

Calendar of Events
July 2023



Tanabata 七夕
Tanabata, Star Festival is held on July 7 in most parts of Japan or August 7 in some areas. Based on a Chinese folk legend in which two stars - Altair (Cowherd) and Vega (Weaver) - love each other but only allowed to cross the Milky Way to meet once a year on this day. Wishes are written on long colored strips of paper and hung from a bamboo branch with other decorations.

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

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Glossary :

<i>Horen</i>	Palanquin
<i>Kodomo-Kabuki</i>	Traditional play by boys
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Mikoshi</i>	Portable shrine
<i>Okasa/O-yatai</i>	Float
<i>Otabisho</i>	Portable shrine resting place

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

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Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access		URL
Hokkaido 北海道	7/21 ~ 8/16	Hokkaido 北海道	Sapporo 札幌市	O-dori Park and others 大通公園ほか	Sapporo Natsu Matsuri さっぽろ夏まつり	Summary: Summer Festival in the city. Schedule & Key events: ●7/21-8/16 12:00-21:00 Open-air beer halls set up in O-dori Park ●8/11-8/16 18:00-21:00 <i>Bon Odori</i> (Japanese folk dance) in the O-dori Park 2-chome area	JR Chitose Line to Sapporo Sta., and then take Namboku or Toho Subway Line to O-dori Sta.	JR千歳線札幌駅より地下鉄南北線又は東豊線で大通駅下車	http://sapporo-natsu.com/

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Tohoku 東北	7/17	Miyagi 宮城県	Shiogama 塩釜市	Shiogama-jinja Shrine, Shiwahiko-jinja Shrine, Marine Gate Shiogama and others 塩釜神社、志波彦神社、マリンゲート塩釜ほか	Shiogama Minato Matsuri 塩竈みなと祭	Summary: Port Festival featuring a parade of two giant <i>Mikoshi</i> of the shrines. Schedule & Key events: ● 7/17 Parade of two <i>Mikoshi</i> on each boat escorted by a fleet of boats, leaving Marine Gate Shiogama for sailing in Matsushima Bay Parade of two <i>Mikoshi</i> by townspeople from Marine Gate Shiogama to each shrine, through the city ● 7/16 (eve of the festival) Fireworks display over Shiogama Pier	JR Senseki Line to Hon-Shiogama Sta.	JR仙石線本塩釜駅下車	http://kanko-ubussan.shiogama.miyagi.jp/news/news/
Tohoku 東北	7/22 ~ 7/24	Fukushima 福島県	Tajima, Minamiaizu-machi 南会津町田島	Tadeuga-jinja Shrine, Kumano-jinja Shrine and others 田出宇賀神社、熊野神社ほか	Aizu-Tajima Gion-sai 会津田島祇園祭	Summary: Festival of the shrines, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Schedule & Key events: ● 7/22 16:00- Parade of four <i>O-yatai</i> , on which <i>Kodomo-Kabuki</i> are played, on the town's main streets ● 7/23 7:50- <i>Nanahokai-Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of women in traditional attire) 16:00- Parade of four <i>O-yatai</i> , on which <i>Kodomo-Kabuki</i> are played, on the town's main streets	From Tobu Asakusa Sta., take Tobu Isesaki Line to Aizu Tajima Sta. (via Yagan Railway Aizu-Kinugawa Line and Aizu Tetsudo Line)	東武浅草駅より東武伊勢崎線で野岩鉄道会津鬼怒川線、会津鉄道線經由会津田島駅下車	https://www.kanko-aizu.com/

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Tohoku 東北	7/29 ~ 7/31	Fukushima 福島県	Minami-Soma 南相馬市	Hibarigahara Moor, Soma Odaka-jinja Shrine and others 雲雀ヶ原祭場地、相馬小高神社ほか	Soma Noma-oi 相馬野馬追	<p>Summary: Wild Horses Chasing with over a 1000-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. This festival features <i>Yoinori-keiba</i> (horse racing by local people with traditional attire), <i>Ogyoretsu</i> (a procession of warriors on horses), <i>Kacchu-Keiba</i> (horse racing by armored warriors), <i>Shinki-Sodatsusen</i> (scramble for Shinki flags of the shrine by hundreds of horsemen in ancient armor and helmets) and <i>Nomakake</i>, in which young men in white costumes try to capture the wild horses bare-handed for the dedication to Soma Odaka-jinja Shrine. Admission ticket is required for <i>Kacchu-Keiba</i> and <i>Shinki-Sodatsusen</i>.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/29 14:00- <i>Yoinori-keiba</i> at Hibarigahara Moor ● 7/30 9:30-11:00 <i>Ogyoretsu</i>, marching through the city to Hibarigahara Moor 12:00- <i>Kacchu-Keiba</i> at Hibarigahara Moor 13:00- <i>Shinki-Sodatsusen</i> at Hibarigahara Moor ● 7/31 9:00- <i>Nomakake</i> in the precincts of the shrine</p>	JR Joban Line to Haranomachi Sta.	JR常磐線原ノ町駅下車	http://soma-nomaoi.jp/schedule
Tohoku 東北	7/30 ~ 8/5	Aomori 青森県	Kuroishi 黒石市	Kuroishi 黒石市	Kuroishi Neputa Matsuri 黒石ねぷた祭り	<p>Summary: Festival of <i>Neputa</i> featuring a huge papier-mache or a fan-shaped lantern with effigies of legendary heroes painted on it. The highlight of this festival is a parade of about 50 carriages of lighted <i>Neputa</i> pulled on the main street accompanied with the sound of drums and flutes.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/30 & 8/2 19:00- Parade of <i>Neputa</i> from Miyuki park</p>	(1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. (South Exit) From there, take Konan bus to Kuroishi Eki-mae Bus Stop (60 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta. From there, take Konan Railway Konan Line to Kuroishi Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR東北新幹線新青森駅 (南口) より弘南バスで黒石駅前下車 (60分)、徒歩10分 (2) JR奥羽本線弘前駅より弘南鉄道弘南線で黒石駅下車、徒歩10分	https://kuroishi.or.jp/

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Tohoku 東北	7/31 ~ 8/4	Aomori 青森県	Hachinohe 八戸市	Ogami-jinja Shrine, Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine, Shinmei-gu Shrine and others おがみ神社、長者山新羅神社、神明宮ほか	Hachinohe Sansha Taisai 八戸三社大祭	<p>Summary: Gorgeous festival of <i>Sansha</i> (three Shrines; Ogami-jinja Shrine, Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine and Shinmei-gu Shrine), designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●8/1 & 3 15:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> of each shrine and 27 colorful huge floats, proceeding in the city ●8/2 14:00-16:00 <i>Kiba-dakyu</i> (Japanese polo) in the precincts of Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine 18:00-21:00 Parade of 27 colorful huge floats, proceeding in the city ●8/4 18:00-20:00 Exhibition of floats and local performing arts at Shicho-mae Hiroba</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Hachinohe Sta. From there, take JR Hachinohe Line to Hon-Hachinohe Sta.	JR東北新幹線八戸駅よりJR八戸線で本八戸駅下車	https://visit-hachinohe.com/stories/sannshataisai_schedule/
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 (9/28 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. It is not allowed to eat and drink alcohol on the boat departing 19:15 this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily (except 9/28) 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/ukai/

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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 Mon., Fri., Sat. and Sun. For reservation, please call 0568-61-2727 (Kisogawa Kanko) or reserve through the website.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●6/1-8/31 19:30-20:15 ●9/1-10/15 19:00-19:45 Lunch Cruise (every Mon., Fri., 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	6/30 ~ 7/1	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuji-Yoshida 富士吉田市	Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine, Komitake-jinja Shrine 北口本宮富士浅間神社、 小御嶽神社	Fujisan Kaizan-sai 富士山開山祭	<p>Summary: Ceremonies held at two shrines to open the official climbing season of Mt. Fuji - the highest mountain in Japan, 3,776 meters high above sea level. Shinto rites feature <i>Omichi-Biraki</i> - a ceremony of going through <i>Torii</i> Gate by the priests praying for the safety of the climbers.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●6/30 at Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine 15:00- Shinto rites ●7/1 at Komitake-jinja Shrine on the 5th Station of Mt. Fuji Yoshida-guchi trail 10:00- Shinto rites and parade of <i>Mikoshi</i></p>	(1) Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine: Fuji-Kyuko Line to Fujisan-eki Sta., and then walk 20 min. (2) Komitake-jinja Shrine: Fuji-Kyuko Line to Fujisan-eki Sta. or Kawaguchiko Sta. From there, take bus to Fujisan Go-go-me (5th Station) Bus Stop (55 min.)	(1) 北口本宮富士浅間神社: 富士急行線富士山駅より徒歩20分 (2) 小御嶽神社: 富士急行線富士山駅又は河口湖駅よりバスで55分富士山5合目下車	https://fujiyoshida.net/
Chubu 中部	7/10	Shizuoka 静岡県	Fujinomiya 富士宮市	Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine, Murayama Sengen-jinja Shrine 富士山本宮浅間大社、 村山浅間神社	Fujisan O-yama-biraki 富士山お山開き	<p>Summary: Ceremony to open the official climbing season of Mt. Fuji, featuring <i>Kaizan-sai</i> (shinto rites to mark the opening) and <i>Nyuzan-shiki</i> (shinto rites praying for the safety of the climbers and laying flowers on a monument of "Sir Rutherford Alcock (1809-1897)", the first British Consul-General in Japan and the first non-Japanese to climb Mt. Fuji in 1860).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00- <i>Kaizan-sai</i> ceremony at Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine 11:00- <i>Nyuzan-shiki</i> ceremony at Murayama Sengen-jinja Shrine</p>	JR Minobu Line to Fujinomiya Sta. From there, (1) Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine: walk 10 min. (2) Murayama Sengen-jinja Shrine: take taxi (20 min.)	JR身延線富士宮駅より (1) 富士山本宮浅間大社: 徒歩10分 (2) 村山浅間神社: タクシーで20分	http://www.city.fujinomiya.lg.jp/kanbou/index.html

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Chubu 中部	7/15 ~ 7/16	Shizuoka 静岡県	Mori- machi 森町	Yamana-jinja Shrine and others 山名神社 ほか	Yamana-jinja Tenno-sai 山名神社天王祭	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of eight decorated floats and <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) by children and adults in colorful attire, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily daytime Parade of eight floats, through the city 16:00- Eight kinds of <i>Bugaku</i> performances on the stage in Maiya Hall of the shrine</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Fukuroi Sta. From there, take Akiha Bus to Tenno Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東海道本線袋井駅より秋葉バスで20分天王下車	https://www.mori-kanko.jp/
Chubu 中部	7/15 ~ 9/9	Gifu 岐阜県	Hachiman- cho, Gujo 郡上市 八幡町	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Gujo Odori 郡上おどり	<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: ●7/15, 16, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30 20:00-22:30 or 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.gujohachiman.com/kanko/
Chubu 中部	7/20 ~ 8/17	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuefuki 笛吹市	Fuefuki River 笛吹川	Fuefukigawa Isawa Ukai 笛吹川石和鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●every Wed., Thu., Sat. and Sun. 20:00-20:45 <i>Ukai</i> on Fuefuki River 20:50-21:00 Fireworks display over the river</p>	JR Chuo Honsen Line to Isawa-Onsen Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR中央本線石和温泉駅より徒歩20分	https://www.fuefuki-kanko.jp/contents/summerfes/1011/index.html

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Chubu 中部	7/22 ~ 7/23	Aichi 愛知県	Tsushima 津島市	Tsushima-jinja Shrine, Tenno-gawa Park 津島神社、 天王川公園	Owari Tsushima Tenno Matsuri 尾張津島天王祭	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrine, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, and highlighted by two parades of boats, <i>Makiwara-bune</i> boats decorated with hundreds of lighted lanterns under the fireworks display and <i>Danjiri-bune</i> boats with a doll of <i>Noh</i> (traditional masked drama) play's character each placed atop, on the pond in Tenno-gawa Park. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/22 18:30- Lanterns light up 20:15- Parade of five <i>Makiwara-bune</i> boats ● 7/23 9:10- Parade of six <i>Danjiri-bune</i> boats</p>	JR Kansai Honsen Line to Yatomi Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Bisai Line to Tsushima Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR関西本線弥富駅より名鉄尾西線で津島駅下車、徒歩15分	http://tsushima-kankou.com/tenno/
Chubu 中部	7/29	Shizuoka 静岡県	Arai-cho, Kosai 湖西市 新居町	Arai Junior High School 新居中学校	Enshu Arai-no Tezutsu Hanabi 遠州新居の手筒花火	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display, characterized by the pillars of fire, rising fire exceeding 20 meters up in the air, gushing out of cylinders held in the arms of young men.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:15- Fireworks display in the playground of Arai Junior High School</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Araimachi Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 25 min.	JR東海道本線新居町駅(南口)より徒歩25分	https://hamanako-kosai.jp/location/1387/
Hokuriku 北陸	7/6 ~ 7/7	Niigata 新潟県	Murakami 村上市	Senami-haguro-jinja Shrine and others 西奈彌羽黒神社ほか	Murakami Taisai 村上大祭	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrine, featuring a parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> and 19 <i>Oshagiri</i> (beautifully sculptured and lacquered floats) following children in traditional attire and so on. Open-air stalls are set up on 7/6-8.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/7 8:00-22:00 Parade along the city's main streets</p>	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Murakami Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR羽越本線村上駅より徒歩20分	https://www.sake3.com/event/7681

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Hokuriku 北陸	7/23 ~ 7/29	Niigata 新潟県	Joetsu 上越市	Takada district, Naoetsu district, Seki River 高田地区、 直江津地区、 関川	Joetsu Matsuri 上越まつり	<p>Summary: Festival, featuring a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i>, floats and folk dancers, held in Takada district on 7/23-26 and in Naoetsu district on 7/26-29. The highlight of this festival is <i>Mikoshi-no-Kawakudari</i> in which <i>Mikoshi</i> is crossed over Seki River with a boat from Takada district to Naoetsu district. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/25 19:00-20:30 Dancing parade in Takada district ● 7/26 20:00- <i>Mikoshi-no-Kawakudari</i> and fireworks display at the mouth of the river ● 7/28 19:00-20:20 Dancing parade in Naoetsu district</p>	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Joetsumyoko Sta. From there, take Echigo Tokimeki Railway Myoko Haneuma Line to	JR北陸新幹線上越妙高駅よりえちごトキめき鉄道妙高はねうまラインで (1) 高田地区: 高田駅下車 (2) 直江津地区: 直江津駅下車	https://joetsuukankonavi.jp/joetsumatsuri/index.php
Hokuriku 北陸	7/24 ~ 7/26	Niigata 新潟県	Yahiko-mura 弥彦村	Yahiko-jinja Shrine, Mt. Yahiko, Yahiko Park and others 弥彦神社、 弥彦山、 弥彦公園 ほか	Yahiko Toro Matsuri 弥彦燈籠まつり	<p>Summary: Lantern Festival, with a 1,000-year history and designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is a procession of <i>Mikoshi</i>, floats decorated with lots of lanterns, and hundreds people holding lanterns each.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/25 18:20- Parade of people holding torchlights from Mt. Yahiko to the town 20:00-22:00 Fireworks display at Yahiko Park 21:00- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> through the main streets of the town</p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Tsubamesanjo Sta. From there, take JR Yahiko Line to Yahiko Sta.	JR上越新幹線燕三条駅よりJR弥彦線で弥彦駅下車	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2418
Hokuriku 北陸	7/29 ~ 7/30	Niigata 新潟県	Aikawa Haneda-machi, Sado 佐渡市 相川羽田町	Aikawa Haneda-machi, Sado 佐渡市 相川羽田町	Kozan Matsuri 鉦山祭	<p>Summary: Gold Mine Festival. The town was once a gold mining town in feudal days.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 18:00-22:00</p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Niigata Sta. From there, take bus to Niigata Port - Sado-Kisen (15min.), and change to Jetfoil to Ryotsu Port in Sado Island (1h.), and then take bus to Aikawa Bus Stop (60 min.)	JR上越新幹線新潟駅よりバスで15分新潟港佐渡汽船乗場下車、ジェットfoilに乗り換え1時間両津港下船、バスで60分相川下車	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2424

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Hokuriku 北陸	7/31 ~ 8/1	Ishikawa 石川県	Nafune-machi, Wajima 輪島市 名舟町	Hakusan-jinja Shrine (Okitsuhime-jinja Shrine) and others 白山神社 (奥津姫神社) ほか	Nafune Taisai (Gojinjo-daiko) 名舟大祭 (御陣乗太鼓)	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> on the boat through the <i>Torii</i> gate standing in the sea near the shrine, and <i>Gojinjo-daiko</i> (Japanese folkloristic drumming) by men wearing grotesque masks.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/31 Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> and <i>Kiriko</i> (tall rectangular lanterns) from the shrine and demonstration of <i>Gojinjo-daiko</i> ● 8/1 Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> and demonstration of <i>Gojinjo-daiko</i></p>	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa Sta. From there, take Hokuriku Tetsudo Bus to Wajima-Ekimae Bus Stop (2 hrs.), and then take bus to Nafune Bus Stop (20min.)	JR北陸新幹線金沢駅より北陸鉄道バスで2時間輪島駅前下車、バスで20分名舟下車	https://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/event/6188
Kinki 近畿	6/30 ~ 7/2	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市 伏見区	Kyoto Pulse Plaza 京都パルスプラザ	Kyoto Antique Fair 京都アンティークフェア	<p>Summary: Grand Antique Fair with over 300 dealers from around the world. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 6/30 & 7/1 10:00-17:00 ● 7/2 10:00-16:00</p>	Kintetsu Kyoto Line or Karasuma Subway Line to Takeda Sta., and then (1) walk 15 min. (2) take free shuttle bus from West Exit (5 min.)	近鉄京都線又は地下鉄烏丸線竹田駅より (1) 徒歩15分 (2) 西口より無料シャトルバスで5分	http://www.gomoku-do.com/

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Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 7/31	Kyoto 京都府	Kyoto 京都市	Yasaka-jinja Shrine, Shijo-Karasuma Area and others 八坂神社、四条烏丸界隈ほか	Gion Matsuri 祇園祭	<p>Summary: Festival, originating in 869, is counted as one of the three grandest festivals in Japan, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The festival actually lasts for one month in July, and has its two highlights; (1) <i>Saki-Matsuri</i> in which <i>Yama-hoko-Junko</i> (a procession of 23 gorgeous small and large floats) are drawn to the tune of flutes, drums, gongs and other musical instrument. (2) <i>Ato-Matsuri</i> in which <i>Yama-hoko-Junko</i> (a procession of another 10 floats) and <i>Hanagasa-Junko</i> (a long colorful pageant) consists of many dancing groups, children and <i>Geisha</i>, all in traditional costumes. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: <<i>Saki-Matsuri</i>> ●7/14-16 evening <i>Yoiyama</i>, in which all floats with lighted lanterns are exhibited on the main streets ●7/17 9:00- <i>Yama-hoko-Junko</i> along the main streets of the city 18:00- <i>Shinko-sai</i>, parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> <<i>Ato-Matsuri</i>> ●7/21-23 evening <i>Yoiyama</i>, in which all floats with lighted lanterns are exhibited on the main streets ●7/24 9:30- <i>Yama-hoko-Junko</i> along the main streets of the city 10:00- <i>Hanagasa-Junko</i> through the main streets to the shrine 16:00- <i>Kanko-sai</i>, parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> from <i>Otabisho</i> to the shrine</p>	(1) Karasuma Subway Line to Shijo Sta. (2) Hankyu Kyoto Line to Karasuma Sta.	(1) 地下鉄烏丸線四条駅下車 (2) 阪急京都線烏丸駅下車	https://www.kyoto-kankou.or.jp/event/?id=2319&r=1687848914.6536
Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/23	Kyoto 京都府	Ukyo-ku, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 右京区、西京区	Oi River 大堰川	Arashiyama Ukai 嵐山鵜飼	<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: ●7/1-8/31 (except 8/16) 19:00-, 20:00- ●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/

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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 2,300JPY (child 1,200JPY) 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: ● 7/1-8/31 18:30-20:00 ● 9/1-9/30 18:00-19:30</p>	(1) Keihan Uji Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京阪宇治線宇治駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR奈良線宇治駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kyoto-ujikankou.or.jp/ukai.html
Kinki 近畿	7/7	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市上京区	Shiramine-jingu Shrine 白峯神宮	Sei Daimyojin Reisai (Kemari-hono) 精大明神例祭 (蹴鞠奉納)	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, highlighted by a game of <i>Kemari</i>, played by the shrine priests, who loft a small ball with their insteps.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:30- <i>Kemari</i> game 16:00- Japanese dance by girls</p>	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 9 to Horikawa Imadegawa Bus Stop (2) Karasuma Subway Line to Imadegawa Sta. (Exit 4), and then walk 8 min.	(1) JR京都駅より市バスNo. 9で堀川今出川下車 (2) 地下鉄烏丸線今出川駅 (4番出口)より徒歩8分	http://shiraminejingu.or.jp/event/tanabata/
Kinki 近畿	7/7	Nara 奈良県	Yoshino-cho 吉野町	Zao-do Temple (Kimpusen-ji Temple on Mt. Yoshino) 蔵王堂 (吉野山金峯山寺)	Renge-e (Kaeru-tobi Gyoji) 蓮華会 (蛙飛び行事)	<p>Summary: Religious lesson of story-telling. One of the biggest events of the temple. The ritual of <i>Renge-e</i>, in which parishioners on the boats pick up lotus flowers and donate them to each temple. The ritual of <i>Kaeru-tobi</i>, in which the frog pantomimes the story of the impious local man who was transformed into a frog and then transformed back to a human being thanks to the Buddhist Sutra cited by a pious priest.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00- Ritual of <i>Renge-e</i> 12:30- A man wearing a frog costume on a float is carried to Zao-do Temple 16:00- Ritual of <i>Kaeru-tobi</i> at Zao-do Temple</p>	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta., and change to Kintetsu Yoshino Line to Yoshino Sta. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Nara Line to Yamato-Saidaiji Sta., and change to Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta., and change to Kintetsu Yoshino Line to Yoshino Sta. From Yoshino Sta., take ropeway to Sanjo Sta. (3 min.), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄橿原線で橿原神宮前駅にて近鉄吉野線に乗り換え吉野駅下車 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅より近鉄奈良線で大和西大寺駅にて近鉄橿原線に乗り換え橿原神宮前駅にて近鉄吉野線に乗り換え吉野駅下車 吉野駅よりロープウェーで3分山上駅下車、徒歩10分	http://www.kinpusen.or.jp/event/3dai.html

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Kinki 近畿	7/14	Wakayama 和歌山県	Nachi Katsuura-cho 那智勝浦町	Kumano Nachi Taisha Shrine, Hiro-jinja Shrine and others 熊野那智大社、別宮飛瀧神社ほか	Nachi-no Ogi Matsuri 那智の扇祭り	<p>Summary: Fire Festival, counted as one of the three grandest fire festivals in Japan.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00- Shinto dances are performed in the precincts of the shrine 13:00- <i>Ogi-Mikoshi</i> , each decorated with 32 red fans and 8 mirrors, leave the shrine for Hiro-jinja Shrine, near Nachi Waterfall 14:00- 12 white-robed men, each holding a big flaming torch, meet and run around <i>Mikoshi</i> for purification in Hiro-jinja Shrine 15:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> return to the main Kumano Nachi Taisha Shrine</p>	JR Kisei Honsen Line to Kii-Katsuura Sta. From there, take bus to Nachisan Bus Stop (30 min.)	JR紀勢本線紀伊勝浦駅よりバスで30分那智山下車	https://kumano-nachitaisha.or.jp/event/
Kinki 近畿	7/24 ~ 7/25	Osaka 大阪府	Kita-ku, Osaka 大阪市北区	Osaka Tenmangu Shrine, Tenjinbashi Bridge, Okawa River and others 大阪天満宮、天神橋、大川ほか	Tenjin Matsuri 天神祭	<p>Summary: Festival, with over a 1,000-year history, counted as one of the three grandest festivals in Japan. This festival features <i>Horen</i> on the sacred boat, going upstream on Okawa River, followed by a fleet of a hundred of boats decorated with lighted lanterns.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/25 15:30- Parade of <i>Horen</i> from the shrine to Tenjinbashi Bridge 18:00- Parade of <i>Horen</i> on the river 19:30-20:50 Fireworks display over the river</p>	Osaka Tenman-gu Shrine : (1) Tanimachi Subway Line to Minami-Morimachi Sta. (Exit 4), and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Tozai Line to Osaka Tenmangu Sta. (Exit 7), and then walk 5 min.	大阪天満宮 : (1) 地下鉄谷町線南森町駅(4番出口)より徒歩5分 (2) JR東西線大阪天満宮駅(7番出口)より徒歩5分	https://osakatenmangu.or.jp/

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Kinki 近畿	7/24 ~ 7/25	Wakayama 和歌山県	Tanabe 田辺市	Tokei-jinja Shrine, Aizubashi bridge and others 闘鶏神社、会津橋ほか	Tanabe Matsuri 田辺祭	<p>Summary: Festival with a 450-year history and noted for its <i>Okasa</i>. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i>, three decorated horses, townspeople in traditional attire and eight <i>Okasa</i>.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/24 9:00-21:30 Parade from the shrine, through the town 21:30-22:00 Exhibition of floats decorated with lighted lanterns on Aizubashi bridge ● 7/25 12:30-19:30 Parade of floats from Aizubashi bridge to the shrine, through the towns 21:20- <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) by children at the shrine</p>	Tokei-jinja Shrine: JR Kisei Honsen Line to Ki-Tanabe Sta., and then walk 5 min.	闘鶏神社: JR紀勢本線紀伊田辺駅より徒歩5分	http://www.tanabe-kanko.jp/event/tanabe-matsuri/
Chugoku 中国	7/20 & 7/27	Shimane 島根県	Tsuwano-cho 津和野町	Yasaka-jinja Shrine and others 弥栄神社ほか	Gion Matsuri (Tsuwano-no Sagi-mai Shinji) 祇園祭 (津和野の鷺舞神事)	<p>Summary: Sagi-mai-Shinji or Heron Dance, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Two men dressed like herons and others in traditional costumes perform the dance in tune with leisurely music of drums, pipes and bells.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/20 15:00- Dancing on Tonomachi street to the shrine and at many other places in the city ● 7/27 15:00- Dancing on Tonomachi street to the shrine and at many other places in the city</p>	JR Yamaguchi Line to Tsuwano Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR山口線津和野駅より徒歩10分	https://www.all-ivami.com/event/detail_1271.html

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Chugoku 中国	7/20 ~ 7/27	Yamaguchi 山口県	Yamaguchi 山口市	Yasaka-jinja Shrine and others 八坂神社ほか	Yamaguchi Gion Matsuri 山口祇園祭	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is "<i>So-odori</i>", a folk dancing parade through the city. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/20 18:30- <i>Sagi-no-mai</i> (Heron Dance) in the precincts of the shrine and parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> on the truck through the main streets of the city ● 7/24 19:30-21:00 <i>So-odori</i> dancing parade</p>	Yasaka-jinja Shrine: JR Yamaguchi Line to Kami-Yamaguchi Sta., and then walk 15 min.	八坂神社: JR山口線上山口駅より徒歩15分	https://yamaguchi-city.jp/calendar/summer.html
Shikoku 四国	7/22 ~ 7/24	Ehime 愛媛県	Uwajima 宇和島市	Kisaiya Road shopping street and others きさいやロードほか	Uwajima Ushi-Oni Matsuri うわじま牛鬼まつり	<p>Summary: One of the biggest summer festivals in Shikoku region.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/23 17:00-20:00 Parade of <i>Uwajima-odori</i> (local folk dance) on Kisaiya Road shopping street 20:30-21:10 Fireworks display over Uwajima Bay ● 7/24 13:00- <i>Oyaushioni</i> (imaginary bull-head monsters), parading on Kisaiya Road shopping street</p>	JR Yosan Line to Uwajima Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR予讃線宇和島駅より徒歩5分	https://ushi-oni.gaina.ne.jp/

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Kyushu 九州	7/1 ~ 7/15	Fukuoka 福岡県	Fukuoka 福岡市	Kushida-jinja Shrine and others 櫛田神社ほか	Hakata Gion Yamakasa 博多祇園山笠	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrine, registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The highlight of this festival comes on 7/15 when <i>Yamakasa</i> (gorgeously decorated floats topped with elaborate decorations including miniature castles, flowers and historical heroes' dolls) are drawn one after another by young men every 5 min. The floats are on display at 14 different places in the city during the festival period. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/15 4:59- Parade of <i>Yamakasa</i> from the shrine, through the crowds of spectators</p>	Kushida-jinja Shrine: JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take Kuko Subway Line to Gion Sta., and then walk 5 min.	櫛田神社: JR山陽新幹線博多駅より地下鉄空港線で祇園駅下車、徒歩5分	http://www.hakatayamakasa.com/
Kyushu 九州	7/14 ~ 7/16	Fukuoka 福岡県	Kokura, Kita-Kyushu 北九州市小倉	Around city hall 市庁舎周辺	Kokura Gion Daiko 小倉祇園太鼓	<p>Summary: <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) Festival. Each town in the city has its own drums, which are beaten by the townspeople going through the neighborhoods during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/14 18:00-22:00 Demonstration of drumming around city hall and riverwalk ● 7/15 16:00-18:00 Demonstration of drumming (children) around city hall 18:00-22:00 Demonstration of drumming around city hall and riverwalk ● 7/16 16:00-18:00 Demonstration of drumming (adult) around city hall 18:00-22:00 Demonstration of drumming around city hall and riverwalk</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Kokura Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR山陽新幹線小倉駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kokuragiondaiko.jp/

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Kyushu 九州	7/21 ~ 7/23	Fukuoka 福岡県	Tobata, Kita-Kyushu 北九州市 戸畑	Tobihata Hachiman-gu Shrine, Sugawara-jinja Shrine, Nakabaru Hachiman-gu Shrine, Tobata Ward Office and others 飛幡八幡宮、 菅原神社、 中原八幡宮、 戸畑区役所 ほか	Tobata Gion Oyamagasa 戸畑祇園大山笠	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrines, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. It features a parade of <i>Yamagasa</i> (huge magnificence eight floats each shaped like a pyramid decorated with hundreds of lighted lanterns) carried by townspeople through the city daily during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/22 18:30-21:00 All the <i>Yamagasa</i> gathering in front of Tobata Ward Office</p>	Tobata Ward Office : JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Tobata Sta., and then walk 20 min.	戸畑区役所 : JR鹿児島本線戸畑駅より徒歩20分	http://tobatagion.jp/
Kyushu 九州	7/30	Nagasaki 長崎県	Nagasaki 長崎市	Matsugae Kokusai Kanko Pier of Nagasaki Port 長崎港松ヶ枝 国際観光埠頭	Nagasaki Peron Senshuken Taikai 長崎ペーロン選手権大会	<p>Summary: Boat Race of ancient-Chinese-style boats.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-14:30</p>	JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta. From there, take streetcar to Oura Kaigandori, and then walk 3 min.	JR長崎本線長崎駅より市電で大浦海岸通下車、徒歩3分	https://www.at-nagasaki.jp/event/51801/

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Glossary :

Asagao	Morning glory
Matsuri	Festival, Event
Mikoshi	Portable shrine

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Time : 24 hours system 8:00am ⇒ 8:00
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Tanabata 七夕

Tanabata, Star Festival is held on July 7 in most parts of Japan or August 7 in some areas. Based on a Chinese folk legend in which two stars - Altair (Cowherd) and Vega (Weaver) - love each other but only allowed to cross the Milky Way to meet once a year on this day. Wishes are written on long colored strips of paper and hung from a bamboo branch with other decorations.

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Tokyo 東京	7/6 ~ 7/8	Tokyo 東京都	Toshima-ku 豊島区	Kishimojin Temple 鬼子母神	Kishimojin-no-Natsu Ichi 鬼子母神の夏市	Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Stalls selling potted morning glories, wind-bells, gold fishes and others are set up in the precincts of the temple. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 7:00-21:00	(1) Toei Streetcar Arakawa Line to Kishibojim-mae Sta. (2) Tokyo Metro Fukutoshin Line to Zoshigaya Sta. (F10)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote Line to Ikebukuro Sta.(East Exit), and then walk 15 min.	(1) 都電荒川線鬼子母神前駅下車 (2) 東京メトロ副都心線雑司が谷駅(1番出口)より徒歩5分 (3) JR山手線池袋駅(東口)より徒歩15分	https://www.kishimojin.jp/
Tokyo 東京	7/6 ~ 7/8	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Iriya Kishimojin Temple (Shingen-ji Temple), Kototoi-dori Street 入谷鬼子母神(真源寺)、言問通り	Iriya Asagao Matsuri 入谷朝顔まつり	Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Around 60 stalls selling potted morning glories and 100 open-air stalls are set up in the precincts of the temple and on Kototoi-dori Street. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 5:00-23:00	(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Iriya Sta. (H19), and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Yamanote or Keihin Tohoku Line to Uguisudani Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 3 min.	(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線入谷駅より徒歩1分 (2) JR山手線又は京浜東北線鶯谷駅(南口)より徒歩3分	https://www.asagao-matsuri.com/

Tokyo 東京	7/9	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Gonsho-ji Temple 厳正寺	Mizudome-no-mai 水止舞	<p>Summary: Dance of three <i>Shishi</i> lions and two dragons to pray for rain to stop. As people in this area suffered a catastrophic flood in the old times, this event came into being.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00-15:00</p>	Keikyu Line to Omorimachi Sta., and then walk 8 min.	京急線大森町駅より徒歩8分	https://www.mizudome.com/
Tokyo 東京	7/9 ~ 7/10	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Hozuki Ichi ほおずき市	<p>Summary: <i>Hozuki</i> (ground cherry) Fair. A lot of stalls selling ground cherries and wind-bells are set up in the precincts of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-21:00</p>	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅より徒歩5分	https://e-asakusa.jp/culture-experience/77977
Tokyo 東京	7/13 ~ 7/16	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	Mitama Matsuri みたままつり	<p>Summary: Soul Festival of the shrine, associated with "Buddhist Bon Festival". Over 30,000 lanterns are lit up along the approach to the shrine. Various events, such as traditional performances are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily evening-21:30 Lanterns are lit up ●7/13 11:30-18:40-19:00 <i>Kappore</i> (traditional Japanese comic dance) 20:30- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●7/15 15:30-18:30-20:00- <i>Kappore</i> <i>Mikoshi</i> carrying <i>Awa odori</i> folk dancing ●7/16 18:30-20:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> carrying Parade of <i>Aomori Nebuta</i> featuring large lantern floats</p>	Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ東西線、半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄新宿線九段下駅 (1番出口) より徒歩5分	https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=479
Tokyo 東京	7/15 ~ 7/31	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Shinobazu Pond and others 不忍池周辺ほか	Ueno Natsu Matsuri うえの夏まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival. Various events including <i>Kotto Ichi</i> (antique fair) and stage performances are scheduled during the festival period. Parade is cancelled this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-20:00 <i>Kotto Ichi</i> around Shinobazu Pond</p>	JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta. (G16, H18), and then walk 2 min.	JR山手線、東京メトロ銀座線又は日比谷線上野駅より徒歩2分	https://ueno.or.jp/

Tokyo 東京	7/20	Tokyo 東京都	Fuchu 府中市	Okunitama-jinja Shrine 大国魂神社	Sumomo Matsuri すもも祭	<p>Summary: <i>Sumomo</i> (plum) Festival. About 120 stalls selling plums are set up in the precincts of the shrine. Crow-pattern <i>Uchiwa</i> fans are sold in front of <i>Haiden</i> hall. (It is said that a crow drove away evil in the past.)</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 6:00-21:00 <i>Uchiwa</i> -fans are sold 7:00-21:00 Plums are sold 15:00-, 17:00- & 19:00- <i>Satokagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) performance at Kaguraden Hall</p>	(1) Keio Line to Fuchu Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Nambu or Musashino Line to Fuchu-Hommachi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) 京王線府中駅 (南口) より徒歩5分 (2) JR南武線又は武蔵野線府中本町駅より徒歩5分	https://www.ookunitamajinja.or.jp/matsuri/7-sumomo.php
Tokyo 東京	7/25	Tokyo 東京都	Katsushika-ku 葛飾区	Shibamata Yakyu-jo (Edogawa River) 柴又野球場 (江戸川河川敷)	Katsushika Noryo Hanabi Taikai 葛飾納涼花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display with about 20,000 fireworks over Edogawa River. Depend on the weather conditions, the event will be cancelled.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:20-20:30</p>	Keisei Kanamachi Line to Shibamata Sta., and then walk 10 min.	京成金町線柴又駅より徒歩10分	https://www.katsushika-kanko.com/news/660.html
Tokyo 東京	7/26 ~ 7/27	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Chidorigafuchi Boat Pier 千鳥ヶ淵ボート場	Kokyo Chidorigafuchi Toro-nagashi 皇居千鳥ヶ淵灯ろう流し	<p>Summary: <i>Toro-nagashi</i> (paper lantern floating) in the moat at Chidorigafuchi Park.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 19:00-20:00</p>	Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 2), and then walk 10 min.	東京メトロ東西線、半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄新宿線九段下駅 (2番出口) より徒歩10分	https://visit-chiyoda.tokyo/floating.lantern/
Tokyo 東京	7/26 ~ 7/29	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku 新宿区	Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple, Kagurazaka-dori Street 毘沙門天善国寺、神楽坂通り	Kagurazaka Matsuri 神楽坂まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival of the area. The festival features <i>Hozuki</i> (ground cherry) Fair and <i>Awa Odori</i> folk dancing performed by townspeople in <i>Yukata</i> (cotton Kimono).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●7/26 & 27 17:00-21:00 <i>Hozuki</i> fair at the temple ●7/28 & 29 19:00-21:00 <i>Awa Odori</i> along the street</p>	(1) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho, Tozai, Namboku Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Iidabashi Sta. (Y13, T06, N10, E06)(Exit B3) (2) JR Sobu Line to Iidabashi Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 1 min.	(1) 東京メトロ有楽町線、東西線、南北線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線飯田橋駅 (B3出口) 下車 (2) JR総武線飯田橋駅 (西口) より徒歩1分	https://www.kagurazaka.in/kagurazaka_festival/49thmatsuri/

Tokyo 東京	7/28 ~ 8/3 8/25 ~ 8/27	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Hibiya Park 日比谷公園	Asagao-ten 朝顔展	<p>Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Flowers are in bloom usually in the morning.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 8:00-11:30</p>	<p>(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya, Chiyoda Line or Toei Mita Subway Line to Hibiya Sta. (H08, C09, I08) (Exit A10, A14). (2) JR Yamanote Line to Yurakucho Sta.(Hibiya Exit), and then walk 8 min.</p>	<p>(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線、千代田線又は都営地下鉄三田線日比谷駅下車 (A10・A14出口) (2) JR山手線有楽町駅 (日比谷口) より徒歩8分</p>	https://henka2022.jimdofree.com/
Tokyo 東京	7/29	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku, Sumida-ku 台東区、墨田区	Sumida River (The first venue : between Sakura and Kototoi Bridge, The second venue : between Komagata and Umayu Bridge) 隅田川 (第一会場:桜橋～言問橋、 第二会場:駒形橋～厩橋)	Sumidagawa Hanabi Taikai 隅田川花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display with about 20,000 fireworks over Sumida River, held at the two sites. Depend on the weather conditions, the event will be cancelled.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:00-20:30</p>	<p>The first venue : (1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18) (2) Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Oshiage Sta. (Z14, A20)</p> <p>The second venue : (1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18) (2) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Kuramae Sta. (A17, E11) (3) JR Sobu Line to Asakusabashi Sta. or Ryogoku Sta.</p>	<p>第一会場 : (1) 東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅下車 (2) 東京メトロ半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄浅草線押上駅下車</p> <p>第二会場 : (1) 東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅下車 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線蔵前駅下車 (3) JR総武線浅草橋駅又は両国駅下車</p>	https://www.sumidagawa-hanabi.com/
Tokyo 東京	7/30 ~ 8/6	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	Hono Asagao-ten 奉納あさがお展	<p>Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Flowers are in bloom usually in the morning.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 6:00-</p>	Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ東西線、半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄新宿線九段下駅 (1番出口) より徒歩5分	https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/history/associate.html

Kanto 関東	7/7 ~ 7/9	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Hiratsuka 平塚市	Shopping streets around JR Hiratsuka Sta. JR平塚駅周辺商店街	Shonan Hiratsuka Tanabata Matsuri 湘南ひらつか七夕まつり	<p>Summary: Star Festival of the area. Main streets of the city are decorated with <i>Tanabata</i> ornaments and strips of rainbow-colored paper. Various events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●7/7 10:30- <i>Tanabata</i> Odori, a parade of folk dancers in great numbers</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Hiratsuka Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 2 min.	JR東海道本線平塚駅 (北口) より徒歩2分	http://www.tanabata-hiratsuka.com/
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Kanto 関東	7/7 ~ 7/9	Chiba 千葉県	Narita 成田市	Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple and others 成田山新勝寺ほか	Narita Gion Matsuri 成田祇園祭	<p>Summary: Annual festival of the temple with a history of 300 years. The highlights of this festival are <i>Soodori</i> (folk music and dancing performed on the floats) and <i>Sobiki</i> (a parade of 10 floats and <i>Mikoshi</i>).</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●daily 19:00- Parade of floats ●7/7 13:30- Ritual pray, <i>Soodori</i> performance and parade of floats and <i>Mikoshi</i> from the temple ●7/8 9:00- Parade of floats and <i>Mikoshi</i> from Narita Sta. after <i>Soodori</i> performance ●7/9 13:00- <i>Sobiki</i> parade at the base of the temple 17:00- <i>Soodori</i> performance at the temple 	Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple : (1) JR Sobu Honsen Line Rapid Train (for Narita Airport) to Narita Sta.,and then walk 10 min. (2) Keisei Line to Keisei-Narita Sta., and then walk 10 min.	成田山新勝寺 : (1) JR総武本線快速 (成田空港行)で成田駅下車、徒歩10分 (2) 京成線京成成田駅より徒歩10分	http://www.nrtk.jp/enjoy/shikisaisai/gion-festival.html
Kanto 関東	7/9	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Fujisawa 藤沢市	Yasaka-jinja Shrine (Enoshima-jinja Shrine), Koyurugi-jinja Shrine and others 八坂神社 (江ノ島神社)、 小動神社ほか	Enoshima Tenno-sai (Mikoshi Kaijo Togyo) 江ノ島天王祭 (神輿海上渡御)	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of two shrines. <i>Mikoshi</i> of Enoshima-jinja Shrine is carried into the sea of Enoshima.The scene of the youths jostling one another in the sea is always a vigorous and magnificent sight to behold.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Parade starts from Enoshima-jinja Shirine 11:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> goes into the sea 14:00- Two <i>Mikoshi</i> meet at Ryuko-ji Temple and parade to Koyurugi-jinja Shrine together 15:00- Two <i>Mikoshi</i> arrive at Koyurugi-jinja Shrine 16:10-18:00 Parade returns to Enoshima-jinja Shrine 	Enoshima-jinja Shrine : (1) Odakyu Enoshima Line to Katase-Enoshima Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Enoshima Dentetsu (Enoden) Line to Enoshima Sta., and then walk 20 min.	江ノ島神社 : (1) 小田急江ノ島線片瀬江ノ島駅より徒歩15分 (2) 江ノ島電鉄線 (江ノ電) 江ノ島駅より徒歩20分	http://enoshimajinja.or.jp/yasakajinjar-eisai/
Kanto 関東	7/14 ~ 7/16	Chiba 千葉県	Katori 香取市	Yasaka-jinja Shrine and others 八坂神社ほか	Sawara-no-Taisai Natsu Matsuri 佐原の大祭夏祭り	<p>Summary: Summer Festival of the shrine, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The highlight of this festival is a parade of 10 beautiful floats topped with large-size dolls modeled after historical figures, birds, beasts and others to the tune of festival music.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●daily 10:00-22:00 Parade of floats in Honjuku district ●7/16 18:30- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> 	JR Narita Line to Sawara Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR成田線佐原駅より徒歩10分	https://www.city.katori.lg.jp/sightseeing/matsuri/introduction/natsu.html

Kanto 関東	7/19 ~ 7/20	Saitama 埼玉県	Chichibu 秩父市	Chichibu-jinja Shrine, Arakawa River and others 秩父神社、荒川ほか	Chichibu Kawase Matsuri 秩父川瀬祭	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Mikoshi-arai</i> , a ritual that <i>Mikoshi</i> is carried into Arakawa River.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/19 19:00- Rite to build a pillar to welcome Susanoo, Shinto god, at the shrine 19:30- Fireworks display at Hitsujiyama park ● 7/20 morning-22:00 Parade of eight floats in the city 13:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine to the river 15:00- <i>Mikoshi-arai</i> ritual, and then <i>Mikoshi</i> returns to the shrine</p>	(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Chichibu Sta., and then walk 3 min. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で秩父駅下車、徒歩3分 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩10分	https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/p_festival/1273/
Kanto 関東	7/20 ~ 7/22	Saitama 埼玉県	Kumagaya 熊谷市	Yasaka-jinja Shrine, Omatsuri Hiroba, JR Kumagaya Sta. and others 八坂神社、お祭り広場、JR熊谷駅前ほか	Kumagaya Uchiwa Matsuri 熊谷うちわ祭	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, featuring a parade of beautifully decorated 12 floats to the tune of festival music daily during the period. The highlight of this festival is <i>Tatakie</i> in which young men compete in drumming on the floats.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/20 6:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine 19:00- <i>Tatakie</i> in front of JR Kumagaya Sta. ● 7/21 17:30- 19:30 Parade of floats in the city ● 7/22 19:30- <i>Tatakie</i> at Omatsuri Hiroba 22:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> to the shrine</p>	JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 5 min.	JR高崎線熊谷駅 (北口) より徒歩5分	http://uchiwamatsuri.com/index.html
Kanto 関東	7/30	Saitama 埼玉県	Saitama さいたま市	around Owada Park 大和田公園周辺	Saitama-shi Hanabi Taikai さいたま市花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display with about 5,000 fireworks around Owada Park. Hundres of open-air stalls are set up. Depending on the weather conditions, the event will be postponed to next day.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 19:30-</p>	Tobu Noda Line to Omiya Koen Sta. or Owada Sta., and then walk 15 min.	東武野田線大宮公園駅又は大和田駅より徒歩15分	https://www.stib.jp/event/data/oowadahanabi.html
Kanto 関東	7/31	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Hakone-machi 箱根町	Lake Ashinoko, Hakone-jinja Shrine and others 芦ノ湖、箱根神社ほか	Ashinoko Kosui Matsuri 芦ノ湖湖水まつり	<p>Summary: Fireworks Display over Lake Ashinoko, following the Shinto rites conducted by the Hakone-jinja Shrine's priests on the boats.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:45- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> start from the shrine 18:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> return to the shrine 20:00-20:15 Fireworks display at Motohakone port</p>	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta. From there, take bus to Moto-Hakone-ko Bus Stop (1 hr.)	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時間元箱根港下車	https://www.hakone.or.jp/6418