

Calendar of Events
December 2023



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Glossary :

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Matsuri	Festival, Event

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Omisoka 大晦日
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Tohoku 東北	12/23 ~ 2/25	Yamagata 山形県	Yamagata 山形市	along Zao Ropeway Sancho Line, around Jizo Sancho Sta. 蔵王ロープウェイ山頂 線沿線および地蔵山 頂駅周辺	Zao Juhyo Light-up 蔵王樹氷ライトアップ	Summary: Festival featuring the lighting up <i>Juhyo</i> , known as "Snow Monster", trees covered with frost. Schedule & Key events: ● 12/23, 24, 29-1/3, 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-29, 2/2-5, 9-12,16-19, 23-25 17:00-21:00 <i>Juhyo</i> lighting up	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta., and then take bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop (45 min.) From there, walk to Zao Sanroku Sta. (15 min.), and then take ropeway to Jizo Sancho Sta. (17 min.)	JR山形新幹線山形駅よりバスで45分蔵王温泉下車、徒歩15分の蔵王山麓駅よりロープウェイで17分地蔵山頂駅下車	https://zaoropeway.co.jp/winter/juhyo.php
Tohoku 東北	12/31	Akita 秋田県	Oga 男鹿市	Around Oga station 男鹿駅周辺	Namahage なまはげ	Summary: <i>Namahage</i> (folklore demons that pay frightening visits to children of local houses) is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Local groups of <i>Namahage</i> -masked men, disguised as devils, visit private houses in the villages in the evening, grumbling "Any good-for-nothing fellow whereabouts?" Schedule & Key events: 12:30- Demonstration of <i>Namahage</i> in action and <i>Taiko</i> drumming at around Oga Station 12:45- Parade of <i>Namahage</i> near Oga City Hall	JR Oga Line to Oga Sta.	JR男鹿線男鹿駅下車	https://www.namahage-oga.akita.jp/

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Chubu 中部	12/3 & 12/23	Shizuoka 静岡県	Atami 熱海市	Atami Bay 熱海湾	Atami Kaijo Hanabi Taikai 熱海海上花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display with about 3,000 fireworks. Schedule & Key events: ● 12/3 & 23 20:20-20:40	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR東海道新幹線熱海駅より徒歩15分	https://www.ataminews.gr.jp/event/8/
Chubu 中部	12/9	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Katsuragake-jinja Shrine, Nagara River 葛懸神社、 長良川	Ikenoue Misogi Matsuri (Hadaka Matsuri) 池ノ上みそぎ祭 (裸祭り)	Summary: Naked Festival at the shrine. <i>Misogi</i> (Shinto purification ritual) is conducted by over 30 youths clad in loincloths, diving into Nagara River to purify and exorcise themselves. Schedule & Key events: 13:30- Ritual pray 15:00- <i>Misogi</i> festival	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Gifu Sta. or Meitetsu Nagoya Honsen Line to Meitetsu Gifu Sta. From there, take Gifu bus to Ikenoue Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR東海道本線岐阜駅又は名鉄名古屋本線名鉄岐阜駅より岐阜バスで20分池ノ上下車、徒歩5分	https://www.gifucvb.or.jp/event/detail_winter.php?eid=00046&syu=1&season=winter&shiki_keisai=1
Kinki 近畿	12/8	Kyoto 京都府	Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市西京区	Horin-ji Temple 法輪寺	Hari-kuyo 針供養	Summary: Solemn rite of respect and thanksgiving for broken needles and pins. During the ritual, <i>Orihime-no-mai</i> dance by four ladies dressed like <i>Orihime</i> (Vega) is performed to the tune of <i>Gagaku</i> (court music) for about 10 min. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-14:00	(1) Keifuku Arashiyama Honsen Line to Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Hankyu Arashiyama Line to Hankyu Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Sagano Line to Saga-Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京福嵐山本線嵐山駅より徒歩10分 (2) 阪急嵐山線阪急嵐山駅より徒歩5分 (3) JR嵯峨野線嵯峨嵐山駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kokuzohourinji.com/events.html
Kinki 近畿	12/14	Hyogo 兵庫県	Ako 赤穂市	Ako Castle, Oshiro-dori Street and others 赤穂城、 お城通りほか	Ako Gishi-sai 赤穂義士祭	Summary: Memorial celebrations popularly known as the "Vendetta of the 47 Ronin, or masterless Samurai", featuring a parade of "47 Ronin" accompanied by feudal lords. There will also be a variety of parades and events held in the area. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-15:00 Parade from Otemon Gate of Ako Castle through Oshiro-dori Street	Ako Castle: JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Aioi Sta. From there, take JR Ako Line to Banshu-Ako Sta., and then walk 20 min.	赤穂城: JR山陽新幹線相生駅よりJR赤穂線で播州赤穂駅下車、徒歩20分	https://www.city.ako.lg.jp/kensetsu/kan kou/matsuri/akogishiai120.html

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Kinki 近畿	12/15 ~ 12/18	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Kasuga Wakamiya-jinja Shrine, Prefectural Office and others 春日若宮神社、 県庁ほか	Kasuga Wakamiya On- Matsuri 春日若宮おん祭	Summary: Festival designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. It features <i>Owatari</i> , a long procession of priests, warriors clad in armor, people in costumes of local traditional arts and of the Heian period (12th century) and the like. Many more events are held on the main streets of the city and at the shrine during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ● 12/17 12:00-14:30 <i>Owatari</i> from Prefectural Office to <i>Otabisho</i> (portable shrine resting place) 14:30-22:30 Rites and various local performing arts such as <i>Kagura</i> , <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) at <i>Otabisho</i> in the pricincts of the shrine	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	https://www.kasugataisha.or.jp/
Kinki 近畿	12/21	Kyoto 京都府	Minami- ku, Kyoto 京都市南区	To-ji Temple 東寺	Shimai Kobo 終い弘法	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. The fair is held on the 21st every month, but the last fair of the year draws especially large crowds. Open-air stalls selling used <i>Kimono</i> , potted plants, used books, New Year's decorations and the like are set up. Schedule & Key events: 8:00-16:00	From JR Kyoto Sta., (1) walk 15 min. (2) take Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Toji Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR京都駅より (1) 徒歩15分 (2) 近鉄京都線で東寺駅下車、徒 歩10分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=5128
Kinki 近畿	12/25	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo- ku, Kyoto 京都市上京 区	Kitano Tenman-gu Shrine 北野天満宮	Shimai Tenjin 終い天神	Summary: Year-end Fair at the shrine, featuring open-air stalls selling New Year's decorations and plum berries which have ripened in this shrine. The fair is as large in scale as the one at To-ji Temple on 12/21. Schedule & Key events: 7:00-sunset	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	https://www.kyoto-kankou.or.jp/event/?id=5915&r=169951054.7629
Kinki 近畿	12/31	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山 区	Yasaka-jinja Shrine 八坂神社	Okera-mairi をけら詣り	Summary: Traditional year-end Festival. The climax of this festival comes when a large number of worshippers visit the shrine around midnight to bring home the sacred fire with rope kindled there with which they cook the first meal of the year. This custom is believed to help ward off illness in the coming year. Schedule & Key events: 19:00-	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 to Gion Bus Stop (2) Keihan Honsen Line to Gion Shijo Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) JR京都駅より市バスNo. 206で 祇園下車 (2) 京阪本線祇園四条駅より徒歩5 分	https://www.yasaka-jinja.or.jp/event/

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Chugoku 中国	12/31	Hiroshima 広島県	Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi 廿日市市宮島町	Itsukushima-jinja Shrine, Mikasa-hama Beach 厳島神社、御笠浜	Chinka-sai 鎮火祭	Summary: Fire Festival. A priest brings a fragment of sacred fire from the shrine to Mikasa-hama Beach and lights a big torch placed on the beach. Then young men race to be the first to kindle their torches with the sacred fire, and jostle each other on the beach between the stone <i>Torii</i> and the entrance of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 18:00-	(1) JR Sanyo Honsen Line to Miyajima-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Miyajima-guchi Pier. From there, take ferryboat to Miyajima Pier (10 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hiroshima Sta., and then take streetcar or bus to Hiroshima Port (Ujina Port) (30 min.) From there, take hydrofoil to Miyajima Pier (30 min.), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR山陽本線宮島口駅より徒歩5分の宮島口桟橋からフェリーで10分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分 (2) JR山陽新幹線広島駅より市電又はバスで30分広島港(宇品港)下車、高速船で30分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分	https://www.miyajima.or.jp/english/event/event_chinka.html
Kyushu 九州	12/2 & 12/9	Miyazaki 宮崎県	Takaharu-cho 高原町	Sano-jinja Shrine, Haraigawa Kaguraden-mae Hiroba 狭野神社、祓川神楽殿前広場	Takaharu-no-Kanme 高原の神舞	Summary: Sacred Shinto Dance, the generic name of <i>Sano Kagura</i> and <i>Haraigawa Kagura</i> , each with over a 400-year tradition, designated as the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property. Schedule & Key events: ● 12/2 20:00-7:00 <i>Sano Kagura</i> in front of the second <i>Torii</i> gate at Sano-jinja Shrine ● 12/9 20:00-7:00 <i>Haraigawa Kagura</i> at Haraigawa Kaguraden-mae Hiroba	JR Kitto Line to Takaharu Sta., and then take taxi (5-10 min.)	JR吉都線高原駅下車、タクシーで5～10分	http://www.takaharu-tourism.jp/takaharu/kanme/
Kyushu 九州	12/3	Kagoshima 鹿児島県	Kagoshima 鹿児島市	Sengan-en Garden 仙巖園	Kusajishi-shiki 草鹿式	Summary: Japanese archery ritual, held in the Sengan-en garden which was built more than 350 years ago by the feudal lord of that time. The archers dressed in ceremonial robes shoot arrows at the targets (figures of deer) according to traditional <i>Ogasawara-ryu</i> (school) rites. Admission to the garden is 1,000JPY. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-12:40	JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Kagoshima Chuo Sta. (East Exit) From there, take bus to Sengan-en mae Bus Stop (50 min.)	JR九州新幹線鹿児島中央駅(東口)よりバスで50分仙巖園前下車	https://www.senganen.jp/2020/01/kusajishishiki_2020/

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<i>Kagura</i>	Shinto dance with music
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Otakiage</i>	Burning talisman ritual to express people's gratitude for the year

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Tokyo 東京	12/9 ~ 12/10	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku, Chiyoda-ku 足立区、千代田区	Tokyo Budokan, Nippon Budokan 東京武道館、日本武道館	Zen-Nippon Karate-do Senshu-ken Taikai 全日本空手道選手権大会	Summary: All-Japan Karate Championship at Tokyo Budokan for a team competition and at Nippon Budokan for an individual competition. Admission is free for 12/9, 2,000JPY-4,000JPY for 12/10. Schedule & Key events: ● 12/9 10:00-17:30 Competition at Tokyo Budokan ● 12/10 9:00-17:00 Competition at Nippon Budokan	(1) Tokyo Budokan: Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Ayase Sta. (C19) (East Exit), and then walk 5 min. (2) Nippon Budokan: Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05) (Exit 2) and then walk 5 min. (1) 東京武道館: 東京メトロ千代田線綾瀬駅(東口)より徒歩5分 (2) 日本武道館: 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5分	https://www.jkf.ne.jp/application/51_all_japan

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Tokyo 東京	12/9 ~ 12/10	Tokyo 東京都	Nerima-ku 練馬区	Honryu-ji Temple and others 本立寺ほか	Seki-no Boro Ichi 関のボロ市	Summary: Rag Fair at the temple and its neighboring area. It originated from an agricultural fair, but now the stalls sell clothes, food, toys and plants. The highlight of this fair is <i>Mando Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of people, some holding lanterns and others sounding bells and drums). Schedule & Key events: ● 12/9 10:00-22:00 Rag Fair 19:00-22:00 <i>Mando Gyoretsu</i> ● 12/10 10:00-21:00 Rag Fair	Seibu Shinjuku Line to Musashi-seki Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 3 min.	西武新宿線武蔵関駅 (北口) より徒歩3分	https://www.city.nerima.tokyo.jp/kankomoyoshi/annai/rekishiwoshiru/rekishibunkazai/b043.html
Tokyo 東京	12/14	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区, Chuo-ku 中央区	Sengaku-ji Temple, Zojo-ji Temple, Chuo City Office, and others 泉岳寺、増上寺、中央区役所ほか	Gishi-sai 義士祭	Summary: Memorial event for the "Vendetta of the 47 <i>Ronin</i> (masterless Samurai)" which took place in 1702, to commemorate their loyalty to their master. This festival features <i>Gishi-Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of 47 people dressed as <i>Ronin</i>). Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	Sengaku-ji Temple : (1)Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Sengakuji Sta. (A07) (Exit A2), and then walk 3 min. (2)JR Yamanote Line to Takanawa Gateway Sta., and walk 7 min. Zojo-ji Temple : (1) Toei Mita Subway Line to Onarimon Sta. (I06) or Shibakoen Sta. (I05), and then walk 3 min. (2) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta. (A09, E20), and then walk 5 min.	泉岳寺 : (1) 都営地下鉄浅草線泉岳寺駅 (A2出口) より徒歩3分 (2) JR山手線高輪ゲートウェイ駅より徒歩7分 増上寺 : (1) 都営地下鉄三田線御成門駅又は芝公園駅より徒歩3分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線大門駅より徒歩5分	https://www.sengakuji.or.jp/event/akougishisai.html
Tokyo 東京	12/15 ~ 12/16	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Boro Ichi-dori Street ボロ市通り	Setagaya Boro Ichi 世田谷ボロ市	Summary: Rag Fair featuring hundreds of open-air stalls selling foods, clothes, potted plants, antiques and the like. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-20:00 Open-air stalls are set up	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Shibuya Sta. (West Exit) From there, take Tokyu bus (for Kamimachi-eki) to Kamimachi Bus Stop (2) Tokyu Setagaya Line to Setagaya Sta. or Kamimachi Sta., and then walk 3 min.	(1) JR山手線渋谷駅 (西口) より東急バス上町駅行で上町下車 (2) 東急世田谷線世田谷駅又は上町駅より徒歩3分	https://www.city.setagaya.lg.jp/setagaya/001/003/d00125000.html
Tokyo 東京	12/17 ~ 12/19	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Hagoita Ichi (Toshi-no Ichi) 羽子板市 (歳の市)	Summary: Shuttlecock and battledore fair in the compound of the temple. <i>Hagoita</i> is a wooden racket (originally used in <i>Hanetsuki</i>, the traditional badminton-like game), and is often decorated with the figures of popular <i>Kabuki</i> actors and is made of elaborate silk collages. It is usually displayed in the house as a New Year's ornament. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-19:00	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	http://asakusa-toshinoichi.com/

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Tokyo 東京	12/21	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku 足立区	Nishiarai Daishi Temple 西新井大師	Osame-no Daishi 納めの大師	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls selling <i>Kumade</i> (Decorated bamboo rake charms) are set up in the compound of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-21:00	Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi-mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.	東武大師線大師前駅より徒歩5分	https://www.nishiaraidaishi.or.jp/event/yearly.html
Tokyo 東京	12/24	Tokyo 東京都	Toshima-ku 豊島区	Togenuki Jizoson (Kogan-ji Temple) とげぬき地蔵尊 (高岩寺)	Osame-no Jizo 納めの地蔵	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-16:30	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Sugamo Sta. (Front Exit), and then walk 5 min. (2) Toei Mita Subway Line to Sugamo Sta. (I15)(Exit A3), and then walk 2 min.	(1) JR山手線巣鴨駅（正面口）より徒歩5分 (2) 都営地下鉄三田線巣鴨駅（A3出口）より徒歩2分	https://sugamo.or.jp
Tokyo 東京	12/26 ~ 12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Yagenbori Fudoin Temple 薬研堀不動院	Toshi-no Ichi 歳の市	Summary: Year-end Fair around the temple, featuring open-air stalls selling New Year's decorations. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-19:00	Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Higashi-Nihombashi Sta. (A15) (Exit B3, B4), and then walk 3 min.	都営地下鉄浅草線東日本橋駅（B3, B4出口）より徒歩3分	https://www.yagenborihudoin.com/event.html
Tokyo 東京	12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Meguro-ku 目黒区	Meguro Fudoson Temple 目黒不動尊	Osame-no Fudo 納めの不動	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-20:00	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Gotanda Sta. (West Exit) From there, take Tokyu bus (for Shibuya) to Meguro Fudoson Keidai Bus Stop (2) Tokyu Meguro Line to Fudomae Sta., and then walk 15 min. (3) JR Yamanote Line to Meguro Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 20 min.	(1) JR山手線五反田駅（西口）より東急バス渋谷行で目黒不動尊境内下車 (2) 東急目黒線不動前駅より徒歩15分 (3) JR山手線目黒駅（西口）より徒歩20分	http://park6.wakwak.com/~megurofudou/top.htm
Tokyo 東京	12/28	Tokyo 東京都	Hino 日野市	Takahata Fudoson Temple 高幡不動尊	Osame-no Fudo 納めの不動	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 6:00- & 9:00- <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple 9:00- Open-air stalls are set up	Keio Line to Takahata-Fudo Sta.(South Exit), and then walk 5 min.	京王線高幡不動駅（南口）より徒歩5分	https://www.takahatafudoson.or.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	12/30 ~ 12/31	Tokyo 東京都	Fuchu 府中市	Okunitama-jinja Shrine 大国魂神社	Misoka Ichi みそか市	Summary: Year-end Fair in the precincts of the shrine, featuring open-air stalls selling New Year's decorations. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00-17:00	(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/
Kanto 関東	12/2 ~ 12/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Chichibu 秩父市	Chichibu-jinja shrine, Hitsujiyama Park, Yao Department Store and others 秩父神社、 羊山公園、 矢尾百貨店ほか	Chichibu Yo Matsuri 秩父夜祭	Summary: Night Festival which is counted as one of the three grandest float festivals in Japan, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The highlight of this festival is a parade of six huge, lavishly adorned and lantern-lit floats. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00-11:00-20:00 19:00-20:00 <i>Kagura</i> at Chichibu-jinja shrine Parade of 4 floats Fireworks display at Hitsujiyama Park ● 12/2 9:30-13:00 Japanese traditional dance on floats 10:00-22:00 Parade of 6 floats in the city 12:30-13:30 Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays on floats at Chichibu-jinja shrine 14:30-16:00 Parade of local <i>Kabuki</i> actors 16:00-17:30 Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays in the parking lot of Yao Department Store 19:00-22:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> (Portable shrine) and 6 floats 19:30-22:00 Fireworks display at Hitsujiyama Park	(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Chichibu Sta. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta.	(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で秩父駅下車 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅下車	https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/info/2023/11/20631/
Kanto 関東	12/9 ~ 12/10	Saitama 埼玉県	Ogano-machi 小鹿野町	Iida Hachiman-jinja Shrine and others 飯田八幡神社ほか	Teppo Matsuri 鉄砲まつり	Summary: Gun Festival at the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Otachi Shinji</i> in which two sacred horses gallop up the steps to the shrine, amid a volley of rifle shots into the air. Schedule & Key events: ● 12/9 14:30-16:00-19:30- Parade of floats through the town <i>Sanbaso</i> (a traditional dance) Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays ● 12/10 10:00-10:30-11:00-15:00-16:00-17:00-19:00- <i>Kagura</i> <i>Sanbaso</i> Local <i>Kabuki</i> plays <i>Daimyo Gyoretsu</i> (a feudal lord procession) <i>Otachi Shinji</i> Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> (portable shrine) and floats through the town Fireworks	Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta. From there, take Seibu Kanko bus (for Kurio) to Kurio Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min.	西武秩父線西武秩父駅より西武観光バス栗尾行で栗尾下車、徒歩10分	https://kanko-ogano.jp/2023/11/9

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Kanto 関東	12/16	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮	Nincho-no-mai (Miyabito-no-mai) 人長の舞 (宮人の舞)	Summary: Ancient Court Dances at the shrine. A Shinto priest clad in a white robe and four shrine maidens in <i>Juni-hitoe</i> (12-layer ceremonial garments of court ladies) perform <i>Nincho-no-mai</i> dance & <i>Miyabito-no-mai</i> dance. Schedule & Key events: 17:00-	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta.(East Exit), and then walk 10 min.	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅(東口)より徒歩10分	https://www.trip-kamakura.com/event/24.html
Kanto 関東	12/21	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kawasaki 川崎市	Kawasaki Daishi Temple 川崎大師	Osame-no Daishi 納めの大師	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. This is one of the biggest of this kind in Tokyo and vicinity. Schedule & Key events: 9:30-15:30 <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple	Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta., and then walk 8 min.	京急大師線川崎大師駅より徒歩8分	https://www.kawasakidaisi.com/event/dec/
Kanto 関東	12/28	Chiba 千葉県	Narita 成田市	Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple and others 成田山新勝寺ほか	Osame Fudo 納め不動	Summary: Year-end Fair at the temple. Open-air stalls are set up along the main street to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 8:00- Open-air stalls are set up 11:00- <i>Otakiage</i> is held in the compound of the temple	(1) JR Sobu Honsen Line Rapid Train (for Narita Airport) to Narita Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Keisei Line to Keisei-Narita Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR総武本線快速(成田空港行)で成田駅下車、徒歩10分 (2) 京成線京成成田駅より徒歩10分	https://www.naritasan.or.jp/monthly/gyoji_year/gyoji_year10-12/
Kanto 関東	12/31	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Yokohama Chukagai 横浜中華街	Yokohama Chukagai "Geishun Count Down" 横浜中華街迎春カウントダウン	Summary: Year-end count down event in Yokohama Chinatown. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	(1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta. (Exit 3), and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Ishikawacho Sta. (Chukagai Exit), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東急東横線又は横浜みなとみらい線元町・中華街駅（3番出口）より徒歩1分 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線石川町駅(中華街口)より徒歩5分	https://www.chinatown.or.jp/event/