

Calendar of Events April 2024



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Glossary :

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| <i>Dashi/Yatai/Yama</i> | Float |
| <i>Gyoretsu</i> | Procession |
| <i>Karakuri Ningyo</i> | Mechanically manipulated dolls |
| <i>Matsuri</i> | Festival, Event |
| <i>Mikoshi</i> | Portable shrine |
| <i>Otabisho</i> | Portable shrine resting place |

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| Special Remarks: | |
| Dates and Times are shown as follows which is common in Japan. | |
| Dates : M/D | April 3 ⇒ 4/3 |
| Time : 24 hours system | 8:00am ⇒ 8:00 8:00pm ⇒ 20:00 |

Hanami 花見
Hanami, Cherry Blossom Viewing is a common sight in the spring in Japan. When the cherry blossoms - "sakura" are in full bloom, usually from the end of March to April, picnic parties among families, friends and colleagues are held under the cherry trees, where everyone merrily enjoys eating, drinking and socializing.

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| Tohoku 東北 | 4/19 ~ 5/5 | Aomori 青森県 | Hirosaki 弘前市 | Hirosaki Park 弘前公園 | Hirosaki Sakura Matsuri 弘前さくらまつり | Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival with about 2,600 cherry trees on the ground of Hirosaki Castle and along the castle's moat in Hirosaki Park. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-21:00 Open-air stalls are set up sunset-22:00 Cherry blossoms light up | JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta. From there, walk 30 min. or take Konan 100 yen bus to Shiyakushomae Bus Stop (15 min.), and then walk 3 min. JR奥羽本線弘前駅より徒歩30分 又は弘前市内循環100円バス【弘南バス】で15分市役所前下車、徒歩3分 | https://www.hirosakipark.jp/sakura/ |

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| Tohoku 東北 | 4/29 ~ 5/3 | Yamagata 山形県 | Yonezawa 米沢市 | Uesugi-jinja Shrine, Matsukawa River and others 上杉神社、松川河畔ほか | Yonezawa Uesugi Matsuri 米沢上杉まつり | <p>Summary: Festival in commemoration of the famous warlord "Uesugi Kenshin (1530-1578)".</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/29 Various performances such as <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) and <i>Minyo</i> (folk dance) on a makeshift stage at Denkoku-no-mori Museum and Hall <i>Minyo-Nagashi</i> (a parade of folk dance) from Yoneori Kaikan Museum to Denkoku-no-mori Museum and Hall ●5/3 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> of Uesugi-jinja Shrine, through the city's main street <i>Uesugi Gundan Gyoretsu</i> (a parade of <i>Samurai</i> warriors), through the city's main street <i>Kawanaka-jima Gassen</i> (sham battle) at Matsukawa riverside</p> | JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yonezawa Sta. | JR山形新幹線米沢駅下車 | http://uesugi.yonezawa-matsuri.jp/ |
| 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: ●3/22-4/6 18:00-21:00 Cherry blossoms light up ●4/7 13:30-16:00 <i>Gyoretsu</i> of Shogun Ieyasu and about 700 Samurai warriors from Iga Hachiman-gu Shrine to Otogawa riverbed</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-kanko.jp/feature |

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| Chubu 中部 | 4/6 ~ 4/7 | Aichi 愛知県 | Inuyama 犬山市 | Haritsuna-jinja Shrine and others 針綱神社ほか | Inuyama Matsuri 犬山祭 | <p>Summary: Festival, registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, featuring 13 gorgeously decorated <i>Yama</i> with <i>Karakuri Ningyo</i>, parading on the city's main streets.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 4/6 8:00-21:45 Parade of 13 floats 11:50-14:10 Performance of <i>Karakuri Ningyo</i> on the floats at the shrine ● 4/7 8:00-21:45 Parade of 13 floats 9:20-15:50 Performance of <i>Karakuri Ningyo</i> on the floats at the shrine</p> | JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Inuyama Line to Inuyama Sta. (West Exit) | JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より名鉄犬山線で犬山駅(西口)下車 | https://www.aichi-now.jp/spots/detail/67/ |
| Chubu 中部 | 4/6 ~ 4/7 | Aichi 愛知県 | Ushikubo-cho, Toyokawa 豊川市 牛久保町 | Ushikubo Hachimansha Shrine, Tennosha Shrine and others 牛久保八幡社、天王社ほか | Unagoji Matsuri うなぎ祭り | <p>Summary: Festival featuring leisurely-drawn <i>Dashi</i>, <i>Mikoshi</i> and folk dancers going between Ushikubo Hachimansha Shrine and Tennosha Shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 4/6 15:30-19:30 Parade of <i>Dashi</i> and <i>Mikoshi</i> between two shrines ● 4/7 12:10-18:50 Parade of <i>Dashi</i> and <i>Mikoshi</i> between two shrines 20:30- <i>Mikomai</i> (Shinto dance by children) on the floats and <i>Ohayashi</i> festival music and a folk dance in the precincts of Ushikubo Hachimansha Shrine</p> | JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Toyohashi Sta. From there, take JR Iida Line to Ushikubo Sta., and then walk 5 min. | JR東海道新幹線豊橋駅よりJR飯田線で牛久保駅下車、徒歩5分 | https://www.toyokawa-map.net/event/000069.html |

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| Chubu 中部 | 4/14 ~ 4/15 | Gifu 岐阜県 | Takayama 高山市 | Hie-jinja Shrine and others 日枝神社ほか | Takayama Matsuri 高山祭 | <p>Summary: One of the grandest festival in Japan, registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. 12 gorgeously embellished floats gather at some sites in the city, escorted by people in traditional attire. The festival reaches its climax when all the floats lit up with lanterns are drawn in the city from the evening on 14th.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/14 9:30-16:00 12 floats gather at some sites in the city 10:00- & 14:00- Performance of <i>Karakuri Ningyo</i> on three of the floats at <i>Otabisho</i> 13:00-16:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> 18:00-21:00 Parade of all floats lit up with lanterns in the city ●4/15 9:30-16:00 12 floats gather at some sites in the city 10:00- & 14:00- Performance of <i>Karakuri Ningyo</i> on three of the floats at <i>Otabisho</i> 12:30-16:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from <i>Otabisho</i> to the shrine</p> | JR Takayama Honsen Line to Takayama Sta., and then walk 15 min. | JR高山本線高山駅より徒歩15分 | https://www.hidatakayama.or.jp/r6_springfestival/#670 |
| Chubu 中部 | 4/19 ~ 4/20 | Gifu 岐阜県 | Furukawa-cho, Hida 飛騨市 古川町 | Keta Wakamiya-jinja Shrine and others 気多若宮神社ほか | Furukawa Matsuri 古川祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, designated as one of the National Intangible Folk-Cultural Property, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The highlight of this festival is <i>Okoshi-daiko</i>, in which partially clothed men parade on the streets beating drums and singing folk songs.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/19 daytime Parade of <i>Yatai</i> in the town night <i>Okoshi-daiko</i> performance ●4/20 daytime <i>Yatai</i> will gather in the town</p> | JR Takayama Honsen Line to Hida-Furukawa Sta. | JR高山本線飛騨古川駅下車 | https://www.hidakankou.jp/event/1313/ |
| Chubu 中部 | 4/20 ~ 4/21 | Gifu 岐阜県 | Tajimi 多治見市 | Honmachi Oribe Street and others 本町オリベストリートほか | Tajimi Toki Matsuri たじみ陶器まつり | <p>Summary: Ceramic Festival. People come to buy "Mino" ceramic every spring. Many other events are held in the city during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00</p> | JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take JR Chuo Honsen Line to Tajimi Sta., and then walk 15 min. | JR東海道新幹線名古屋よりJR中央本線で多治見駅下車、徒歩15分 | https://tajimiceramicfes.jp |

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| Hokuriku 北陸 | 4/7 | Nagano 長野県 | Kamisato-kuroda, Iida 飯田市 上郷黒田 | Shimokuroda Suwa-jinja Shrine 下黒田諏訪神社 | Kuroda Ningyo Joruri 黒田人形浄瑠璃 | Summary: Local puppet play, designated as National Important Tangible Folk-Cultural Property. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-16:30 | JR Chuo Honsen Line to Okaya Sta. From there, take JR Iida Line to Sakura-machi Sta. or Ina-Kamisato Sta. and then walk 20 min. | JR中央本線岡谷駅よりJR飯田線で桜町駅または伊那上郷駅下車、徒歩20分 | https://msnav.com/events/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | 3/20 ~ 4/2 | Kyoto 京都府 | Kamigyoku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区 | Kamishichiken Kaburenjo 上七軒歌舞練場 | Kitano Odori 北野をどり | 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 guests with tea ticket, tea will be provided until 10 minutes before the show started. For further information, call 075-461-0148 at Kamishichiken Kabukai. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 14:00- & 16:30- | 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 | 3/29 ~ 4/7 | Hyogo 兵庫県 | Himeji 姫路市 | Himeji Castle 姫路城 | Himeji-jo Yozakura-kai 姫路城夜桜会 | Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival in Himeji Castle. Please enter by 20:30 for night cherry blossom viewing. Admission fee for Nishinomaru Teien Garden is 600 JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:30-21:00 Night cherry blossom viewing in Nishinomaru Teien Garden | 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://www.himeji-kanko.jp/event/1288/ |

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| Kinki 近畿 | 4/1 ~ 4/30 | Kyoto 京都府 | Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市 東山区 | Gion Kobu Kaburenjo 祇園甲部歌舞練場 | Miyako Odori 都をどり | <p>Summary: Cherry Dance performed by <i>Maiko</i> (Apprentice Geiko) and <i>Geiko</i> (professional female entertainers in Kyoto). Admission tickets are 4,000 JPY, 6,000 JPY or 7,000 JPY with tea, sold on the website. For guests with tea ticket, tea will be provided until 40 minutes before the show started. For further information, call 075-541-3391 at Kobu Kabukai.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 12:30-, 14:30- & 16:30- (Show from 12:30 is not available on 4/25 and 4/26)</p> | <p>(1) Keihan Honsen Line to Gionshijo Sta. (Exit 6), and then walk 8 min. (2) From JR Kyoto Sta., take taxi (20 min.)</p> | <p>(1) 京阪本線祇園四条駅(6番出口)より徒歩8分 (2) JR京都駅よりタクシーで20分</p> | https://miya-ko-odori.jp/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | 4/6 ~ 4/21 | Kyoto 京都府 | Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 左京区 | Kyoto Geijyutsu Gekijyo Shunjuza 京都芸術劇場 春秋座 | Kyo Odori 京おどり | <p>Summary: Traditional Kyoto Dance. Admission ticket is 7,000 JPY with tea, sold on the website and so on. Tea will be provided until 30 minutes before the show started. For further information, call 075-561-1151 at Miyagawa-cho Ochaya Kumiai.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● Mon.- Fri. (There is no performance on 4/15) 13:00- & 15:30- ● Sat.& Sun. 12:30-, 14:30- & 16:30-</p> | <p>(1) Keihan Honsen Line to Demachiyanaagi Sta, and take municipal bus No. 3 to Kamihatecho・Uryuyamagakuen Kyoto Geijutsudaigaku-mae Bus Stop (15 min.) (2) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 5 to Kamihatecho・Uryuyamagakuen Kyoto Geijutsudaigaku-mae Bus Stop (50 min.)</p> | <p>(1) 京阪本線出町柳駅より市バスNo.3で15分上終町・瓜生山学園京都芸術大学前下車 (2) JR京都駅より市バスNo.5で50分上終町・瓜生山学園京都芸術大学前下車</p> | https://www.miyagawa-cho.jp/kyo-odori/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | 4/9 ~ 4/16 | Shiga 滋賀県 | Nagahama a 長浜市 | Nagahama Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 長浜八幡宮ほか | Nagahama Hikiyama Matsuri 長浜曳山まつり | <p>Summary: Festival designated as one of the National Important Intangible Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, featuring 4 beautifully bedecked floats, on which <i>Kodomo Kabuki</i> (traditional play by boys) are performed, being exhibited daily along the streets in the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged</p> | <p>JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Maibara Sta. From there, take JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Nagahama Sta., and then walk 15 min.</p> | <p>JR東海道新幹線米原駅よりJR北陸本線で長浜駅下車、徒歩15分</p> | https://nagahama-hikiyama.or.jp/ |

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| Kinki 近畿 | 4/14 | Kyoto 京都府 | Kita-ku, Kyoto 京都市 北区 | Imamiya-jinja Shrine, Konen-ji Temple, Kawakami Dai-jingu Shrine and others 今宮神社、光念寺、川上大神宮ほか | Yasurai Matsuri やすらい祭 | <p>Summary: Festival designated as one of the National Important Intangible Cultural Properties, originates from a legend of the shrine having abated a serious epidemic in ancient times. The highlight of this festival is a procession of parishioners holding <i>Hanagasa</i> (big umbrellas decorated with flowers), devils and children dancing to the accompaniment of Japanese drums and gongs.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00-14:00 Procession from Konen-ji Temple to Imamiya-jinja Shrine 11:30- Procession from Kawakami Dai-jingu Shrine to Imamiya-jingu Shrine and <i>Yasurai-mai</i> (Shinto dance with music) in the precincts of Imamiya-jinja Shrine</p> | <p>Imamiya-jinja Shrine: (1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No.205 or 206 to Funaoka-yama Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min. (2) Karasuma Subway Line to Kitaoji Sta. From there, take municipal bus No. 1, Kita-8, 12, M1, 204, 205 or 206 to Funaoka-yama Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min.</p> <p>今宮神社: (1) JR京都駅より市バスNo.205又は206で船岡山下車、徒歩7分 (2) 地下鉄烏丸線北大路駅より市バスNo. 1, 北8, 12, M1, 204, 205又は206で船岡山下車、徒歩7分</p> | http://www.imamiyajinja.org/ |
| Kinki 近畿 | 4/14 | Kyoto 京都府 | Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市 伏見区 | Daigo-ji Temple 醍醐寺 | Ho-Taiko Hanami Gyoretsu 豊太閤花見行列 | <p>Summary: Cherry-blossom viewing Procession, featuring a parade of people clad in gorgeous costumes of <i>Momoyama</i> period (1573-1603?) marching under the cherry blossoms.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 13:00-15:00 Parade in the compound of the temple</p> | <p>(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Yamashina Sta., and change to Tozai Subway Line to Daigo Sta.(Exit 2), and then walk 10 min. (2) From JR Kyoto Sta., walk 1 min. to Hotel Keihan, and then take Keihan bus to Daigoji Bus Stop (30 min.)</p> <p>(1) JR京都駅よりJR東海道本線で山科駅にて地下鉄東西線に乗り換え醍醐駅下車(2番出口)、徒歩10分 (2) JR京都駅より徒歩1分のホテル京阪前から京阪バスで30分醍醐寺下車</p> | https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4590 |
| Kinki 近畿 | 4/14 | Kyoto 京都府 | Kamigyoku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区 | Shiramine-jingu Shrine 白峯神宮 | Shunki Reitaisai (Kemari-hono) 春季例大祭(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. If it rains, the event will be canceled.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:30- <i>Kemari</i> game</p> | <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.</p> <p>(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</p> | https://shiraminejingu.or.jp/annual-event/ |

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| Kinki 近畿 | 4/14 | Nara 奈良県 | Katsuragi 葛城市 | Taima-dera Temple 當麻寺 | Nerikuyo Eshiki 練供養会式 | <p>Summary: Requiem Parade. Procession of 25 priests wearing masks and special costumes of <i>Bosatsu</i> crosses a long bridge, which is believed to link this world with the Pure Land, leading people in fancy attire.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 16:00- Procession of <i>Bosatsu</i></p> | <p>(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta., and change to Kintetsu Minami Osaka Line to Taimadera Sta., and then walk 15 min. (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 Minami Osaka Line to Taimadera Sta., and then walk 15 min.</p> | <p>(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南大阪線に乗り換え当麻寺駅下車、徒歩15分 (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南大阪線に乗り換え当麻寺駅下車、徒歩15分</p> | <p>https://www.taimadera.org/news/event12.html</p> |
| Kinki 近畿 | 4/28 ~ 5/2 | Mie 三重県 | Ise 伊勢市 | Ise-jingu Shrine - Naiku 伊勢神宮(内宮) | Haru-no Kagura Sai 春の神楽祭 | <p>Summary: Spring Festival of the shrine. Performance of <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) is dedicated to the shrine on a makeshift stage at Naiku. If it rains, the place of performance will be held at Sanshuden.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 11:00- <i>Bugaku</i> performance</p> | <p>JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take (1) Kintetsu Yamada Line to Ujiyamada Sta., and then take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (10 min.) (2) JR Rapid Train "Mie" to Ise-shi Sta., and then take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (15 min.)</p> | <p>JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より (1) 近鉄山田線で宇治山田駅下車、バスで10分内宮前下車 (2) JR快速"みえ"で伊勢市駅下車、バスで15分内宮前下車</p> | <p>https://www.isejingu.or.jp/ritual/annual/kagurasai.html</p> |
| Kinki 近畿 | 4/29 ~ 5/5 | Kyoto 京都府 | Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市中京区 | Mibu-dera Temple 壬生寺 | Mibu Kyogen 壬生狂言 | <p>Summary: Medieval pantomime, designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Mibu Kyogen</i>, 30 pantomime skits, have been handed down, and some of them will be performed. Admission is 1,000 JPY. The number of audience will be limited to 400 people daily.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 13:00-17:30 ●5/5 18:00-21:00</p> | <p>From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 26 or 28 to Mibudera-michi Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.</p> | <p>JR京都駅より市バスNo. 26又は28で壬生寺道下車、徒歩3分</p> | <p>http://www.mibudera.com/index.html</p> |

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| Chugoku 中国 | 4/15 | Hiroshima 広島県 | Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi 廿日市市 宮島町 | Daisho'in Temple 大聖院 | Hi-watari Shiki 火渡り式 | <p>Summary: <i>Hi-watari Shiki</i>, rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals in the temple's ground.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00- Ritual pray for protection from illness and disaster 13:00- <i>Hi-watari Shiki</i></p> | <p>(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 30 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 30 min.</p> | <p>(1) JR山陽本線宮島口駅より徒歩5分の宮島口棧橋からフェリーで10分宮島棧橋下船、徒歩30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分宮島棧橋下船、徒歩30分</p> | <p>https://www.miyajima.or.jp/event/event_shiwatari.html</p> |
| Chugoku 中国 | 4/15 ~ 4/18 | Hiroshima 広島県 | Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi 廿日市市 宮島町 | Itsukushima-jinja Shrine 厳島神社 | Toka-sai & Shin-Noh 桃花祭と神能 | <p>Summary: Peach Blossom Festival. <i>Toka-sai Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) and <i>Shin-Noh</i> (traditional masked drama) performances are dedicated to the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/15 17:00- <i>Bugaku</i> performance ●4/16-18 9:00- <i>Shin-Noh</i> performance</p> | <p>(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.</p> | <p>(1) JR山陽本線宮島口駅より徒歩5分の宮島口棧橋からフェリーで10分宮島棧橋下船、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分宮島棧橋下船、徒歩10分</p> | <p>https://www.miyajima.or.jp/event/calendar04.php</p> |
| Shikoku 四国 | 4/4, 4/6 & 4/7 | Ehime 愛媛県 | Matsuyama 松山市 | Matsuyama Castle, Matsuyama-jo Ropeway Sta. and others 松山城、ロープウェイ駅ほか | Matsuyama Haru Matsuri 松山春まつり | <p>Summary: Spring Festival to enjoy cherry blossom viewing at Matsuyama Castle. The highlight of this festival is <i>Daimyo & Mushi Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of a feudal lord & <i>Samurai</i> warriors). Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. If it rains, the procession route will be changed.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/7 11:30-13:20 Procession from Matsuyama-jo Ropeway Sta. to the intersection with Chifunemachi-dori Street, marching the main shopping street of the city</p> | <p>Matsuyama-jo Ropeway Shinonome-guchi Sta.: JR Yoson Line to Matsuyama Sta. From there, take streetcar to Okaido (10 min.), and then walk 5 min.</p> | <p>松山城ロープウェイ東雲口駅舎：JR予讃線松山駅より市電で10分大街道下車、徒歩5分</p> | <p>https://www.city.matsuyama.ehime.jp/kanko/kankoguide/matsurievnt/harumatsuri2024.html</p> |

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| 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 <i>Nagashibina</i> (floating paper dolls ceremony). Many more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/3 10:00- <i>Nagashibina</i> around Yanagawa Bridge</p> | <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.)</p> <p>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</p> | https://www.city.yanagawa.fukuoka.jp/kanko/meisho/2144.html |
| Kyushu 九州 | 4/29 | Miyazaki 宮崎県 | Kabayama , Mimata-cho 三股町樺山 | Hayama-jinja Shrine, Hayama Park 早馬神社、早馬公園 | Hayama Matsuri (Jankan Uma Odori) 早馬まつり (ジャンカン馬踊り) | <p>Summary: Festival with a 100-year history to pray for a good harvest of the year. A horse attractively adorned with artificial flowers, rice stalks and flag-shaped decoration steps on the ground to the sound of music, been followed by people performing local dance.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00-</p> | <p>JR Nippo Honsen Line to Mimata Sta., and then take taxi (5 min.)</p> <p>JR日豊本線三股駅よりタクシーで5分</p> | https://www.town.mimata.lg.jp/kanko/hayama-festival/ |
| Kyushu 九州 | 4/29 ~ 5/5 | Saga 佐賀県 | Okawachi-cho, Imari 伊万里市 大川内町 | Okawachi-yama 大川内山 | Imari Kamamoto Ichi 伊万里窯元市 | <p>Summary: Spring Ceramic Fair where 30 <i>Kamamoto</i> (kilns) in this area participate in. Many stalls selling ceramics at bargain prices are set up at the main fair site.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00</p> | <p>JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, (1) take JR Limited Express "Midori" to Arita Sta., and change to Matsuura Tetsudo Line to Imari Sta., and then take bus to Okawachi-yama Bus Stop (15 min.) (2) walk 1 min. to Hakata Bus Terminal. From there, take Highway Bus to Imari Sta. (2h), and then take bus to Okawachi-yama Bus Stop (15 min.)</p> <p>JR山陽新幹線博多駅より (1) JR特急"みどり"で有田駅にて松浦鉄道線に乗り換え伊万里駅下車、バスで15分大川内山下車 (2) 徒歩1分の博多バスターミナルから高速バスで2時間伊万里駅下車、バスで15分大川内山下車</p> | http://www.imari-ookawachiya.com/ |
| Kyushu 九州 | 4/29 ~ 5/5 | Saga 佐賀県 | Arita-cho 有田町 | Arita-cho 有田町 | Arita Toki Ichi 有田陶器市 | <p>Summary: Ceramic Fair in the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 8:00-17:00</p> | <p>JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Limited Express "Midori" to Arita Sta.</p> <p>JR山陽新幹線博多駅よりJR特急"みどり"で有田駅下車</p> | https://www.arita-toukiichi.or.jp/ |

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Glossary :

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| Chigo-Gyoretsu | Procession of children in fancy attire |
| Matsuri | Festival, Event |
| Mikoshi | Portable shrine |
| Nodate | Open air tea ceremony |
| Sakura | Cherry blossom |
| Taiko | Japanese drum |
| Yabusame | Horseback archery |

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

Hanami 花見
Hanami, Cherry Blossom Viewing is a common sight in the spring in Japan. When the cherry blossoms - "sakura" are in full bloom, usually from the end of March to April, picnic parties among families, friends and colleagues are held under the cherry trees, where everyone merrily enjoys eating, drinking and socializing.

Hana Matsuri 花まつり
Hana Matsuri, A Floral Festival to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday is held at all Buddhist temples on the days centering around April 8, which is said to be the Buddha's Birthday. At the temples, small images of Buddha are open to the public and Amacha (sweet tea) is poured over the images as an expression of devotion. Chigo-Gyoretsu, parades of children in fancy attire, pulling a papier-mache white elephant, a sacred animal associated with the Buddha, are also held at many temples.

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| 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 | 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. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-18:30 Open-air antique market 17:00-20:00 Flowers are lit up | JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta. (G16, H18), and then walk 5 min. | https://ueno.or.jp/event/ |
| 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. | https://visit-sumida.jp/event/sakuramatsuri2024/ |

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| Tokyo 東京 | 3/22 ~ 4/2 | 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 | <p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy view of cherry blossoms along the Chidorigafuchi path and in the precincts of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-22:00 Flowers are lit up</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> | https://visit-chiyoda.tokyo/sakura/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 3/30 ~ 4/30 | Tokyo 東京都 | Bunkyo-ku 文京区 | Nezu-jinja Shrine 根津神社 | Bunkyo Tsutsuji Matsuri 文京つつじまつり | <p>Summary: <i>Tsutsuji</i> (azalea) Flower Festival. You can enjoy viewing of about 3,000 azalea blossoms. Admission to the garden is 500JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:30-17:30 Azalea garden is open ●4/7 12:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> parade ●4/13, 20 & 28 12:00- & 14:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●4/27 13:00- Demonstration of <i>Naginata</i> (long-handled sword)</p> | <p>(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Nezu Sta. (C14) or Sendagi Sta. (C15), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Namboku Line to Todaimae Sta. (N12), and then walk 10 min.</p> <p>(1) 東京メトロ千代田線根津駅又は千駄木駅より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ南北線東大前駅より徒歩10分</p> | https://nedujinja.or.jp/saiten/tsutsuji/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/2 ~ 4/9 | Tokyo 東京都 | Minato-ku 港区 | Zojo-ji Temple 増上寺 | Gyoki Daie 御忌大会 (ぎよきだいえ) | <p>Summary: Buddhist Devotionals in commemoration of Priest Honen's death. Honen Shonin (1133-1212) is a Japanese Buddhist monk, the founder of the Jodo Sect of Japanese Buddhism.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/3, 6 & 7 13:30- <i>Oneri-Gyoretsu</i> (procession including children in fancy attire) ●4/4 & 5 10:30- & 13:30- <i>Oneri-Gyoretsu</i></p> | <p>(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.</p> <p>(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</p> | https://www.zojoji.or.jp/kaisyu850/kyoosan/index.html |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/6 ~ 4/7 | Tokyo 東京都 | Ota-ku 大田区 | Ikegami Honmon-ji Temple and others 池上本門寺ほか | Haru Matsuri 春まつり | <p>Summary: Spring Festival which consists of two festivals, Goju-no-to Festival - five story pagoda is open to the public, and Floral Festival to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday. "<i>Hana-no-sei</i>", a parade of children pulling a papier-mache white elephant, is the highlight.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-15:00 Five story pagoda is open ●4/7 13:00- "<i>Hana-no-sei</i>" leaves Roushi Kaikan for the temple 14:00- Rites pray at main hall 15:00- <i>Hana-matsuri</i> concert</p> | <p>(1) Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ikegami Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nishi-Magome Sta. (A01)(South Exit), and then walk 12 min.</p> <p>(1) 東急池上線池上駅より徒歩10分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線西馬込駅(南口)より徒歩12分</p> | https://honmonji.jp/news/schedule.html |

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| Tokyo 東京 | 4/6 ~ 4/30 | Tokyo 東京都 | Koto-ku 江東区 | Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社 | Fuji Matsuri 藤まつり | <p>Summary: Fuji (wisteria) Flower Festival. There are over 50 wisteria roots in the precincts of the shrine, and they are usually in full bloom in this season. Several events are held during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged</p> | <p>(1) JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 15 min. (2) JR Sobu Line or Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Kinshicho Sta.(Z13)(North Exit), and then walk 15 min.</p> | <p>(1) JR総武線亀戸駅(北口)より徒歩15分 (2) JR総武線又は東京メトロ半蔵門線錦糸町駅(北口)より徒歩15分</p> | http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/events/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/7 | Tokyo 東京都 | Bunkyo-ku 文京区 | Gokoku-ji Temple 護国寺 | Hana Matsuri 花まつり | <p>Summary: Floral Festival to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday. <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> is the highlight.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 14:00- <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i></p> | Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line to Gokokuji Sta. (Y11)., and then walk 1 min. | 東京メトロ有楽町線護国寺駅より徒歩1分 | https://www.gokokuji.or.jp/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/7 | Tokyo 東京都 | Toshima-ku 豊島区 | Kogan-ji Temple (Togenuki Jizoson) 高岩寺 (とげぬき地藏尊) | Hana Matsuri 花まつり | <p>Summary: Floral Festival to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday. <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> is the highlight.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 15:00- <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i></p> | <p>(1) JR Yamanote Line to Sugamo Sta., and then walk 5 min. (2) Toei Mita Subway Line to Sugamo Sta. (I15)(Exit A3), and then walk 5 min.</p> | <p>(1) JR山手線巣鴨駅より徒歩5分 (2) 都営地下鉄三田線巣鴨駅(A3出口)より徒歩5分</p> | https://togenuki.jp/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/7 | Tokyo 東京都 | Chuo-ku 中央区 | Tsukiji Hongan-ji Temple 築地本願寺 | Hana Matsuri はなまつり | <p>Summary: Floral Festival to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday. <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> is the highlight. Many food stalls are set up.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 10:00-16:00 Food booths and other stalls are set up 10:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance 11:00- <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> 14:00-15:30 <i>Shodo</i> (calligraphy) performance</p> | Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Tsukiji Sta. (H11)(Exit 1), and then walk 1 min. | 東京メトロ日比谷線築地駅下車(1番出口)より徒歩1分 | https://tsukijihongwanji.jp/news/8599/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/8 | Tokyo 東京都 | Taito-ku 台東区 | Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺 | Hana Matsuri 花まつり | <p>Summary: Floral Festival to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday. Parade of local children pulling a papier-mache white elephant, is the highlight.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged</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/ |

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| Tokyo 東京 | 4/14 | Tokyo 東京都 | Taito-ku 台東区 | Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺 | Shirasagi-no-mai 白鷺の舞 | <p>Summary: <i>Shirasagi</i> (white heron) Dance with a history of over 1,000 years is performed twice a day. Various characters in traditional attire including dancers parade from Denboin Temple via Nakamise street to the Main Hall, and <i>Shirasagi-no-mai</i> is performed with Japanese musical instruments on the ground of the temple.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00- & 14:00- Parade starts from Denboin Temple 11:30- & 14:40- <i>Shirasage</i> Dance is performed</p> | Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min. | https://www.city.taito.lg.jp/event/kankou/shirasagino-mai11.html |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/15 | Tokyo 東京都 | Chiyoda-ku 千代田区 | Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社 | Hono Ozumo 奉納大相撲 | <p>Summary: Hono Ozumo featuring <i>Sumo</i> matches dedicated by <i>Rikishi</i> (<i>Sumo</i> wrestlers). This event is open to the first 6,000 people. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00- Ritual starts 14:00- <i>Maku-uchi</i> (high-ranking) <i>Rikishi</i> including <i>Yokozuna</i> (grand champions) enter the ring</p> | Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. | https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=534 |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/20 | Tokyo 東京都 | Taito-ku 台東区 | Sumida Park 隅田公園 | Asakusa Yabusame 浅草流鏝馬 | <p>Summary: <i>Kusajishi</i> (Japanese archery, targeting on a fake deer) and <i>Yabusame</i> are held in the park. Please be reminded that space for <i>Yabusame</i> is limited. If it heavily rains, events will be canceled.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:45-12:45 <i>Kusajishi</i> 13:00-14:30 <i>Yabusame</i></p> | (1)Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19) , and then walk 8 min. (2)Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (A18), and then walk 10 min. | https://www.city.taito.lg.jp/event/kankou/asakusayabusame.html |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/21 | Tokyo 東京都 | Hachioji 八王子市 | Takaosan Yakuoin Temple, Jyuichi-chome Jaya and others 高尾山薬王院、 十一丁目茶屋ほか | Takaosan Shunki Taisai 高尾山春季大祭 | <p>Summary: Annual Spring Festival of Mt. Takao featuring a <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> , <i>Yamabushi</i> (mountain priests in their traditional attire) and a corps of fife and drum.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 11:00-12:30 Procession starts from Jyuichi-chome Jaya (tea house) to the temple</p> | Takaosan Yakuoin Temple : Keio Line to Takaosan-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Kiyotaki Sta. From there, take cable car to Takaosan Sta. (7 min.), and then walk 20 min. | https://www.takaosan.or.jp/ |

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| Tokyo 東京 | 4/21 | Tokyo 東京都 | Shinagawa-ku 品川区 | Shinagawa-jinja Shrine 品川神社 | Daidai Kagura 太々神楽 | Summary: Annual Spring Festival. <i>Daidai Kagura</i> (sacred <i>Shinto</i> music and dance) to pray for a good harvest and a good health of the year is presented in the main hall of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- | Keikyu Line to Shin-Bamba Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 1 min. | 京急線新馬場駅(北口)より徒歩1分 https://shinagawajinja.tokyo/treasure/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/21 | Tokyo 東京都 | Ota-ku 大田区 | Tenso-jinja Shrine 天祖神社 | Negi-no-mai 禰宜の舞 | Summary: Masked priests perform sacred dances to the tune of drum music for driving away the bad luck and wishing a good harvest of the year. Schedule & Key events: 15:00- | Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ontakesan Sta., and then walk 5 min. | 東急池上線御嶽山駅より徒歩5分 https://www.city.ota.tokyo.jp/kuseijoh/gyouji/nrgi/nomai.html |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/21 ~ 4/23 | Tokyo 東京都 | Chiyoda-ku 千代田区 | Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社 | Yasukuni-jinja Shunki Reitaisai 靖国神社春季例大祭 | Summary: Annual Spring Festival. Many traditional dance and martial arts performances are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: Traditional performances | 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=528 |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/29 | Tokyo 東京都 | Meguro-ku 目黒区 | Yuten-ji Temple 祐天寺 | Shobo Junshokusha Irei-sai 消防殉職者慰霊祭 | Summary: Memorial service for fire fighters who died on duty, conducted by members of the Edo Shobo Kinen-kai in the compound of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 12:00-14:30 Demonstration of acrobatics after the ceremony | Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yutenji Sta., and then walk 8 min. | 東急東横線祐天寺駅より徒歩8分 http://www.yutenji.or.jp/info/gyouji/page-month-4/ |
| Tokyo 東京 | 4/30 ~ 5/3 | Tokyo 東京都 | Shibuya-ku 渋谷区 | Meiji-jingu Shrine 明治神宮 | Meiji-jingu Haru-no Taisai 明治神宮春の大祭 | Summary: Annual Spring Festival of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged | (1) JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta. (West exit), and then walk 1 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C03, F15), and then walk 1 min. | (1) JR山手線原宿駅(西口)より徒歩1分 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線又は副都心線明治神宮前駅より徒歩1分 https://www.meijijingu.or.jp/event/ |

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| 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 | <p>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.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-21:00 Flowers are lit up</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> | <p>https://www.sankeien.or.jp/event/7432/</p> |
| Kanto 関東 | 4/6 ~ 4/7 | Kanagawa 神奈川県 | Kawasaki 川崎市 | Kanayama-jinja Shrine (Wakamiya Hachiman-gu Shrine) 金山神社 (若宮八幡宮) | Kanamara Matsuri かなまらまつり | <p>Summary: Fertility Festival. The shrine is noted for its <i>Menkake Gyoretsu</i>, a parade of carrying the sacred palanquins containing symbols of phallic gods. Shinto dance by shrine maidens, festival music will be also performed in the precincts of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/7 11:30- 14:30 <i>Menkake Gyoretsu</i></p> | <p>Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 5 min.</p> | <p>京急大師線川崎大師駅(南口)より徒歩5分</p> | <p>https://twitter.com/kanayamajinja</p> |
| Kanto 関東 | 4/13 ~ 4/17 | Tochigi 栃木県 | Nikko 日光市 | Futarasan-jinja Shrine and others 二荒山神社ほか | Yayoi Sai 弥生祭 | <p>Summary: The festival is with over a 1,200-year history. Parade of <i>Hanayatai</i> (11 house-shaped floats, colorfully embellished with artificial cherry blossoms and paper lanterns) is the highlight.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/16 14:00- <i>Hanayatai</i> are gathered in front of Old Nikko city office memorial park 14:10-15:20 Parade of <i>Hanayatai</i> ●4/17 10:30- <i>Hanayatai</i> are gathered at Futarasan-jinja Shrine</p> | <p>JR Nikko Line to Nikko Sta. or Tobu Nikko Line to Tobu-Nikko Sta. From there, take bus to Nishi-Sando Bus Stop (7 min.), and then walk 7 min.</p> | <p>JR日光線日光駅又は東武日光線東武日光駅よりバスで7分西参道下車、徒歩7分</p> | <p>http://www.futarasan.jp/yayoi/</p> |
| Kanto 関東 | 4/14 ~ 4/21 | Kanagawa 神奈川県 | Kamakura 鎌倉市 | Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine, Kotoku-in Temple and others 鶴岡八幡宮、高德院ほか | Kamakura Matsuri 鎌倉まつり | <p>Summary: Spring Festival to celebrate the beginning of sightseeing season in Kamakura since 1959.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●4/14 10:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i>, float and people in traditional attire on Wakamiya-oji Street 14:30- <i>Shizuka-no-mai</i> (Japanese dance) on the Mai-den stage of the shrine ●4/21 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> in the precincts of the temple and shrine</p> | <p>Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine: JR Yokosuka Line or Enoshima Dentestu (Enoden) Line to Kamakura Sta. and then walk 10 min.</p> | <p>鶴岡八幡宮: JR横須賀線で鎌倉駅又は江ノ島電鉄線(江ノ電)で鎌倉駅より徒歩10分</p> | <p>https://www.trip-kamakura.com/site/kamakura-matsuri/</p> |

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| Kanto 関東 | 4/20 ~ 4/21 | Chiba 千葉県 | Narita 成田市 | Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple, Omotesando Street 成田山新勝寺、 表参道 | Narita Taiko Matsuri 成田太鼓祭 | Summary: Traditional Japanese <i>Taiko</i> Festival. " <i>Sengan Hana-Daiko</i> ", drum beating taken part in by hundreds of performers, and " <i>Naritasan Sennen Yobutai</i> ", a millennium night stage show of drum-beating under torchlights in the compound of the temple, are the highlights. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:30-10:30 " <i>Sengan Hana-Daiko</i> " ● 4/20 10:30-19:00 Drum beating performances on stages along Omotesando Street and around Shinsho-ji Temple 17:00- ● 4/21 10:30-17:00 Drum beating performances on stages along Omotesando Street and around Shinsho-ji Temple 15:00- Parade of drum-beating on Omotesando Street | Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple : (1) JR Sobu Honsen Line Rapid Train (for Narita Airport) to Narita Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 10 min. (2) Keisei Line to Keisei-Narita Sta. (Central Exit), 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(東口)下車、徒歩10分 (2) 京成線京成成田駅(中央口)より徒歩10分 | http://nrtm.jp/ |
| Kanto 関東 | 4/27 ~ 5/6 | Tochigi 栃木県 | Mashiko- machi 益子町 | Mashiko-machi 益子町 | Mashiko Toki Ichi 益子陶器市 | Summary: Pottery Fair. Besides 50 shops, around 600 stalls are set up in the town. Schedule & Key events: ● 4/27-5/5 9:00-17:00 ● 5/6 9:00-16:00 | (1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Oyama Sta., and then change to JR Mito Line to Shimodate Sta. From there, take Moka Tetsudo Line to Mashiko Sta. (2) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Utsunomiya Sta. (West Exit) From No.14 Bus Stop, take bus (for Mashiko Sta.) to Mashiko Sta.(1 hour 10 min.) ※Details about tour bus, temporary bus and highway bus from Akihabara are still to be arranged | (1) JR東北新幹線小山駅よりJR水戸線で下館駅にて真岡鉄道線に乗り換え益子駅下車 (2) JR東北新幹線宇都宮駅下車(西口)、14番バス乗り場よりバス益子駅行で1時間10分益子駅下車 ※周遊バス、臨時バス、秋葉原バスターミナルからの高速バスについては調整中 | https://toukichi.mashiko-db.net/ |
| Kanto 関東 | 4/29 ~ 5/5 | Ibaraki 茨城県 | Kasama 笠間市 | Kasama Geijutsu-no-mori Park 笠間芸術の森公園 | Kasama-no- Himatsuri 笠間の陶炎祭 (ひまつり) | Summary: Pottery Fair. Over 200 stalls are set up in the park. Entry fee is 500JPY. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-17:00 | JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta., and then walk 20 min. or take route bus (15 min.) ※Details about tour bus, temporary bus and highway bus from Akihabara are still to be arranged | JR水戸線笠間駅より徒歩20分又は路線バスで15分 ※周遊バス、臨時バス、秋葉原バスターミナルからの高速バスについては調整中 | https://www.himatsuri.net/ |
| 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 in Odawara Joshi Park ● 4/7 13:00-14:30 <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> | 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/sakura/ |