

## Calendar of Events October 2024



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### Glossary :

<i>Danjiri</i>	Floats
<i>Karakuri-ningyo</i>	Mechanically manipulated dolls
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Mikoshi</i>	Portable shrine
<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

### Momiji-gari もみじ狩り

As Japan enters into late autumn, the leaves begin turning red and yellow. People head to the mountains in search of the vibrantly colored leaves, this is called "Momiji-gari", which literally means "hunting for autumn leaves". Many people visit the ancient capital of Kyoto and other sites, hikers go to the forest and mountains famous for autumn leaves.

### 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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Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL	
Hokkaido 北海道	10/8 ~ 10/10	Hokkaido 北海道	Akan-cho, Kushiro 釧路市阿寒町	Lake Akan, Ainu Theater Ikoro and others 阿寒湖、 アイヌシアターイコロほか	<b>Akanko Marimo Matsuri</b> 阿寒湖まりも祭り	Summary: Festival on the shores of Lake Akan. <i>Marimo</i> (unique spherical green algae) is the nation's special natural monument and a symbol of this festival which features traditional dances and religious rites handed down by the <i>Ainu</i> people.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/9 19:00- Ritual pray by Ekashi (the elder of <i>Ainu</i> ) 20:00- <i>Ainu-odori</i> (traditional folk dances) at Ainu Theater Ikoro ● 10/10 11:30- Ritual pray in which Ekashi in a traditional <i>Ainu</i> dugout canoe softly puts <i>Marimo</i> down one by one into the lake	(1) JR Nemuro Honsen Line to Kushiro Sta. From there, take bus to Akanko bus center Bus Stop (2 hrs.) (2) From Kushiro Airport, take bus to Akanko bus center Bus Stop (1 hr.)	(1) JR根室本線釧路駅よりバスで2時間、阿寒湖バスセンター下車 (2) 釧路空港よりバスで1時間、阿寒湖バスセンター下車	<a href="http://ja.kushiro-lakeakan.com/things_to_do/2591/">http://ja.kushiro-lakeakan.com/things_to_do/2591/</a>

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Tohoku 東北	10/5 ~ 10/7	Fukushima 福島県	Nihonmatsu 二本松市	Nihonmatsu-jinja Shrine, JR Nihonmatsu Sta., Kamegai Rotary and others 二本松神社、 JR二本松駅前、 亀谷ロータリーほか	<b>Nihonmatsu-no Chochin Matsuri</b> 二本松の提灯祭り	Summary: Paper Lantern Festival or annual festival of the shrine, featuring seven floats decorated with 3,000 lighted lanterns, parading along the main streets of the city daily.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/5 17:50-23:30 Parade of seven floats from Kamegai Rotary to JR Nihonmatsu Sta. ● 10/6 8:30-15:00 Parade of seven floats from JR Nihonmatsu Sta. to Kamegai Rotary evening Parade of floats in each town	JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Nihonmatsu Sta.	JR東北本線二本松駅下車	<a href="https://www.nihonmatsu-kanko.jp/?p=1473">https://www.nihonmatsu-kanko.jp/?p=1473</a>
Tohoku 東北	10/18 ~ 10/20	Iwate 岩手県	Kamaishi 釜石市	Osaki-jinja Shrine, San-jinja Shrine, Kamaishi Bay and others 尾崎神社、 山神社、 釜石湾ほか	<b>Kamaishi Matsuri</b> 釜石まつり	Summary: Festival of two shrines. The highlight of this festival is <i>Hikifune Matsuri</i> , festival of towing a ship, in which <i>Mikoshi</i> of Osaki-jinja Shrine carried onto the ship sails in Kamaishi Bay.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/19 9:00-early afternoon <i>Hikifune Matsuri</i> ● 10/20 12:10-15:30 Parade of two <i>Mikoshi</i>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hanamaki Sta. From there, take JR Kamaishi Line to Kamaishi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR東北新幹線新花巻駅よりJR釜石線で釜石駅下車、徒歩5分	<a href="https://iwatetabi.jp/event/detail.php?event_id=127">https://iwatetabi.jp/event/detail.php?event_id=127</a>
Chubu 中部	5/11 ~ 10/15	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Nagara River 長良川	<b>Nagaragawa Ukai</b> 長良川鶴飼	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 (9/17 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.  Schedule & Key events: ● daily 19:45-20:30 (Departure time: 18:15, 18:45, 19:15)	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	<a href="https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/">https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/</a>

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Chubu 中部	6/1 ~ 10/15	Aichi 愛知県	Inuyama 犬山市	Kiso River 木曾川	<b>Kisogawa Ukai</b> 木曾川鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 3,500JPY 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 &amp; Key events: ●9/1-10/15 19:00-19:45 Lunch Cruise (every Mon., Fri., Sat. &amp; 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	<a href="https://kisogawa-ukai.jp">https://kisogawa-ukai.jp</a>
Chubu 中部	10/9 ~ 10/10	Gifu 岐阜県	Takayama 高山市	Sakurayama Hachiman-gu Shrine, Omotesando Street and others 桜山八幡宮、表参道ほか	<b>Takayama Matsuri</b> 高山祭	<p>Summary: Autumn Festival of the shrine, registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Festival comes its climax when all the floats lighted with over 100 lanterns each are carried through the city. <i>Karakuri-ningyo</i> plays are offered on one of those floats. If it rains heavily, the events will be canceled.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●10/9 9:00-17:00 Exhibition of 11 lavishly decorated floats gather along Omotesando Street 12:00- &amp; 14:00- <i>Karakuri-ningyo</i> plays in the precincts of the shrine 13:20-15:30 Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> and people in traditional costumes through the city 13:30-16:00 Procession of floats, through the city 18:15-21:00 Procession of all the lighted floats, through the city ●10/10 9:00-16:00 Exhibition of 11 lavishly decorated floats gather along Omotesando Street 11:00- &amp; 13:00- <i>Karakuri-ningyo</i> plays in the precincts of the shrine 13:30-16:00 Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> and people in traditional costumes through the city</p>	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Takayama Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR高山本線高山駅より徒歩20分	<a href="https://www.hidatakayama.or.jp/hidakayama/maturi_autumn/">https://www.hidatakayama.or.jp/hidakayama/maturi_autumn/</a>
Chubu 中部	10/12 ~ 10/13	Gifu 岐阜県	Seki 関市	Seki Kaji-denshokan, Honmachi-dori Street and others 関鍛冶伝承館、本町通りほか	<b>Seki-shi Hamono Matsuri</b> 関市刃物まつり	<p>Summary: Cutlery Festival in Seki, noted for its production of exquisite cutlery. Demonstration of making edged tools by swordsmiths is shown at Seki Kaji-denshokan. Admission is free. About 40 stalls selling edged tools are set up along Honmachi-dori Street on both days.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●daily 10:30- , 13:30- &amp; 15:00- Demonstration of making edged tools</p>	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Mino-Ota Sta. From there, take Nagaragawa Tetsudo Line to Sekiterasu-mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR高山本線美濃太田駅より長良川鉄道線でせきてらす前駅下車、徒歩5分	<a href="https://seki-hamono.jp/">https://seki-hamono.jp/</a>

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Chubu 中部	10/12 ~ 10/13	Shizuoka 静岡県	Hamamatsu 浜松市	Kaimeiza Theater in Higashi-Yomura Noson Community Center 東四村農村コミュニティセンター内開明座	<b>Yokoo Kabuki</b> 横尾歌舞伎	Summary: Local <i>Kabuki</i> , classical stage dramas with a 200-year history. Admission is free.  Schedule & Key events: ● daily 16:00-19:15	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Hamamatsu Sta. From there, take bus (for Okuyama) to Inasa Yokoo Bus Stop (60 min.), and then walk 2 min.	JR東海道新幹線浜松駅よりバス奥山行で60分引佐横尾下車、徒歩2分	<a href="https://www.city.hamamatsu.shizuoka.jp/bunkazai/shitei/inasa/inasa/kabuki.html">https://www.city.hamamatsu.shizuoka.jp/bunkazai/shitei/inasa/inasa/kabuki.html</a>
Chubu 中部	10/13	Shizuoka 静岡県	Ito 伊東市	Yukawa-jinja(Kashima-jinja) Shrine, Matsubara-jinja Shrine and others 湯川神社(鹿島神社)、松原神社ほか	<b>Ito Aki Matsuri</b> 伊東秋まつり	Summary: Autumn Festivals of the shrines.  Schedule & Key events: daytime Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> of each shrine through neighborhoods	From JR Tokyo Sta, take JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Ito Sta.	JR東京駅よりJR特急"踊り子"で伊東駅下車	<a href="https://itospa.com/">https://itospa.com/</a>
Chubu 中部	10/13 ~ 10/14	Gifu 岐阜県	Tajimi 多治見市	Tajimi Mino-yaki Oroshi Center 多治見美濃焼卸センター	<b>Tajimi Toki Matsuri</b> たじみ陶器まつり	Summary: Ceramic Festival. People come to buy "Mino" ceramic every autumn. Many other events are held during the festival period.  Schedule & Key events: ● daily 8:30-17:30	JR Chuo Honsen Line to Tajimi Sta. (North Exit), and then take free shuttle bus (every 20 min.)	JR中央本線多治見駅(北口)より無料シャトルバス(20分おき)	<a href="http://chuokai-gifu.or.jp/tajimi/~minoyaki/index.html">http://chuokai-gifu.or.jp/tajimi/~minoyaki/index.html</a>
Chubu 中部	10/19 ~ 10/20	Aichi 愛知県	Nagoya 名古屋市	Yaba-cho area, JR Nagoya Sta., City Hall and others 矢場町、JR名古屋駅、名古屋市役所ほか	<b>Nagoya Matsuri</b> 名古屋まつり	Summary: Festival featuring parades led by a troop of the three most famous feudal lords in the age of warriors; "Nobunaga Oda" (1534-1582), "Hideyoshi Toyotomi" (1537-1598) and "Ieyasu Tokugawa" (1542-1616). Many events are scheduled at the festival sites in the city during the festival period.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/19 13:57-15:40 Parades of the three lords from JR Nagoya Sta. to Yaba-cho area ● 10/20 13:30-14:27 Parades of the three lords from City Hall to Yaba-cho area	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta.	JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅下車	<a href="https://www.nagoya-festival.jp/">https://www.nagoya-festival.jp/</a>

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Chubu 中部	10/26 ~ 10/27	Aichi 愛知県	Gamagori 蒲郡市	Yatsurugi-jinja Shrine, Wakamiya-jinja Shrine, Miya-kaigan Beach and others 八剣神社、 若宮神社、 三谷海岸ほか	<b>Miya Matsuri</b> 三谷祭	<p>Summary: Festival with a 300-year history. The highlight of this festival is <i>Kaichu-Togyo</i> (people carrying floats into the sea and parading around).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10/26 12:50-18:20 Parade of four huge floats from each different district to Yatsurugi-jinja Shrine through the city, and demonstration of local performing arts</li> <li>● 10/27 10:45-11:50 <i>Kaichu-Togyo</i> on Miya-kaigan Beach 12:00-17:25 Parade of all floats from Wakamiya-jinja Shrine to Yatsurugi-jinja Shrine</li> <li>12:10- <i>Shinto</i> dance performance with music at Wakamiya-jinja Shrine</li> <li>17:35- <i>Shinto</i> dance performance with music at Yatsurugi-jinja Shrine</li> </ul>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Mikawa-Miya Sta.	JR東海道本線三河三谷駅下車	<a href="https://38fes.jp/">https://38fes.jp/</a>
Kinki 近畿	10/1 ~ 10/5	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市上京区	Kitano Tenman-gu Shrine and others 北野天満宮ほか	<b>Zuiki Matsuri</b> ずいき祭	<p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. The festival is held to appreciate good harvest in this year and the highlights are <i>Zuiki Mikoshi</i> (portable shrines made from vegetables) parade and <i>Chigo-mai</i> (sacred dance performed by gaily-dressed children).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10/1 13:00- Parade of three <i>Horen</i> (palanquin) from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> 16:00- <i>Chigo-mai</i> at <i>Otabisho</i></li> <li>● 10/4 13:00- Parade of <i>Zuiki Mikoshi</i> in the neighborhood of the shrine and parade of three <i>Horen</i> from <i>Otabisho</i> to the shrine</li> <li>● 10/5 15:30- <i>Chigo-mai</i> in the precincts of the shrine</li> </ul>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 to Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50で北野天満宮前下車	<a href="https://kitanotenmangu.or.jp/event/">https://kitanotenmangu.or.jp/event/</a>

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Kinki 近畿	10/12 ~ 10/13	Shiga 滋賀県	Otsu 大津市	Tenson-jinja Shrine and others 天孫神社ほか	<b>Otsu Matsuri</b> 大津祭	<p>Summary: Festival featuring 13 magnificent floats decorated with lighted lanterns and <i>Karakuri-ningyo</i> performed on floats.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● 10/12 evening-21:00 Exhibition of floats along the main street ● 10/13 9:00-17:30 Parade of floats through the city and <i>Karakuri-ningyo</i> performance at Tenson-jinja Shrine and several other sites 13:40-15:45 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> around Tenson-jinja Shrine</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Otsu Sta., and then walk 3 min.	JR東海道本線大津駅より徒歩3分	<a href="http://www.otsumatsuri.jp/festival/">http://www.otsumatsuri.jp/festival/</a>
Kinki 近畿	10/12 ~ 10/14	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Roku-en Garden in Nara Park 奈良公園内 鹿苑角切り場	<b>Shika-no Tsunokiri</b> 鹿の角きり	<p>Summary: Deer Horn Cutting Event. Admission is 1,000JPY. Please enter by 14:30. If it rains heavily, the event will be canceled.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● daily 11:45-15:00 Demonstration of cutting horns</p>	(1) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Kasuga Taisha Omotesando Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 7 min. (2) Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 30 min.	(1) JR奈良線奈良駅より奈良交通バスで10分春日大社表参道下車、徒歩7分 (2) 近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より徒歩30分	<a href="https://narader.com/event/sunokiri.html">https://narader.com/event/sunokiri.html</a>
Kinki 近畿	10/13	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Saidai-ji Temple 西大寺	<b>Aki-no Ochamori-shiki</b> 秋の大茶盛式	<p>Summary: Tea Ceremony in autumn, using giant tea bowl. Ticket is 4,000JPY (for sharing a giant bowl of green tea, having a bowl of buckwheat-noodles served, prayer service and admission fee). Advance tickets are sold at the temple, also day tickets are sold at Aizendo-Hall on the day.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: 9:00-15:00 (Last entry at 14:00)</p>	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Yamato-Saidaiji Sta., and then walk 3 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Nara Line to Yamato-Saidaiji Sta., and then walk 3 min.	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄京都線で大和西大寺駅下車、徒歩3分 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅より近鉄奈良線で大和西大寺駅下車、徒歩3分	<a href="http://saidaiji.or.jp/">http://saidaiji.or.jp/</a>
Kinki 近畿	10/14 ~ 10/15	Hyogo 兵庫県	Himeji 姫路市	Matsubara Hachiman-jinja Shrine and others 松原八幡神社ほか	<b>Nada-no Kenka Matsuri (Matsubara Hachiman-jinja Shu-ki Reitaisai)</b> 灘のけんか祭り (松原八幡神社秋季例大祭)	<p>Summary: Fighting Festival or annual festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is three huge <i>Mikoshi</i> jostling by teams of loin-clothed youth in and out of the precincts of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: Details are still to be arranged</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Himeji Sta. From there, take Sanyo Dentetsu Line to Shirahama-no-miya Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR山陽新幹線姫路駅より山陽電鉄線で白浜の宮駅下車、徒歩5分	<a href="https://www.nadamatsuri.jp/index.html">https://www.nadamatsuri.jp/index.html</a>

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Kinki 近畿	10/18 ~ 10/20	Mie 三重県	Ueno, Iga 伊賀市上野	Ueno, Iga 伊賀市上野	<b>Ueno Tenjin Matsuri</b> 上野天神祭	<p>Summary: Festival, registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, featuring a parade of nine lavishly-decorated <i>Danjiri</i> and <i>Oni</i> (people wearing comical ogre-costumes and masks).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● 10/18 19:00-21:00 Exhibition of all floats decorated with lighted lanterns on the city's main streets ● 10/19 14:00-16:00 Procession of <i>Danjiri</i> and <i>Oni</i>, through the city 18:00-20:30 Exhibition of <i>Danjiri</i> ● 10/20 8:30-16:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i>, <i>Oni</i> and the floats, through the city</p>	JR Kansai Honsen Line to Iga Ueno Sta. From there, take Iga Tetsudo Line to Ueno-shi Sta.	JR関西本線伊賀上野駅より伊賀鉄道線で上野市駅下車	<a href="https://www.ueno-tenjin-matsuri.com/schedule/">https://www.ueno-tenjin-matsuri.com/schedule/</a>
Kinki 近畿	10/22	Kyoto 京都府	Kyoto 京都市	Heian-jingu Shrine, Kyoto Imperial Palace and others 平安神宮、京都御所ほか	<b>Jidai Matsuri</b> 時代祭	<p>Summary: Festival of Eras, one of the three main festivals in Kyoto. The highlight of this festival is a procession of over 2,000 people clad in the costumes representing each era during a millennium when Kyoto was the capital of Japan. If it rains, the event will be postponed to the next day.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: 12:00-12:30 Procession from Kyoto Imperial Palace to Karasuma-Marutamachi 12:30-12:50 Procession from Karasuma-Marutamachi to Karasuma-Oike 12:50-14:30 Procession from Karasuma-Oike to Heian-jingu Shrine</p>	(1) Karasuma-Marutamachi : Karasuma Subway Line to Marutamachi Sta. (2) Karasuma-Oike : Karasuma Subway Line to Karasuma-Oike Sta.	(1) 烏丸丸太町 : 地下鉄烏丸線丸太町駅下車 (2) 烏丸御池 : 地下鉄烏丸線烏丸御池駅下車	<a href="https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=7049">https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=7049</a>
Kinki 近畿	10/22	Kyoto 京都府	Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市左京区	Yuki-jinja Shrine, Kurama-Kaido Street 由岐神社、鞍馬街道	<b>Kurama-no-Himatsuri</b> 鞍馬の火祭	<p>Summary: Fire Festival. Long rows of balefire are lit up, and gaily-dressed children march along the street bearing burning torches in their hands, followed by adults bearing larger ones.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: 18:00-24:00 Balefire are lit up on Kurama-Kaido Street</p>	Eizan Kurama Line to Kurama Sta.	叡山鞍馬線鞍馬駅下車	<a href="http://www.yukijinjya.jp/index.html">http://www.yukijinjya.jp/index.html</a>

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Kinki 近畿	10/25 ~ 10/27	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市 伏見区	Kyoto Pulse Plaza 京都パルスプラザ	<b>Kyoto Antique Fair</b> 京都アンティークフェア	Summary: Grand Antique Fair with over 300 dealers from around the world. Admission is free.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/25 & 26 10:00-17:00 ● 10/27 10:00-16:00	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	<a href="http://www.gomoku-do.com/">http://www.gomoku-do.com/</a>
Chugoku 中国	10/19 ~ 10/20	Shimane 島根県	Matsue 松江市	Matsue Castle and others 松江城ほか	<b>Matsuesai Dou-Gyoretsu</b> 松江祭藝行列	Summary: Festival featuring a parade in which about 16 floats, on each of which two or three huge <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) called "Dou" are placed, are drawn by children and townspeople while drums are pleasantly beaten by men accompanied with the floats.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/20 12:00- Floats gather near Matsue Castle 13:30-14:48 Floats parade from Matsue Castle to Shirakata Tenman-gu Shrine	JR San-in Honsen Line to Matsue Sta. From there, take Lake Line bus to Matsue-jo (Otemae) Bus Stop (10 min.)	JR山陰本線松江駅よりレイクラインバスで10分松江城(大手前)下車	<a href="http://www.dogyoretsu.jp/">http://www.dogyoretsu.jp/</a>
Chugoku 中国	10/19 ~ 10/20	Okayama 岡山県	Inbe, Bizen 備前市伊部	Bizen-yaki Dento Sangyo Kaikan, JR Inbe Sta. 備前焼伝統産業会館、 JR伊部駅周辺	<b>Bizen-yaki Matsuri</b> 備前焼まつり	Summary: Pottery Fair, held at Bizen-yaki Dento Sangyo Kaikan and fair sites of many stalls set up around JR Inbe Sta.  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/19 9:00-17:00 ● 10/20 9:00-16:00	JR Ako Line to Inbe Sta.	JR赤穂線伊部駅下車	<a href="https://www.okayama-kanko.jp/event/16490">https://www.okayama-kanko.jp/event/16490</a>
Chugoku 中国	10/20 & 10/27	Okayama 岡山県	Tsuyama 津山市	Osumi-jinja Shrine, Takano-jinja Shrine, Tokumori-jinja Shrine and others 大隅神社、 高野神社、 徳守神社ほか	<b>Tsuyama Matsuri</b> 津山まつり	Summary: Annual Festivals of the shrines, with a 400-year history, featuring magnificently sculptured <i>Danjiri</i> .  Schedule & Key events: ● 10/20 daytime Parade of <i>Danjiri</i> in the city and <i>Mikoshi</i> from Osumi-jinja Shrine daytime Parade of <i>Danjiri</i> from Takano-jinja Shrine ● 10/27 daytime Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> and <i>Danjiri</i> from Tokumori-jinja Shrine	Tokumori-jinja Shrine: JR Tsuyama Line to Tsuyama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	徳守神社: JR津山線津山駅より徒歩15分	<a href="https://tsuyamamatsuri.com">https://tsuyamamatsuri.com</a>



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Shikoku 四国	10/10 ~ 10/11	Kagawa 香川県	Kotohira-cho 琴平町	Kotohira-gu Shrine and others 金刀比羅宮ほか	<b>Kotohira-gu Reitaisai</b> 金刀比羅宮例大祭	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. <i>Mikoshi</i> and people in traditional costumes parade in the city.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● 10/10 21:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> ● 10/11 10:00-, 14:00- &amp; 16:00- Shinto ceremony and dance at <i>Otabisho</i> 21:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from <i>Otabisho</i> to the shrine</p>	JR Dosan Line to Kotohira Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR土讃線琴平駅より徒歩20分	<a href="https://www.konpira.or.jp/">https://www.konpira.or.jp/</a>
Shikoku 四国	10/11 ~ 10/13	Kagawa 香川県	Kanonji 観音寺市	Wada Omatsuri Hiroba, Ichinomiya-jinja Shrine and others 和田お祭り広場、一宮神社ほか	<b>Sanuki Toyohama Chosa Matsuri</b> さぬき豊浜ちようさ祭	<p>Summary: Festival featuring <i>Mikoshi</i> and over 20 <i>Chosa</i> (beautifully bedecked floats) carried by youths parading through the city daily during the festival period. The highlight of this festival is <i>Chosa-Katsugi</i> (youths jostling each other and competing their strength in lifting up <i>Chosa</i>).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● 10/12 16:30-18:30 <i>Chosa-Katsugi</i> at Wada Omatsuri Hiroba ● 10/13 14:00-16:30 <i>Chosa-Katsugi</i> at Ichinomiya-jinja Shrine</p>	JR Yosan Line to Toyohama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR予讃線豊浜駅より徒歩15分	<a href="http://www.chohsa.jp/">http://www.chohsa.jp/</a>
Shikoku 四国	10/15 ~ 10/16	Ehime 愛媛県	Saijo 西条市	Isono-jinja Shrine, Kamo River and others 伊曾乃神社、加茂川岸ほか	<b>Saijo Matsuri (Isono-jinja Reitai-sai)</b> 西条まつり (伊曾乃神社例大祭)	<p>Summary: Festival of the shrine, featuring about 80 <i>Danjiri</i> each lavishly-decorated with lighted lanterns.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● 10/15 2:00-4:30 <i>Danjiri</i> gather at Isono-jinja Shrine one after another 6:00-18:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> and the floats parade through the city ● 10/16 16:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> and all <i>Danjiri</i> are carried onto the bank of Kamo River 18:00-18:30 <i>Kawairi</i> (<i>Mikoshi</i> and floats being jostled each other in the water) takes place</p>	Isono-jinja Shrine: JR Yosan Line to Iyo-Saijo Sta., and then take taxi (10 min.)	伊曾乃神社: JR予讃線伊予西条駅よりタクシーで10分	<a href="https://isonojinja.or.jp/">https://isonojinja.or.jp/</a>

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Shikoku 四国	10/16 ~ 10/18	Ehime 愛媛県	Niihama 新居浜市	Niihama 新居浜市	<b>Niihama Taiko Matsuri</b> 新居浜太鼓祭り	<p>Summary: Drum Festival. About 50 huge <i>Taiko</i> (literally meaning drums, but these are floats gorgeously adorned with imagined figures of dragons, wild birds and beasts, which are embroidered with gold and silver threads), each are carried by over 150 men who jostle with one another and compete their strength in lifting up <i>Taiko</i> at several sites, so called <i>Kakikurabe</i>, while they parade along the city's main streets beating drums.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●daily morning-evening</p>	JR Yosan Line to Niihama Sta.	JR予讃線新居浜駅下車	<a href="https://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/kankou/taikomatsuri.html">https://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/kankou/taikomatsuri.html</a>
Kyushu 九州	10/7 ~ 10/9	Nagasaki 長崎県	Nagasaki 長崎市	Suwa-jinja Shrine and others 諏訪神社ほか	<b>Nagasaki Kunchi</b> 長崎くんち	<p>Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, featuring three <i>Mikoshi</i> accompanied by Chinese-style floats bedecked with umbrella-shaped decorations. Demonstrations of dynamic local performing arts are daily scheduled in the city during the festival period. If it rains, the schedule will be changed.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●10/7 13:00- Parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine ●10/9 13:00- Parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> to the shrine</p>	JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta. From there, take streetcar to Suwa Jinja Sta.	JR長崎本線長崎駅より市電で諏訪神社下車	<a href="https://nagasaki-kunchi.com/">https://nagasaki-kunchi.com/</a>
Kyushu 九州	10/25 ~ 10/27	Fukuoka 福岡県	Fukuchimachi 福智町	Agano-no Sato Fureai Koryu Kaikan and others 上野の里ふれあい交流会館ほか	<b>Agano-yaki Aki-no Kamabiraki</b> 上野焼秋の窯開き	<p>Summary: Pottery Fair, held at several sites in the town.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●daily 10:00-17:00</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Fukuoku Yutaka Line to Nogata Sta., and change to Heisei Chikuho Railway Ida Line to Akaike Sta., and then take shuttle bus (15 min.)	JR山陽新幹線博多駅よりJR福北ゆたか線で直方駅にて平成筑豊鉄道伊田線に乗り換え赤池駅下車、シャトルバスで15分	<a href="https://www.aganoyaki-fukuchi.com/post/aganoyaki-akinokamabiraki">https://www.aganoyaki-fukuchi.com/post/aganoyaki-akinokamabiraki</a>

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Kyushu 九州	10/25 ~ 10/27	Saga 佐賀県	Imari 伊万里市	Imari-jinja Shrine, Imari River and others 伊万里神社、伊万里川岸ほか	<b>Tontenton Matsuri (Imari-no Kenka Matsuri)</b> トントントン祭 (伊万里のけんか祭り)	<p>Summary: Fighting Festival. The highlight of this festival is <i>Hono-Gassen</i> (dedication of fighting between <i>Mikoshi</i> and a float).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:            ● 10/25 16:15- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> from Imari-jinja Shrine and <i>Hono-Gassen</i>            ● 10/26 9:50- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> from Imari-jinja Shrine and <i>Hono-Gassen</i>            ● 10/27 13:00- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> from Imari-jinja Shrine and <i>Hono-Gassen</i>, and final free-for-all jostling on the riverbed of Imari River</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Limited Express "Midori" to Arita Sta., and change to Matsuura Tetsudo Line to Imari Sta.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より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	<a href="https://tontenton.jp/">https://tontenton.jp/</a>
Kyushu 九州	10/31 ~ 11/4	Saga 佐賀県	Saga 佐賀市	Kase River 嘉瀬川河川敷	<b>2024 Saga International Balloon Fiesta</b> 2024 佐賀インターナショナルバルーンフェスタ	<p>Summary: Festival with over 100 balloons. The highlight of this festival is "La Montgolfier Nocturne", the event of lighting up the balloons tethered to the ground with live music at Launch area. Many other events are also scheduled during the festival period. The festival may be cancelled depending on the weather conditions.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:            ● 10/31-11/3 7:00-9:00 &amp; 15:00-17:00 Competitions            ● 11/3 &amp; 4 18:30-19:00 "La Montgolfier Nocturne"            ● 11/4 7:00-9:00 Competitions</p>	JR Nagasaki Hosen Line to Balloon Saga (temporary) Sta.	JR長崎本線バルーンさが(臨時)駅下車	<a href="https://www.sibf.jp/">https://www.sibf.jp/</a>
Okinawa 沖縄	10/13	Okinawa 沖縄県	Naha 那覇市	Kokusai-dori Street, Kumoji intersection 国際通り、久茂地交差点	<b>Naha O-tsunahiki</b> 那覇大綱挽	<p>Summary: Grand Tug of War Festival featuring <i>Hatagashira Gyoretsu</i> (a parade of men holding 14 long flags which are the symbols of each community).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:            11:30-14:00 <i>Hatagashira Gyoretsu</i> on Kokusai-dori Street            14:30-17:00 Tug of war at the Kumoji intersection on National Road No. 58</p>	From Naha Airport, take Yui Rail (monorail) to Kencho-mae Sta.	那覇空港よりゆいレールで県庁前駅下車	<a href="https://www.naha-otsunahiki.org/index.php">https://www.naha-otsunahiki.org/index.php</a>

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**Glossary :**

Mando	Lighted lanterns
Matsuri	Festival, Event
Mikoshi	Portable shrine
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

**Momiji-gari もみじ狩り**

As Japan enters into late autumn, the leaves begin turning red and yellow. People head to the mountains in search of the vibrantly colored leaves, this is called "Momiji-gari", which literally means "hunting for autumn leaves". Many people visit the ancient capital of Kyoto and other sites, hikers go to the forest and mountains famous for autumn leaves.

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Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL
Tokyo 東京	10/11 ~ 10/13	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Ikegami Honmon-ji Temple, Tokumochi Kaikan Hall and others 池上本門寺、徳持会館ほか	<b>Ikegami Honmon-ji O-eshiki</b> 池上本門寺お会式	Summary: Buddhist memorial service featuring a night procession of people carrying <i>Mando</i> . More than 100 <i>Mando</i> varying in size, decorated with paper cherry blossoms, are carried by a number of groups of people, starting one after another from Tokumochi Kaikan Hall near Ikegami Sta. to the temple.  Schedule & Key events: ●10/12 18:00-23:00 Procession of <i>Mando</i>	(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.	(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  <a href="https://honmonji.jp/oeshiki/">https://honmonji.jp/oeshiki/</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/12 ~ 10/13	Tokyo 東京都	Toshima-ku 豊島区	JR Ikebukuro Sta. West Exit area and others JR池袋駅西口一帯ほか	<b>Tokyo Yosakoi</b> 東京よさこい	Summary: Energetic team dance festival as the second half of <i>Fukuro Matsuri</i> , which is Ikebukuro's annual festival. During the event, more than 100 teams gather from all over Japan.  Schedule & Key events: ●daily daytime	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (West Exit) (2) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho, Marunouchi or Fukutoshin Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (Y09, M25, F09)	(1) JR山手線池袋駅(西口)下車 (2) 東京メトロ有楽町線、丸の内線又は副都心線池袋駅下車  <a href="https://yosakoitokyo.gr.jp/yosakoi/">https://yosakoitokyo.gr.jp/yosakoi/</a>

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Tokyo 東京	10/14	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	<b>Kusajishi-shiki</b> 草鹿式	<p>Summary: Japanese archery ritual. The archers dressed in ceremonial robes shoot arrows at the targets (figures of a deer) according to traditional rites. The ritual is held in front of Nohgakudo Hall in the precincts of the shrine.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: 11:00- &amp; 13:30-</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	<a href="https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=579">https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=579</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/16 ~ 10/18	Tokyo 東京都	Toshima-ku 豊島区	Kishimojin Temple and others 鬼子母神ほか	<b>Kishimojin O-eshiki</b> 鬼子母神お会式	<p>Summary: Buddhist memorial service featuring a night procession of people carrying <i>Mando</i>. Open-air stalls are set up in the compound of the temple and its neighborhood daily during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●10/17 19:30- Procession of <i>Mando</i> from Seito Kishimojin Temple ●10/18 19:00- Procession of <i>Mando</i> from Ikebukuro Sta.(East Exit)</p>	(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	<a href="https://www.kishimojin.jp/index.html">https://www.kishimojin.jp/index.html</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/16 ~ 11/5	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	<b>Yasukuni-jinja Kikka-ten</b> 靖国神社菊花展	<p>Summary: Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●daily 6:00-17:00</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	<a href="https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=580">https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.html?id=580</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/17	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Jyuichi-chome Jaya, Takaosan Yakuo'in Temple on Mt. Takao and others 十一丁目茶屋、高尾山薬王院ほか	<b>Takaosan Shu-ki Taisai</b> 高尾山秋季大祭	<p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the temple featuring a parade of children in fancy attire, mountain priests and drum &amp; fife bands.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: 11:00-12:10 Parade from Jyuichi-chome Jaya (tea house) near Takaosan (cable car) Sta. 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.	高尾山薬王院 : 京王線高尾山口駅より徒歩5分の清滝駅よりケーブルカーで7分高尾山駅下車徒歩20分	<a href="https://www.takaosan.or.jp/calendar/">https://www.takaosan.or.jp/calendar/</a>

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Tokyo 東京	10/17 ~ 10/19	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	<b>Yasukuni-jinja Shu-ki Reitaisai</b> 靖国神社秋季例大祭	<p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. Many performing arts are presented in the precincts of the shrine during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●daily 10:00- Many performing arts in Nohgakudo Hall</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 <a href="https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/schedule/saiji.html">https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/schedule/saiji.html</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/18	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	<b>Kinryu-no-mai</b> 金龍の舞	<p>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.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: 11:30- / 14:00- / 15:00-</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 <a href="https://www.senso-ji.jp/annual_event/23.html">https://www.senso-ji.jp/annual_event/23.html</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/19 ~ 10/20	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kiba Park and others 木場公園ほか	<b>Kotokumin Matsuri Chuo Matsuri</b> 江東区民まつり 中央まつり	<p>Summary: Koto Citizen's Festival. Main events are <i>Kiba-no-Kakunori</i> (acrobatic stunts on rolling squared timbers).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ●daily 10:00-16:00</p>	Tokyo Metro Tozai Line to Kiba Sta. (T13), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ東西線木場駅より徒歩5分 <a href="https://www.city.koto.lg.jp/101021/kurashi/komyunitai/kumin/chuo/55.html">https://www.city.koto.lg.jp/101021/kurashi/komyunitai/kumin/chuo/55.html</a>

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Tokyo 東京	10/20 ~ 11/22	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社	<b>Kameido Tenjin Kiku Matsuri</b> 亀戸天神菊まつり	Summary: Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Admission is free.  Schedule & Key events: ●daily 7:00-17:00	(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.	(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	<a href="http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/events/">http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/events/</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/25 ~ 11/4	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Kanda-Jimbocho Book Town 神田神保町古書店街	<b>Kanda Furuohon Matsuri</b> 神田古本まつり	Summary: Secondhand Book Fair in the area. If it rains, the fair will be cancelled.  Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-18:00	(1) Toei Mita or Shinjuku Subway Line or Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Jimbocho Sta. (I10, S06, Z07)(Exit A6), and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Chuo or Sobu Line to Ochanomizu Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄三田線、新宿線又は東京メトロ半蔵門線神保町駅(A6出口)より徒歩1分 (2) JR中央線又は総武線御茶ノ水駅より徒歩10分	<a href="https://x.com/kanda_kosho">https://x.com/kanda_kosho</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/25 ~ 11/23	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区	Meiji-jingu Shrine 明治神宮	<b>Meiji-jingu Kikkaten</b> 明治神宮菊花展	Summary: Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Admission is free.  Schedule & Key events: ●10/25-10/31 5:40-16:40 ●11/1-11/23 6:10-16:10	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta., 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	<a href="https://www.meijijingu.or.jp/event/">https://www.meijijingu.or.jp/event/</a>
Tokyo 東京	10/26	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku 新宿区	Around JR Shinjuku Sta. JR新宿駅周辺	<b>Shinjuku Machi Fes 2024</b> 新宿まちフェス 2024	Summary: Festival featuring dance events "Power of Dance" held on the stage set up in front of SHINJUKU ALTA around JR Shinjuku Sta. East Exit. Some workshops are also scheduled.  Schedule & Key events: 12:15-15:15 Power of Dance	JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinjuku Sta. (M08, S01)	JR山手線、東京メトロ丸の内線又は都営地下鉄新宿線新宿駅下車	<a href="https://www.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/kanko/shinjuku_festival2024.html">https://www.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/kanko/shinjuku_festival2024.html</a>

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Tokyo 東京	10/26 ~ 11/3	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区	Meiji-jingu Shrine 明治神宮	<b>Meiji-jingu Aki-no Taisai</b> 明治神宮秋の大祭	<p>Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. Japanese traditional performing arts, such as <i>Sankyoku</i> (traditional Japanese musical instruments : <i>Koto</i> , <i>Shamisen</i> &amp; <i>Shakuhachi</i> ), <i>Noh</i> (traditional masked drama) and <i>Kyogen</i> (traditional comic drama), <i>Satsuma-Biwa</i> (Japanese harp) are performed during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●10/26 11:00- <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music)</li> <li>●11/1 12:00- <i>Noh and Kyogen</i> 15:45- <i>Sankyoku</i></li> <li>●11/2 11:45- Classical Japanese dance and music</li> <li>●11/3 10:30- Japanese martial arts tournament 11:00- Traditional Japanese archery ritual 13:30- <i>Yabusame</i> 15:00- <i>Satsuma-Biwa</i></li> </ul> </p>	<p>(1) JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta., and then walk 1 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C03, F15), and then walk 1 min. (3) Odakyu Line to Sangubashi Sta., and then walk 3 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR山手線原宿駅より徒歩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 (3) 小田急線参宮橋駅より徒歩3分</p>	<p><a href="https://www.meijijingu.or.jp/event/">https://www.meijijingu.or.jp/event/</a></p>
Tokyo 東京	10/26 ~ 11/17	Tokyo 東京都	Chofu 調布市	Jindai Botanical Garden 神代植物公園	<b>Jindai Shokubutsu Koen Kikka Taikai</b> 神代植物公園菊花大会	<p>Summary: Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Admission to the garden is 500 JPY. Please enter by 16:00. The garden is closed on every Monday.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●daily 9:30-17:00</li> </ul> </p>	<p>(1) Keio Line to Chofu Sta. From there, take bus (for Mitaka Sta. or Kichijoji Sta. from Bus Stop No.12) to Jindai-Shokubutsu-Koen-mae Bus Stop (2) JR Chuo Line to Mitaka Sta. and from there, take bus (for Chofu-eki Kitaguchi or Jindai-ji from Bus Stop No.2) or Kichijoji Sta. and from there, take bus (for Chofu-eki Kitaguchi or Jindai-ji from Bus Stop No.4) to Jindai-Shokubutsu-Koen-mae Bus Stop</p>	<p>(1) 京王線調布駅よりバス三鷹駅行又は吉祥寺駅行（12番乗り場より）で神代植物公園前下車 (2) JR中央線三鷹駅よりバス調布駅北口又は深大寺行き（2番乗り場より）又は吉祥寺駅よりバス調布駅北口行又は深大寺行（4番乗り場より）神代植物公園前下車</p>	<p><a href="https://www.tokyopark.or.jp/park/jindai/index.html">https://www.tokyopark.or.jp/park/jindai/index.html</a></p>
Tokyo 東京	10/26 ~ 12/8	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Mt. Takao 高尾山	<b>Takaosan Momiji Matsuri</b> 高尾山もみじまつり	<p>Summary: Maple Leaf Festival on Mt. Takao.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●daily daytime</li> </ul> </p>	<p>Keio Line to Takaosan-guchi Sta.</p>	<p>京王線高尾山駅下車</p>	<p><a href="https://www.hkc.or.jp/">https://www.hkc.or.jp/</a></p>



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Kanto 関東	10/11 ~ 10/13	Chiba 千葉県	Sawara, Katori 香取市佐原	Suwa-jinja Shrine and others 諏訪神社ほか	<b>Sawara-no Taisai Aki Matsuri</b> 佐原の大祭秋祭り	<p>Summary: Festival with a 300-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. 14 beautifully sculptured floats with huge dolls on tops and a <i>Mikoshi</i> parade through the city to the accompaniment of <i>Sawara-bayashi</i> (festival music).</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● daily <i>Nonoji-mawashi</i> (floats towing in a clockwise) and <i>Teodori</i> (hand dance accompanied with festival music) at several sites ● 10/11 10:00- Parade of 14 floats ● 10/12 10:00- Parade of 14 floats ● 10/13 9:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> proceeds from <i>Otabisho</i> (portable shrine resting place) to Suwa-jinja Shrine 10:00- Parade of 14 floats</p>	JR Narita Line to Sawara Sta. (JR Limited Express "Sawara Aki Matsuri-Go" is available from Shinjuku Sta. on 10/12-13)	JR成田線佐原駅下車 (10/12・13は新宿駅からJR特急「佐原秋祭り号」あり)	<a href="https://www.city.katori.lg.jp/sightseeing/matsuri/introduction/aki.html">https://www.city.katori.lg.jp/sightseeing/matsuri/introduction/aki.html</a>
Kanto 関東	10/12 ~ 10/13	Tochigi 栃木県	Kanuma 鹿沼市	Imamiya-jinja Shrine, Kobugaharamiya-dori Street and others 今宮神社、古峯原宮通りほか	<b>Kanuma Aki Matsuri</b> 鹿沼秋祭り	<p>Summary: Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. This festival features magnificently sculptured floats, and the floats with lighted lanterns while various kinds of festival music are played competitively on the floats, which is known as "Buttsuke".</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events: ● daily 10:00-21:00 Festival music is played on the floats at JR Kanuma Sta., Shin-Kanuma Sta. and other sites. ● 10/12 12:30- Floats are pulled into and displayed in the precincts of Imamiya-jinja shrine 17:00- Floats are pulled out from the shrine and parade through the town with "Buttsuke" ● 10/13 9:00-11:10 afternoon <i>Mikoshi</i> parades from the shrine through the town <i>Daidaikagura</i> (Shinto dance and music) is performed in the shrine 14:00- Floats parade through the town and gather on Kobugaharamiya-dori Street 17:55- Floats parade through the town with "Buttsuke"</p>	(1) JR Nikko Line to Kanuma Sta., and then walk 20 min. (2) Tobu Nikko Line to Shin-Kanuma Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR日光線鹿沼駅より徒歩20分 (2) 東武日光線新鹿沼駅より徒歩10分	<a href="https://www.buttsuke.com/">https://www.buttsuke.com/</a>

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Kanto 関東	10/12 ~ 10/14	Ibaraki 茨城県	Kasama 笠間市	Kasama Geijutsu-no-Mori Park 笠間芸術の森公園	<b>Kasama Roman</b> 笠間浪漫	Summary: Pottery & Food Fair. Stalls selling <i>Kasama-yaki</i> potteries, local Kasama farm products, and snack foods are set up in the park. Many events are scheduled during the festival period.  Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00	JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta., and then walk 20 min. or take Kasama City Tour Bus to Kogei-no-Oka・Togei Bijyutsukan Bus Stop (15 min).	<a href="https://www.kasama-kankou.jp/page/page000369.html">https://www.kasama-kankou.jp/page/page000369.html</a>	
Kanto 関東	10/16 ~ 10/17	Tochigi 栃木県	Nikko 日光市	Tosho-gu Shrine, Omote-Sando Street and others 東照宮、 表参道ほか	<b>Nikko Tosho-gu Shu-ki Taisai</b> 日光東照宮秋季大祭	Summary: Grand Autumn Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a procession of about 800 armor-clad people followed by <i>Mikoshi</i> .  Schedule & Key events: ●10/16 13:00-14:30 <i>Yabusame</i> on Omote-Sando Street ●10/17 11:00-11:40 Procession from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> (portable shrine resting place), parading on Omote-Sando Street 12:00-12:30 <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) performance at <i>Otabisho</i> 13:00-13:30 Procession on the same route for returning	JR Nikko Line to Nikko Sta. or Tobu Nikko Line to Tobu-Nikko Sta. From there, take World Heritage sightseeing bus to Shinkyo Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. or local bus to Yasukawacho Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.	<a href="https://www.toc Higiji.or.jp/event/e15021">https://www.toc Higiji.or.jp/event/e15021</a>	
Kanto 関東	10/19 ~ 10/20	Saitama 埼玉県	Kawagoe 川越市	Hikawa-jinja Shrine and others 氷川神社ほか	<b>Kawagoe Matsuri</b> 川越まつり	Summary: Festival 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 adorned floats to the tune of <i>Ohayashi</i> (festival music) with <i>Taiko</i> drumming and Japanese flute.  Schedule & Key events: ●daily all day Parade of floats by townspeople jostling each other at several sites ●10/19 13:00-14:30 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> from Hikawa-jinja shrine, going throughout the town 18:00-19:00 Floats are lit up and <i>Ohayashi</i> is performed 18:20-18:40 Acrobatic performances by steeplejacks ●10/20 13:30-16:00 Parade of floats on the street in front of the City Hall	(1) JR Saikyo Line, Kawagoe Line or Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoe Sta. (2) Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta.	(1) JR埼京線、川越線又は東武東上線川越駅下車 (2) 西武新宿線本川越駅下車	<a href="https://kawagoematsuri.jp/">https://kawagoematsuri.jp/</a>

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Kanto 関東	10/26 ~ 10/27	Tochigi 栃木県	Utsunomiya 宇都宮市	Futaarayama-jinja Shrine, Shita-machi area, Uwa-machi area and others 二荒山神社、下町、上町ほか	<b>Kikusui-sai</b> 菊水祭	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of <i>Horen</i> (palanquin). If it heavily rains, the event will be canceled.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10/26 9:15- <i>Yabusame</i> in front of the shrine 9:30- Parade from the shrine, through the Shita-machi area 15:45- <i>Yabusame</i> in front of the shrine</li> <li>● 10/27 9:15- <i>Yabusame</i> in front of the shrine 9:30- Parade from the shrine, through the Uwa-machi area 15:45- <i>Yabusame</i> in front of the shrine</li> </ul>	(1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Utsunomiya Sta. (West Exit) From there, take bus to Baba-cho or Futaarayama Jinja-mae Bus Stop (5 min.) (2) Tobu Utsunomiya Line to Tobu-Utsunomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR東北新幹線宇都宮駅(西口)よりバスで5分馬場町又は二荒山神社前下車 (2) 東武宇都宮線東武宇都宮駅より徒歩10分	<a href="https://www.utsunomiya-cvb.org/tourist_cat/event-festival">https://www.utsunomiya-cvb.org/tourist_cat/event-festival</a>
Kanto 関東	10/26 ~ 11/24	Ibaraki 茨城県	Kasama 笠間市	Kasama Inari-jinja Shrine, Kasama elementary school 笠間稲荷神社、笠間小学校前	<b>Kasama-no Kiku Matsuri</b> 笠間の菊まつり	<p>Summary: Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Around 5,000 Potted chrysanthemums and dolls made of chrysanthemum are exhibited in the precincts of the shrine. The admission is free. Japanese traditional martial arts, such as <i>Yabusame</i>, <i>Iai-battojutsu</i> (an art of drawing the Japanese sword) and <i>Kendo</i> (Japanese fencing) are also performed during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule &amp; Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● daily all day Exhibition of chrysanthemum</li> <li>● 11/3 10:00- &amp; 14:00- <i>Yabusame</i> in front of Kasama elementary school</li> <li>● 11/9 10:00- <i>Iai-battojutsu</i> and <i>Kendo</i> in the precincts of the shrine</li> </ul>	(1) JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta., and then walk 20 min. (2) JR Joban Line to Tomobe Sta.(North Exit), and then take Kasama City Tour Bus to Inari-jinja Bus Stop (20 min).	(1)JR水戸線笠間駅より徒歩20分 (2)JR常磐線友部駅(北口)よりかさま観光周遊バスで20分稲荷神社下車	<a href="https://www.kasama-kankou.jp/page/dir000187.html">https://www.kasama-kankou.jp/page/dir000187.html</a>