

Calendar of Events

March 2024



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Glossary :

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

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Hina Matsuri ひなまつり

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Tohoku 東北	3/10	Miyagi 宮城県	Shiogama 塩釜市	Shiogama-jinja Shrine and others 塩釜神社ほか	Hote Matsuri 帆手祭	Summary: This is the festival of fire prevention and has a 300-year history. The highlight of this festival is a parade of a gigantic <i>Mikoshi</i> , weighing 1 ton, carried by 16 young men accompanied by hundreds of people and children in traditional attires. Schedule & Key events: 11:30-19:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> parade from the shrine through the city	JR Senseki Line to Hon-Shiogama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	http://www.shiogamajinja.jp/topics/202402hote.html
Chubu 中部	1/6 ~ 3/3	Shizuoka 静岡県	Atami 熱海市	Atami Baien Garden 熱海梅園	Atami Baien Ume Matsuri 熱海梅園梅まつり	Summary: Japanese Apricot Festival. There are about 470 Japanese apricot trees of 60 species in the garden and they begin to bloom usually from the middle of January. Various entertainments are scheduled during the festival period. Admission is 300JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 8:30-16:00	(1) JR Ito Line to Kinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta. From there, take bus (for Ainohara-Danchi or Baien) to Baien Bus Stop (15 min.)	(1) JR伊東線来宮駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR東海道新幹線熱海駅よりバス相原団地行又は梅園行で15分梅園下車 https://www.ataminews.gr.jp/event/355/

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Chubu 中部	3/17	Shizuoka 静岡県	Yaizu 焼津市	Oi Hachiman- gu Shrine 大井八幡宮	Fujimori no Ta- asobi 藤守の田遊び	<p>Summary: This is the festival to pray for the bumper crop of the year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Parishioners perform 25 different <i>Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) of the process of rice cultivation to the tune of Japanese flute and drum.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-23:00</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Fujieda Sta. From there, take bus (for Habuchi) to Tomatopia-mae Bus Stop (20 min), and then walk 15 min.	JR東海道本線藤枝駅よりバス(飯淵行き)でとまとびあ前下車(20分)、徒歩15分	http://www.yaizu.gr.jp/calendar/default.asp
Chubu 中部	3/22 ~ 4/7	Aichi 愛知県	Okazaki 岡崎市	Okazaki Park, Otogawa River and others 岡崎公園、 乙川堤ほか	Okazaki Sakura Matsuri 岡崎桜まつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival in commemoration of the famous feudal lords "Tokugawa Ieyasu (1543-1616)" - the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate in Edo (present-day Tokyo). The period of light up is subject to change depending on blooming.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/22-4/16 18:00-21:00 Cherry blossoms light up</p>	Okazaki Park: JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Toyohashi Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Nagoya Honsen Line to Higashi-Okazaki Sta., and then walk 15 min.	岡崎公園: JR東海道新幹線豊橋駅より名鉄名古屋本線で東岡崎駅下車、徒歩15分	https://okazaki-kankou.jp/feature
Hokuriku 北陸	3/2	Niigata 新潟県	Minami- Uonuma 南魚沼市	Fuko-ji Temple Urasa- Bishamondo 普光寺 浦左毘沙門堂	Hadaka Oshiai Taisai 裸押合大祭	<p>Summary: Naked Festival. The festival with a 1,200-year history is to pray for a rich harvest of the year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is <i>Hadaka-Oshiai</i> in which young men only in loincloths purify themselves in the cold water, and then jostle each other for advantage to get <i>Kifuda</i> (wooden tablets of prize coupons) in the hall of the temple for several times.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 17:00-22:45 <i>Hadaka-Oshiai</i> and other events</p>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Urasa Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 5 min.	JR上越新幹線浦佐駅(西口)より徒歩5分	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2042

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Hokuriku 北陸	3/2	Fukui 福井県	Obama 小浜市	Wakasa Jingu-ji Temple, Unose and others 若狭神宮寺、 鵜の瀬ほか	Wakasa-no-Omizu-okuri 若狭のお水送り	<p>Summary: Offering of sacred water ritual to exorcise evil spirits. The rituals include <i>Yumiuchi</i> (Japanese archery shooting), <i>Dattan</i> (priests brandishing torchlights), <i>Taimatsu Gyoretsu</i> (torchlight procession) and <i>Omizu-okuri</i> (the priest pours the sacred water into Onyu River at the place called "Unose"). It is believed that the water from "Unose" reaches Wakasa-i (well) on the grounds of Todai-ji Temple in Nara, when <i>Omizu-tori</i> (Sacred Water-drawing Ritual) is held in Nara 10 days later on 3/12.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Yumiuchi</i> ritual at the temple 18:30- <i>Dattan</i> ritual at the temple 19:30- <i>Taimatsu Gyoretsu</i> from the temple to "Unose" 20:30- <i>Omizu-okuri</i> ritual at "Unose"</p>	Wakasa Jingu-ji Temple : JR Obama Line to Obama Sta., and then take temporary bus (depart at 17:45)	若狭神宮寺 : JR小浜線小浜駅より 臨時バス (17:45出発)	https://www.wakasa-obama.jp/2024.01.09-01/
Kinki 近畿	3/1 ~ 3/14	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Todai-ji Temple Nigatsu-do 東大寺 二月堂	Shuni-e 修二会	<p>Summary: Sacred Water-drawing Festival. The ritual <i>Omizu-tori</i> in which the monks draw water from Wakasa-i (well) to dedicate to the Buddha is held in the flickering light of pine torches. The festival with over a 1,270-year history is also called <i>Otaimatsu</i> (Torchlight Festival), and symbolizes the arrival of spring. The ascetic monks brandish huge burning pine torches to produce a shower of sparks on the balcony of Nigatsu-do. As sparks are believed to have magic power against evils, devout people make a rush to catch them.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily (except for 3/12&14) 19:00-19:20 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual ●3/12 19:30-20:15 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual ●3/13 01:30- <i>Omizu-tori</i> ritual ●3/14 18:30-18:40 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual</p>	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Todai-ji Daibutsuden・Kasuga Taisha-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 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東大寺大仏殿・春日大社前下車、徒歩5分	https://www.todaiji.or.jp/news-240126/
Kinki 近畿	3/16 ~ 3/17	Shiga 滋賀県	Omi-Hachiman 近江八幡市	Himure Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 日牟禮八幡宮ほか	Sagicho Matsuri 左義長祭	<p>Summary: 13 <i>Sagicho</i> , floats beautifully bedecked with foods and grains, are carried through the city by men in disguise with women's dresses and makeup. After parading through the city, all the floats are gathered in the precincts of the shrine and are burnt out one after another at the signal of fireworks let off.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/16 14:00-17:30 <i>Sagicho</i> parade ●3/17 morning-evening <i>Sagicho</i> parade 20:00-22:40 Floats are burnt out</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Omi-Hachiman Sta. (North Exit), and then (1) walk 30 min. (2) take Omi Tetsudo bus to Obatacho-shiryokan-mae Bus Stop (5 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR東海道本線近江八幡駅 (北口) より (1) 徒歩30分 (2) 近江鉄道バスで5分小幡町資料館前下車、徒歩5分	https://www.sagicho.net/

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Kinki 近畿	3/20 ~ 4/2	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区	Kamishichiken Kaburenjo 上七軒歌舞練場	Kitano Odori 北野をどり	<p>Summary: Japanese traditional dance by <i>Maiko</i> (Apprentice Geiko) and <i>Geiko</i> (professional female entertainers in Kyoto). Admission tickets are 6,000 JPY or 7,000 JPY with tea, sold at box office, Kyoto Tourist Information Center "Kyo-Navi" and travel agencies such as JTB, KNT. For further information, call 075-461-0148 at Kamishichiken Kabukai.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 14:00- & 16:30-</p>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 to Kamishichiken Bus Stop (30 min.), and then walk 3 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50で30分上七軒下車、徒歩3分	https://www.maiko3.com/kitanoodori/
Kinki 近畿	3/22 ~ 3/24	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: ● 3/22 & 23 10:00-17:00 ● 3/24 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/
Kinki 近畿	3/25 ~ 3/31	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Yakushi-ji Temple 薬師寺	Yakushiji Shuni-e Hana-e-shiki 薬師寺修二会花会式	<p>Summary: Flower Offering Ceremony. This festival symbolizes the arrival of spring, and is to pray for the prosperous world. The interior of the temple's main hall is lavishly decorated with a variety of flowers. Admission is 1,000 JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 3/29 14:00-15:00 <i>Noh</i> (traditional masked drama) ● 3/30 12:45-14:00 <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> (procession of children in fancy attire) ● 3/31 20:30-21:00 <i>Oni-oi-shiki</i> (rites to dispel the five rampaging devils)</p>	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Nishinokyo Sta. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take bus (for Nara-ken-Sogo-iryo-center) to Yakushiji Bus Stop (18 min.)	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄京都線で西ノ京駅下車 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅よりバス奈良県総合医療センター行きで18分薬師寺下車	https://yakushiji.or.jp/event/hanaesiki.html

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Kinki 近畿	3/29 ~ 4/7	Hyogo 兵庫県	Himeji 姫路市	Himeji Castle 姫路城	Himeji-jo Yozakura-kai & Kan-ou-kai 姫路城夜桜会と 観桜会	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival in Himeji Castle. Please enter by 20:30 for night cherry blossom viewing. If it rains, <i>Koto</i> and <i>Taiko</i> music performances will be postponed to the following day. Admission fee for Nishinomaru Teien Garden is 600 JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 18:30-21:00 Night cherry blossom viewing in Nishinomaru Teien Garden ● 3/30 10:50- & 11:50- <i>Koto</i> (Japanese 13-stringed harp) performance in Sannomaru Hiroba 15:15- & 16:00- <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) performance in Sannomaru Hiroba</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Himeji Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR山陽新幹線姫路駅より徒歩20分	https://himeji-machishin.jp/himejijo-event/
Kyushu 九州	2/11 ~ 4/3	Fukuoka 福岡県	Yanagawa 柳川市	Yanagawa 柳川市	Yanagawa Hina Matsuri Sagemon Meguri 柳川雛祭り さげもんめぐり	<p>Summary: Girl's Festival. <i>Sagemon</i> are handsewn ornaments which are displayed all over the city for this festival. When a baby girl is born, her mother and grandmothers sew <i>Sagemon</i> stitch by stitch wishing her to grow up healthy, and decorate them at both sides of <i>Hina Ningyo</i> (traditional Japanese dolls) to celebrate her first Girl's Festival. This festival features a parade of girls and adults sitting on the boats, sailing through the canals bedecked with <i>Sagemon</i>. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 3/17 11:00-12:20 Water parade on the canals in the city</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Setaka Sta., and then take bus to Nishitetsu Yanagawa Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR山陽新幹線博多駅よりJR鹿児島本線で瀬高駅下車、バスで15分西鉄柳川下車	https://www.city.yanagawa.fukuoka.jp/kanoko/meisho/2144.html

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Kyushu 九州	2/15 ~ 3/31	Oita 大分県	Hita 日田市	Mameda-machi, Kuma-machi and others 豆田町、 隈町ほか	Tenryo Hita Ohina Matsuri 天領日田 おひなまつり	<p>Summary: Girl's Festival. The Hita area prospered under the reign of <i>Tenryo</i> (Tokugawa Shogunate dependency) in the time of the Edo period. <i>Hina Ningyo</i> (traditional Japanese dolls) which have been handed down for generations, have been well preserved, and are displayed at about 18 houses in the city, where everybody can visit and enjoy to view them. Many more events such as <i>Nagashibina</i> (floating paper dolls on the river) are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-16:00 ●3/3 10:00-14:00 <i>Nagashibina</i> at Keirinsō Park</p>	JR Kyudai Honsen Line to Hita Sta.	JR久大本線日田駅下車	https://www.oidehita.com/archives/58823
Kyushu 九州	3/21	Kumamoto 熊本県	Aso 阿蘇市	Aso-jinja Shrine 阿蘇神社	Hifuri-shinji 火振り神事	<p>Summary: Fire Festival. <i>Hifuri-shinji</i> (Shinto ritual) in which parishioners brandish flaming torches to pray for a good harvest of this year, takes place in the precincts of the shrine. The ritual is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:00-19:30</p>	JR Hohi Honsen Line to Miyaji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR豊肥本線宮地駅より徒歩15分	http://www.city.aso.kumamoto.jp/tourism/event_tourist/festival/

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<i>Daruma</i>	Dharma dolls as lucky charm, to which people make a wish
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<i>Nodate</i>	Open air tea ceremony
<i>Taiko</i>	Japanese drum

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Tokyo 東京	2/8 ~ 3/8	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Yushima Tenjin Shrine 湯島天神	Yushima Tenjin Ume Matsuri 湯島天神梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. <i>Taiko</i> performance and other entertainments are scheduled on Saturday, Sunday and national holidays during the festival period. Tea ticket for <i>Nodate</i> is 1,000JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 8:00-19:30 ●3/2 11:00- & 13:00- <i>Koto</i> (Japanese harp) & <i>Shakuhachi</i> (Bamboo flute) ●3/3 10:00- <i>Nodate</i> 14:30- & 15:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance</p>	(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Yushima Sta. (C13), and then walk 2 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Ueno-hirokoji Sta.(G15), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ千代田線湯島駅より徒歩2分 (2) 東京メトロ銀座線上野広小路駅より徒歩5分	https://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/ume/2024/index.htm
Tokyo 東京	2/10 ~ 3/3	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Hanegi Park 羽根木公園	Setagaya Ume Matsuri 世田谷梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese Apricot) Flower Festival. There are nearly 650 apricot trees in the park. <i>Matcha</i> (powdered green tea) and <i>Sencha</i> (green tea) are served 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 & Key events: ●3/2 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (7 times in a day) ●3/3 10:00- <i>Sencha Nodate</i> (7 times in a day)</p>	Odakyu Line to Umeagaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.	小田急線梅ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分	http://setagaya-umematsuri.com/
Tokyo 東京	3/1	Tokyo 東京都	Tanashi-cho, Nishi-Tokyo 西東京市田無町	Tanashisan Soji-ji Temple 田無山総持寺	Tanashi Daruma Ichi 田無だるま市	<p>Summary: <i>Dharma</i> Doll Fair. Stalls selling <i>Dharma</i> dolls are set up in the compound of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00-15:00</p>	Seibu Shinjuku Line to Tanashi Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 5 min.	西武新宿線田無駅（北口）より徒歩5分	https://www.tama6.jp/meguri/place/post_33.html
Tokyo 東京	3/3	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku and others 新宿区ほか	Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building, Gyoko-dori Street and others 東京都庁、行幸通りほか	Tokyo Marathon 2024 東京マラソン2024	<p>Summary: Race, with 38,000 runners participated, starts at Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building and runs through Suidobashi, Ueno-hirokoji, Kanda, Nihombashi, Asakusa Kaminarimon, Ryogoku, Monzennakacho, Ginza, Tamachi, Hibiya and eventually reaches the finish line on Gyoko-dori Street in front of Tokyo Sta.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:05-</p>	<p>Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building : JR Yamanote Line to Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 10 min. or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Tochomae Sta. (E28)</p> <p>Gyoko-dori Street: JR Yamanote Line to Tokyo Sta. (Marunouchi Exits)</p>	<p>東京都庁 : JR山手線新宿駅（西口）より徒歩10分又は都営地下鉄大江戸線都庁前駅下車</p> <p>行幸通り : JR山手線東京駅（丸の内口）下車</p>	https://www.marathon.tokyo/

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Tokyo 東京	3/3 ~ 3/4	Tokyo 東京都	Chofu 調布市	Jindai-ji Temple 深大寺	Jindaiji Daruma Ichi 深大寺だるま市	<p>Summary: <i>Dharma</i> Doll Fair, which is one of the three largest in Japan. Hundreds of stalls selling <i>Dharma</i> dolls are set up on the approach to the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 13:00- <i>Daruma Ichi</i> 14:00- Procession of monks</p>	(1) Keio Line to Tsutsujigaoka Sta. (North Exit) or Chofu Sta. (Central Exit) From there, take bus (for Jindaiji) to Jindaiji Bus Stop (15 min.), and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Chuo Line to Kichijoji Sta. (South Exit) or Mitaka Sta. (South Exit) From there, take bus (for Jindaiji) to Jindaiji Bus Stop (25-30 min.), and then walk 3 min.	(1) 京王線つつじヶ丘駅 (北口) 又は調布駅 (中央口) よりバス深大寺行で15分深大寺下車、徒歩1分 (2) JR中央線吉祥寺駅 (南口) 又は三鷹駅 (南口) よりバス深大寺行で25〜30分深大寺下車、徒歩3分	https://www.jindaiji.or.jp/event/darumaichi.php
Tokyo 東京	3/10	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Jidosha Kitoden Hiroba 自動車祈禱殿広場	Hi-watari-sai 火渡り祭	<p>Summary: Rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals. This is believed to drive away the sins and filth of the world.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Yamabushi</i> (mountain priests) walk barefoot on the burning embers, following the ceremony</p>	Keio Line to Takaosan-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	京王線高尾山口駅より徒歩5分	https://takaosan.or.jp/taiken/hiwatari.html
Tokyo 東京	3/15 ~ 3/17	Tokyo 東京都	Heiwajima, Ota-ku 大田区平和島	Tokyo Ryutsu Center Building 東京流通センタービル	Heiwajima Kotto Matsuri 平和島骨董まつり	<p>Summary: The oldest Antique Fair. Admission is free. Please enter an hour before the closing time on 3/17.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/15 & 16 10:00-17:00 ●3/17 10:00-16:00</p>	Tokyo Monorail Line to Ryutsu Center Sta., and then walk 1 min.	東京モノレール流通センター駅より徒歩1分	https://kottouichi.com
Tokyo 東京	3/16 ~ 4/7	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Ueno Park 上野公園	Ueno Sakura Matsuri うえの桜まつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of about 1,200 blooming cherry trees even in the evening, as thousands of <i>Bonbori</i> (paper lanterns) are lit up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 17:00-20:00 Flowers are lit up ●3/22-3/31 Sakura Festa (details are still to be arranged)</p>	JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta. (G16, H18), and then walk 5 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5分	https://ueno.or.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	3/16 ~ 4/7	Tokyo 東京都	Sumida-ku 墨田区	Sumida Park and others 隅田公園ほか	Bokutei Sakura Matsuri 墨堤さくらまつり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms in the park. Some events are scheduled on other sites during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:30-21:00 Flowers are lit up	Sumida Park: Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min.	隅田公園： 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://visit-sumida.jp/event/sakuramatsuri2024/
Tokyo 東京	3/18	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Kinryu-no-mai 金龍の舞	Summary: Golden Dragon Dance. The dance to pray for a rich harvest of the year is performed three times a day. Golden Dragon parades from Kaminarimon Gate or Denpoin Temple to the Main Hall, and <i>Kinryu-no-mai</i> is performed with Japanese musical instruments on the ground of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- / 13:30- / 14:00-	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	https://e-asakusa.jp/
Tokyo 東京	3/23 ~ 3/24	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Tokyo Big Sight 東京ビッグサイト	Anime Japan 2024 アニメジャパン 2024	Summary: The fair is the world's largest in scale of this kind and brings together anime-related Japanese and overseas companies. Advance ticket (2,300JPY) is available at Family Mart, GAMERS, ANIMATE stores, CN playguide. Ticket is also sold on the day at the site (2,600JPY). Please enter by 16:30. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00	(1) Yurikamome Monorail Line to Tokyo Big Sight Sta., and then walk 3 min. (2) Tokyo Rinkai Kosoku Railway Rinkai Line to Kokusai-Tenjijo Sta., and then walk 7 min.	(1) ゆりかもめ東京ビッグサイト駅より徒歩3分 (2) 東京臨海高速鉄道りんかい線国際展示場駅より徒歩7分	https://www.anime-japan.jp/
Tokyo 東京	3/25	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社	Shinki-sai (Taimatsu Matsuri) 神忌祭 (たいまつまつり)	Summary: Torchlight Festival featuring a torchlight parade of children and adults after the <i>Shinto</i> ritual. If it rains, the parade will be canceled, and only the <i>Shinto</i> ritual will be held indoors. Schedule & Key events: 18:00-	JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta. (North Exit) , and then walk 15 min.	JR総武線亀戸駅 (北口) より徒歩15分	http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/events/
Tokyo 東京	Late Mar. ~ Early Apr.	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine, Chidorigafuchi and others 靖国神社、千鳥ヶ淵ほか	Chiyoda-no-Sakura Matsuri 千代田のさくらまつり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy view of cherry blossoms along the Chidorigafuchi path and in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-22:00 Flowers are lit up	Chidorigafuchi : (1) Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 2), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Hanzomon Sta. (Z05)(Exit 5), and then walk 5 min.	千鳥ヶ淵： (1) 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 (2) 東京メトロ半蔵門線半蔵門駅 (5番出口) より徒歩5分	https://visit-chiyoda.tokyo/sakura/

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Kanto 関東	2/3 ~ 3/10	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yugawara-machi 湯河原町	Makuyama Park 幕山公園	Yugawara-bairin "Ume-no-Utage" 湯河原梅林「梅の宴」	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. Visitors can enjoy viewing about 4,000 Japanese apricot trees in blossom. Admission is 200JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/3 11:00- & 13:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●3/9 11:00- <i>Jomo-no-Mai</i> (classical Japanese dance) ●3/10 13:30- <i>Bairin Kyogen</i> (traditional comic drama)</p>	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	https://www.yugawara.or.jp/sightseeing/953/
Kanto 関東	2/10 ~ 3/17	Ibaraki 茨城県	Mito 水戸市	Kairaku-en, Kodo-kan and others 偕楽園、弘道館ほか	Mito-no-Ume Matsuri 水戸の梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. There are more than 3,000 of around 100 varieties of apricot trees in Kairaku-en. Various events are scheduled such as <i>Nodate</i> (Tea ticket is 500JPY) and <i>Hina-nagashi</i> (floating paper dolls on a stream), during the festival period. Admission to Kairaku-en is 300JPY. Kodo-kan is also another site and admission is 400 JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/2 10:00- Martial arts performance at Kodo-kan 11:00- <i>Hina-nagashi</i> at Kairaku-en 17:00- Light event at Kairaku-en ●3/3 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> at Kairaku-en 11:00- <i>Hina-nagashi</i> at Kairaku-en ●3/10 & 17 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> at Kairaku-en</p>	<p>Kairaku-en: (1) JR Joban Line to Kairakuen Rinji (temporary) Sta. (This station is available only for trains bound for Kairakuen Rinji Sta. on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays during 2/10-3/17) (2) JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit). From there, take bus to Kairakuen Bus Stop (20 min.)</p> <p>Kodo-kan: JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 8 min.</p>	<p>偕楽園： (1) JR常磐線偕楽園臨時駅 (2/10-3/17 土日祝・下り線のみ) 下車 (2) JR常磐線水戸駅（北口）よりバスで20分偕楽園下車</p> <p>弘道館： JR常磐線水戸駅（北口）より徒歩8分</p>	https://mitokoumon.com/festival/ume.html
Kanto 関東	2/11 ~ 3/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Sankei-en Kanbai-kai 三溪園観梅会	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 500 Japanese apricot trees. Admission to the garden is 900JPY. Please enter by 16:30.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00</p>	<p>(1) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit) From there, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (40 min.), and then walk 5 min. (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 (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>	https://www.sankeien.or.jp/event/7141/

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Kanto 関東	3/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Nagatoro- machi 長瀬町	Hodosanroku Parking, Hodosan-jinja Shrine and others 宝登山麓駐車場、 宝登山神社ほか	Nagatoro Hi- Matsuri 長瀬火祭り	Summary: Fire Festival featuring <i>Lengyo</i> (a parade of mountain priests) and <i>Hi-watari</i> (rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals). Anyone may participate in this practice from 14:00. Schedule & Key events: 12:40- <i>Lengyo</i> from the rotary in front of Hodosan-jinja Shrine to the festival site 13:00- <i>Hi-watari</i> by mountain priests 14:00- <i>Hi-watari</i> by participants	(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 20 min. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu Chichibu Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Ohanabatake Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で長瀬駅下車、徒歩20分 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩5分のお花畑駅より秩父鉄道線で長瀬駅下車、徒歩20分	https://www.nagatoro.gr.jp/category/news/
Kanto 関東	3/23 ~ 4/2	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Sakura-meguri 桜めぐり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 250 cherry trees. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms even in the evening. Admission to the garden is 900JPY. Please enter by 20:30. Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-21:00 Flowers are lit up	(1) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit) From there, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (40 min.), and then walk 5 min. (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.	(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 (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	https://www.sankeien.or.jp/schedule/
Kanto 関東	Late Mar. ~ Early Apr.	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Odawara 小田原市	Odawara Joshi Park and others 小田原城址公園ほか	Odawara Sakura Matsuri 小田原桜まつり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms at many spots in the city, such as Odawara Joshi Park. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-21:00 Flowers are lit up	Joshi Park : JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta.(East Exit), and then walk 10 min.	城址公園 : JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅（東口）より徒歩10分	https://www.odawara-kankou.com/