and then walk 1 min.<br>(2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Ishikawacho Sta., 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<br>(2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線石川町駅より徒歩5分 | <a href="https://www.chinatown.or.jp/event/celebration/shunsetsu2023/">https://www.chinatown.or.jp/event/celebration/shunsetsu2023/</a> |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3        | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Kamakura<br>鎌倉市 | Hase-dera Temple<br>長谷寺 | <b>Setsubun-e</b><br>節分会    | Summary:<br><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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:30- <i>Mamemaki</i> | 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                               | <a href="https://www.hasedera.jp/2023/01/13167/">https://www.hasedera.jp/2023/01/13167/</a>                                             |



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| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3   | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Kawasaki<br>川崎市     | Kawasaki Daishi Temple<br>川崎大師                                 | <b>Setsubun-e</b><br>節分会                           | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by 50 people applied in advance for each time- is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:30-, 14:00- & 16:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                            | 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                                                    | <a href="https://www.kawasakidaishi.com/event/feb/setsubune/">https://www.kawasakidaishi.com/event/feb/setsubune/</a> |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3   | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Hakone-machi<br>箱根町 | Hakone-jinja Shrine,<br>Lake Ashinoko and others<br>箱根神社、芦ノ湖ほか | <b>Setsubun-sai</b><br>節分祭                         | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony, featuring <i>Kojo-Onioi</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons who ski on the water).<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>11:30- <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons)<br>12:30- Procession from shrine<br>13:00- <i>Kojo-Onioi</i> at Lake Ashinoko | 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                            | <a href="https://hakonejinja.or.jp/hakone/setsubun.html">https://hakonejinja.or.jp/hakone/setsubun.html</a>           |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3   | Chiba<br>千葉県     | Narita<br>成田市       | Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple<br>成田山新勝寺                          | <b>Tokubetsu Tsuina Mamemaki-shiki</b><br>特別追儺豆まき式 | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks, famous figures and sumo wrestlers - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>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.<br>(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<br>(2) 京成線京成成田駅より徒歩10分              | <a href="http://www.nrtk.jp/enjoy/shikisaisai/setsubune.html">http://www.nrtk.jp/enjoy/shikisaisai/setsubune.html</a> |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3   | Saitama<br>埼玉県   | Chichibu<br>秩父市     | Chichibu-jinja Shrine<br>秩父神社                                  | <b>Setsubun Tsuina-sai</b><br>節分追儺祭                | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>10:30-, 11:30-, 14:00- & 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i><br>19:30- Ritual & <i>Mamemaki</i>                                     | (1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Chichibu Sta., and then walk 3 min.<br>(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<br>(2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩15分             | <a href="https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/p_festival/1002/">https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/p_festival/1002/</a>     |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3   | Saitama<br>埼玉県   | Kawagoe<br>川越市      | Kawagoe Daishi Temple<br>川越大師                                  | <b>Setsubun-e</b><br>節分会                           | Summary:<br><i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>13:00- Rites pray<br>13:20- <i>Mamemaki</i>                                                                                   | (1) Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min.<br>(2) Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoe-shi Sta., and then walk 18 min.<br>(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<br>(2) 東武東上線川越市駅より徒歩18分<br>(3) JR川越線川越駅より徒歩20分 | <a href="https://kitainet.information/annual-events/03-feb/">https://kitainet.information/annual-events/03-feb/</a>   |

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| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/3        | Tochigi<br>栃木県   | Ashikaga<br>足利市        | Banna-ji Temple,<br>Orihime<br>Kominkan and<br>others<br>鏝阿寺、<br>織姫公民館ほか       | <b>Setsubun Yoroi<br/>Toshikoshi</b><br>節分鏝年越           | Summary:<br><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.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>18:30- Procession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Banna-ji Temple:<br>(1) JR Ryomo Line to Ashikaga Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 7 min.<br>(2) Tobu Isesaki Line to Ashikaga-shi Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 10 min.<br><br>Orihime Kominkan:<br>JR Ryomo Line to Ashikaga Sta.(North Exit) or Tobu Isesaki Line to Ashikaga-shi Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 20 min. | 鏝阿寺:<br>(1) JR両毛線足利駅(北口)より徒歩7分<br>(2) 東武伊勢崎線足利市駅(北口)より徒歩10分<br><br>織姫公民館:<br>JR両毛線足利駅(北口)又は東武伊勢崎線足利市駅(北口)より徒歩20分 | <a href="https://www.ashikagayorigyouretu.jp/">https://www.ashikagayorigyouretu.jp/</a>               |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/4 ~ 2/26 | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Odawara<br>小田原市        | Odawara Joshi Park,<br>Soga Bairin (Bessho site)<br>小田原城址公園、<br>曾我梅林<br>(別所会場) | <b>Odawara Ume<br/>Matsuri</b><br>小田原梅まつり               | Summary:<br><i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival in Odawara. There are about 35,000 apricot trees in Soga Bairin and about 250 trees in Odawara Joshi Park. Many events are scheduled in Soga Bairin from 13:00-13:30 and 15:00-15:30 on every Saturday and Sunday during the festival period. If it rains, events will be cancelled.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>●2/5, 12, 19 and 26 <i>Kotobuki-Shishimai</i> (lion dance)<br>●2/11, 18 and 25 <i>Matsuri-Bayashi</i> (festival music) | (1) Odawara Joshi Park :<br>JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 10 min.<br>(2) Soga Bairin :<br>JR Gotemba Line to Shimo-Soga Sta., and then walk 15 min.                                                                                                            | (1) 小田原城址公園 :<br>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<br>(2) 曾我梅林 :<br>JR御殿場線下曾我駅より徒歩15分                             | <a href="https://soganosato.com/">https://soganosato.com/</a>                                         |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/4 ~ 3/12 | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Yugawara-machi<br>湯河原町 | Makuyama Park<br>幕山公園                                                          | <b>Yugawara-bairin<br/>"Ume-no-Utage"</b><br>湯河原梅林「梅の宴」 | Summary:<br><i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. Visitors can enjoy viewing about 4,000 Japanese apricot trees in blossom. Admission is 200JPY.<br><br>Schedule & Key events:<br>●2/4 12:00- Opening ceremony & <i>Geigi-no-Mai</i> (classical Japanese dance performed by professional female entertainers)<br>●2/12 13:30- <i>Kyogen</i> (Japanese traditional comic drama)<br>●2/25 & 26 13:00- <i>Minyo</i> (Japanese folk song) & <i>Tsugaru Shamisen</i> (banjo-like instrument)       | 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                                                                                         | <a href="https://www.yugawara.or.jp/sightseeing/953/">https://www.yugawara.or.jp/sightseeing/953/</a> |

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| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/11 ~ 3/19 | Ibaraki<br>茨城県   | Mito<br>水戸市     | Kairaku-en,<br>Kodo-kan and<br>others<br>偕楽園、<br>弘道館ほか | <b>Mito-no-Ume<br/>Matsuri</b><br>水戸の梅まつり | <p>Summary:<br/>Ume (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 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 &amp; Key events:<br/>●2/18 10:00-11:30 <i>Budo-enbu</i> (Japanese martial arts performance) at Kodo-kan<br/>●2/19 10:00-11:30 <i>Bojutsu</i> (performance with Cudgels) at Kodo-kan<br/>●2/19 &amp; 26 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> at Kairaku-en<br/>●2/25 17:00-20:00 Lighting-up at Mito Catsle Ruins<br/>19:50- Fireworks display at Mito Castle Ruins<br/>●2/26 11:00-12:00 <i>Hina-nagashi</i> at Kairaku-en</p> | <p>Kairaku-en:<br/>(1) JR Joban Line to Kairakuen Rinji (temporary) Sta. (This station is available only for trains bound for Kairakuen Rinji Sta. in the daytime on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays during 2/11-3/26)<br/>(2) JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit). From there, take bus to Kairakuen Bus Stop (20 min.)</p> <p>Kodo-kan:<br/>JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 8 min.</p> | <p>偕楽園：<br/>(1) JR常磐線偕楽園臨時駅 (2/11-3/26 土日祝の日中・下り線のみ)下車<br/>(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：<br/>JR常磐線水戸駅 (北口) より徒歩8分</p> | <a href="https://mitkoumon.com/festival/ume.html">https://mitkoumon.com/festival/ume.html</a>             |
| Kanto<br>関東 | 2/12 ~ 2/26 | Kanagawa<br>神奈川県 | Yokohama<br>横浜市 | Sankei-en<br>三溪園                                       | <b>Sankei-en<br/>Kanbai-kai</b><br>三溪園観梅会 | <p>Summary:<br/><i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 500 Japanese apricot trees. Admission to the garden is 700JPY. Please enter by 16:30.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:<br/>●daily 9:00-17:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>(1) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit)<br/>From there, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (40 min.), and then walk 5 min.<br/>(2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Negishi Sta. From there, take bus to Honmoku Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 10 min.</p>                                                                                               | <p>(1) 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40分三溪園入口下車、徒歩5分<br/>(2) 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</p>                               | <a href="https://www.sankeien.or.jp/entertainment/783/">https://www.sankeien.or.jp/entertainment/783/</a> |