

Calendar of Events January 2026



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Glossary :

<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Geisha</i>	Professional female entertainers

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

Shogatsu 正月

Shogatsu is the biggest annual event in Japan. The streets are adorned with New Year's decorations of pine and plum branches, bamboo stalks and ropes with paper festoons. People pay homage to shrines and temples, and visit friends and relatives to exchange greetings. There are also customs such as eating Osechi-ryori - New Year's special dishes, and giving children Otoshidama - New Year's money gift. On New Year's Day, Nengajo - New Year greeting cards, arrive in the mail.

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Hokkaido 北海道	1/31 ~ 2/23	Hokkaido 北海道	Chitose 千歳市	Lake Shikotsu 支笏湖	Chitose-Shikotsuko Hyoto Matsuri 千歳・支笏湖 氷濤まつり	Summary: Ice Festival. Many ice sculptures exhibited on the shore are lit up. Admission is 1,000JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 16:30-20:00 Ice sculptures lighting up	From Shin-Chitose Airport, take bus to Shikotsuko Bus Stop (55 min.) or shuttle bus to Lake Shikotsu Onsen Bus Stop (65 min.) ※Reservation is required for shuttle bus	新千歳空港よりバスで55分支笏湖下車又はシャトルバスで65分支笏湖温泉まつり会場下車 ※シャトルバスは予約制	https://hyoutou-special.asia/
Tohoku 東北	12/27 ~ 2/22	Yamagata 山形県	Yamagata 山形市	along Zao Ropeway Sancho Line, around Jizo Sancho Sta. 蔵王ロープウェイ山頂線沿線および地藏山頂駅周辺	Zao Juhyo Light-up 蔵王樹氷ライトアップ	Summary: Festival featuring the lighting up <i>Juhyo</i> , known as "Snow Monster", trees covered with frost. Schedule & Key events: ●1/1-1/4, 1/9-1/11, 1/16-1/18, 1/23-1/25, 1/30-2/2, 2/6-2/9 & 2/13-2/22 17:00-21:00 <i>Juhyo</i> lighting up	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta., and then take bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop (45 min.) From there, walk to Zao Sanroku Sta. (15 min.), and then take ropeway to Jizo Sancho Sta. (17 min.)	JR山形新幹線山形駅よりバスで45分蔵王温泉下車、徒歩15分の蔵王山麓駅よりロープウェイで17分地藏山頂駅下車	https://zaoropeway.co.jp/winter/juhyo.php

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Tohoku 東北	1/2	Akita 秋田県	Kazuno 鹿角市	Ohirume muchi-jinja Shrine 大日霊貴神社	Dainichido Bugaku 大日堂舞楽	Summary: Ancient court dance with music, dedicated to the shrine. This <i>Bugaku</i> with a 1,300-year history is handed down through generations in the village and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Schedule & Key events: 8:00-12:00	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, take IGR Iwate Ginga Tetsudo Line to Hachimantai Sta. via JR Hanawa Line, and then walk 1 min.	JR東北新幹線盛岡駅よりIGRいわて銀河鉄道線でJR花輪線經由八幡平駅下車、徒歩1分	https://www.city.kazuno.lg.jp/shohiki/shogaigakushu/bunkazai/gyomu/1/2/mukeiminzokubunkazai0512/dainitidoubugaku/10557.html
Tohoku 東北	1/14	Miyagi 宮城県	Sendai 仙台市	Osaki Hachiman-gu Shrine 大崎八幡宮	Matsutaki Matsuri (Dondo-yaki) 松焚祭 (どんと焼き)	Summary: Bonfire Festival with a 300-year history, to conclude New Year's season. New Year's decorations are burnt in holy fire in prayer for prosperity and good health, following the ritual. The similar festivals of this kind are usually held around 1/14 at many other shrines throughout Japan. Schedule & Key events: evening-	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Sendai Sta. (West Exit) From there, take bus to Osaki Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東北新幹線仙台駅（西口）よりバスで20分大崎八幡宮前下車	https://www.osaki-hachiman.or.jp/festival/matsutaki/
Tohoku 東北	1/15 & 1/26	Iwate 岩手県	Morioka 盛岡市	Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine, Sakurayama-jinja Shrine 盛岡八幡宮、桜山神社	Hadaka-mairi 裸参り	Summary: <i>Hadaka-mairi</i> , shrine homage paid by partly attired youths. Schedule & Key events: ● 1/15 16:30- <i>Hadaka-mairi</i> at Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine ● 1/26 16:30- <i>Hadaka-mairi</i> at Sakurayama-jinja Shrine	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, (1) Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine : take bus (for Chabatake) to Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop (15 min.) (2) Sakurayama-jinja Shrine : take bus to Moriokajo-ato Koen Bus Stop (7 min.), and then walk 3 min.	JR東北新幹線盛岡駅より (1) 盛岡八幡宮 : バス茶畑行で15分八幡宮前下車 (2) 桜山神社 : バスで7分盛岡城跡公園下車、徒歩3分	https://www.odette.or.jp/?p=1166
Tohoku 東北	1/17	Akita 秋田県	Akita 秋田市	Miyoshi-jinja Shrine and others 三吉神社ほか	Miyoshi Bonden-sai 三吉梵天祭	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Bonden</i> , votive offering for good harvest and prosperity made of bamboo baskets covered with brightly colored cloth and streamers, being carried by villagers to the shrine. Highlight comes when about 60 groups of local young men carrying their own <i>Bonden</i> , compete with one another to be the first in dedicating <i>Bonden</i> to the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 10:30-12:00	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Akita Sta. (West Exit) From there, take bus (for Taihei) to Miyoshi Jinja-Iriguchi Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 2 min.	JR秋田新幹線秋田駅（西口）よりバス太平洋行で10分三吉神社入口下車、徒歩2分	http://www.miyoshi.or.jp/

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Tohoku 東北	1/18	Akita 秋田県	Yurihonjo 由利本荘市	Shinzan-jinja Shrine 新山神社	Hadaka-mairi 裸まいり	Summary: Shrine homage paid by half-naked youths. After being purified by cold water, about 100 local young men who carry the offerings on their shoulders, dash up the 2-km approach with 103 steps to the shrine on Mt. Higashiyama. Schedule & Key events: 8:00-10:30	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Ugo-Honjo Sta. From there, take taxi (8 min.)	JR羽越本線羽後本荘駅よりタクシーで8分	https://yurihonjo-kanko.jp/event/sinzanshrine-hadakamairi/
Tohoku 東北	1/20	Iwate 岩手県	Hiraizumi-cho 平泉町	Motsu-ji Temple, Hiraizumi Sta. and others 毛越寺、平泉駅ほか	Hatsuka-ya-sai 二十日夜祭	Summary: Night Festival featuring a parade of worshippers holding torchlights in their hands and <i>Ennen-no-mai</i> (an ancient dance with music for longevity), designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Schedule & Key events: evening- Parade from Hiraizumi Sta. to the temple 21:00- <i>Ennen-no-mai</i> performance	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Ichinoseki Sta. From there, take JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Hiraizumi Sta., and then walk 7 min.	JR東北新幹線一ノ関駅よりJR東北本線で平泉駅下車、徒歩7分	https://www.motsuji.or.jp/news/article.php?p=87
Chubu 中部	1/6	Gifu 岐阜県	Shirotori-cho, Gujo 郡上市白鳥町	Nagataki Hakusan-jinja Shrine 長滝白山神社	Muika Matsuri (Hana-bai Matsuri) 六日祭 (花奪いまつり)	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Ennen-no-mai</i> (ancient dance with music, which is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties) performance and <i>Hana-bai</i> in which youths scramble to grab five big artificial flowers hung from the ceiling (6 meters in height) of the main hall of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Ennen-no-mai</i> performance and <i>Hana-bai</i>	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Mino-Ota Sta. From there, take Nagaragawa Tetsudo Line to Hakusan-Nagataki Sta., and then walk 3 min.	JR高山本線美濃太田駅より長良川鉄道線で白山長滝駅下車、徒歩3分	https://tabitabigujo.com/event/shirotori_muikamatsuri/
Chubu 中部	1/10 ~ 3/8	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 ●1/12 10:30-11:00 & 13:30-14:00 <i>Geisha</i> performance ●1/18 11:00-11:30 & 13:30-14:00 <i>Shamisen</i> (banjo-like instrument)	(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) 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の原団地行で15分梅園下車	https://www.ataminews.gr.jp/event/355/

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Hokuriku 北陸	1/11	Ishikawa 石川県	Kanazawa 金沢市	Kanazawa-jo Park 金沢城公園	Kanazawa-shi Shobo Dezome-shiki 金沢市消防出初式	Summary: Annual New Year's demonstration of the first exercise of Kanazawa City Fire Department at the Shin-maru Hiroba grounds in Kanazawa-jo Park. Acrobatic stunts are performed on the tall ladders by firefighters in traditional attire. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-11:00	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa Sta. From there, take bus to Kenrokuen-shita・Kanazawa-jo Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.	JR北陸新幹線金沢駅よりバスで兼六園下・金沢城下車、徒歩5分	https://www.kanazawa-kankouyoukai.or.jp/event/detail_30303.html
Hokuriku 北陸	1/14 ~ 1/15	Nagano 長野県	Anan-cho 阿南町	Suwa-jinja Shrine, Izu-jinja Shrine and others 諏訪神社、伊豆神社ほか	Niino-no-Yuki Matsuri 新野の雪まつり	Summary: Snow Festival wishing for a rich harvest, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The festival features <i>Onobori</i> (a procession of people in traditional attire). Schedule & Key events: ● 1/14 16:00-17:30 <i>Onobori</i> proceeds from Suwa-jinja Shrine to Izu-jinja Shrine 19:00-21:00 Traditional dance performances are demonstrated ● 1/15 1:00- Big torch is set afire 1:00-9:30 14 kinds of local performing arts are demonstrated	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Toyohashi Sta. From there, take JR Iida Line to Nukuta Sta., and then take taxi (40 min.)	JR東海道新幹線豊橋駅よりJR飯田線で温田駅下車、タクシーで40分	http://www.town.anan.nagano.jp/tourism/niino_yukimatsuri/
Kinki 近畿	1/4	Kyoto 京都府	Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市左京区	Shimogamo-jinja Shrine 下鴨神社	Kemari Hajime 蹴鞠はじめ	Summary: Year's first game of Japanese ancient ball-kicking in the precincts of the shrine. <i>Kemari</i> is an elegant ball game played by the nobles in the Heian period (794-1192). The players in ancient costumes make a big circle and gently kick a ball to each other. Schedule & Key events: 13:30-	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 or No. 205 to Shimogamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4又は205で下鴨神社前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/singleg.php?event_id=4360
Kinki 近畿	1/8 ~ 1/12	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山区	Ebisu-jinja Shrine and others 恵美須神社ほか	Toka Ebisu (Hatsu Ebisu) 十日ゑびす (初ゑびす)	Summary: First fete day for Ebisu, the god of wealth. The festival draws a big crowd of people, especially of merchants who pray for prosperity in their businesses. <i>Hoekago</i> (palanquins) in which <i>Geisha</i> and famous figures sit, are carried to the shrine. The stalls are set up in the precincts of the shrine, and vendors sell bamboo branches, a symbol of good luck, shouting loudly to visitors, "Buy bamboo branches, and your business will prosper ! " Schedule & Key events: ● 1/8 & 9 9:30- Parade of <i>Hoekago</i>	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 205 to Kawaramachi Matsubara Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 5 min. (2) Keihan Honsen Line to Gion Shijo Sta., and then walk 6 min.	(1) JR京都駅より市バス No. 205で10分河原町松原下車、徒歩5分 (2) 京阪本線祇園四条駅より徒歩6分	https://www.kyoto-ebisu.jp/tooka.html

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Kinki 近畿	1/9 ~ 1/11	Osaka 大阪府	Naniwa-ku, Osaka 大阪市浪速区	Imamiya Ebisu-jinja Shrine and others 今宮戎神社ほか	Toka Ebisu 十日戎	Summary: First fete day for Ebisu, the god of wealth, is the biggest festival of this kind in scale and feature, in Kansai region. The festival draws a big crowd of people, especially of merchants who pray for prosperity in their businesses. The highlight of this festival is a procession of <i>Hoekago</i> (palanquins) in which <i>Geisha</i> and famous figures sit carried by men. Schedule & Key events: ● 1/10 Procession of <i>Hoekago</i>	(1) Nankai Koya Line to Imamiya-Ebisu Sta., and then walk 1 min. (2) Midosuji Subway Line to Daikokucho Sta. (Exit 3), and then walk 8 min.	(1) 南海高野線今宮戎駅より徒歩1分 (2) 地下鉄御堂筋線大国町駅 (3番出口) より徒歩8分	https://www.imamiya-ebisu.jp/archive/s/2726
Kinki 近畿	1/14	Osaka 大阪府	Tennoji-ku, Osaka 大阪市天王寺区	Shitenno-ji Temple 四天王寺	Doya-Doya どやどや	Summary: Festival in which two groups of loin-clothed youths, shouting "Doya-Doya", scramble to grab wooden talismans thrown over them from the roof of the hall of the temple. The winning group is believed to be blessed with rich crops for the year. Schedule & Key events: 14:00-	Tanimachi Subway Line to Shitennoji-mae Yuhigaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.	地下鉄谷町線四天王寺前夕陽ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分	https://www.shitennoji.or.jp/
Kinki 近畿	1/18	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山区	Sanjusangen-do Temple 三十三間堂	Toshiya 通し矢	Summary: Traditional archery contest is held under the eaves of the 120-meter-long hall of the temple. About 2,000 archers including youths who come of age this year, participate in this event from all over Japan. Admission is free. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-15:30	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 or 208 to Hakubutsukan Sanjusangendo-mae Bus Stop (10 min.)	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 206又は208で10分博物館三十三間堂前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=7429
Kinki 近畿	1/21	Kyoto 京都府	Minami-ku, Kyoto 京都市南区	To-ji Temple 東寺	Hatsu Kobo 初弘法	Summary: First fair of the year. About 1,000 street stalls selling antiques, potted plants, secondhand books and the like are set up. Schedule & Key events: 8:00-15:00	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., walk 15 min. (2) Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Toji Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京都駅より徒歩15分 (2) 近鉄京都線東寺駅より徒歩10分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2498

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Kinki 近畿	1/24	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Wakakusayama Hill 若草山	Wakakusayama-yaki 若草山焼き	Summary: Grass-burning Festival. This is the traditional festival to herald the arrival of spring in this region. If it heavily rains, it will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 18:15- Fireworks display 18:30- Grass-burning	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 Taishamae Bus Stop (5 min.), and then walk 15 min.	JR奈良線奈良駅又は近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より奈良交通バスで5分 東大寺大仏殿・春日大社前下車、徒歩15分	https://www3.pref.nara.jp/yamayaki/1008.htm
Kinki 近畿	1/25	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyoku, Kyoto 京都市上京区	Kitano Tenman-gu Shrine 北野天満宮	Hatsu Tenjin 初天神	Summary: First fair of the year featuring about 1,000 street stalls selling a variety of goods. The fair is as large in scale as the one at To-ji Temple on 1/21. Schedule & Key events: 6:30-20:00	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 to Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50で北野天満宮前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2524
Kinki 近畿	1/25	Osaka 大阪府	Sakai 堺市	Ebara-ji Temple 家原寺	Dai-Sagicho-hoe (Tondo) 大左義長法会(とんど)	Summary: Big Bonfire. New Year's decorations are burnt in holy fire in prayer for prosperity and good health. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	JR Hanwa Line to Tsukuno Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR阪和線津久野駅より徒歩15分	https://www.chiemonjyuebaraji.jp/
Kinki 近畿	1/30 ~ 2/8	Hyogo 兵庫県	Kobe 神戸市	Kyu-Gaikokujin Kyoryuchi, Higashi Yuenchi, Meriken Park 旧外国人居留地、東遊園地、メリケンパーク	Kobe Luminarie 神戸ルミナリエ	Summary: Event featuring grand electric decoration which started in 1995, to console the spirit of the victims of Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. The event is held at multiple sites this year. Admission ticket is required only for Meriken Park site, and advance tickets are sold on the website, Lawson and Ministop convenience stores. Schedule & Key events: ● daily around sunset-21:30	JR Kobe Line to Motomachi Sta.	JR神戸線元町駅下車	https://kobe-luminarie.jp/

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Chugoku 中国	1/1, 1/2, & 1/5 1/3	Hiroshima 広島県	Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi 廿日市市宮島町	Itsukushima-jinja Shrine 厳島神社	Bugaku 舞楽	Summary: <i>Bugaku</i> , ancient court dance with music. This <i>Bugaku</i> was introduced by "Kiyomori Taira", a warlord in the Heian period (794-1192). Admission is 300JPY each. Schedule & Key events: ● 1/2 13:00- ● 1/3 13:00- ● 1/5 6:30-	(1) JR Sanyo Honsen Line to Miyajima-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Miyajima-guchi Pier. From there, take ferryboat to Miyajima Pier (10 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hiroshima Sta., and then take streetcar or bus to Hiroshima Port (Ujina Port) (30 min.) From there, take hydrofoil to Miyajima Pier (30 min.), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR山陽本線宮島口駅より徒歩5分の宮島口桟橋からフェリーで10分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分 (2) JR山陽新幹線広島駅より市電又はバスで30分広島港(宇品港)下車、高速船で30分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分	https://www.miyajima.or.jp/event/2026/calendar01.php
Kyushu 九州	1/3	Fukuoka 福岡県	Fukuoka 福岡市	Hakozaki-gu Shrine and others 筥崎宮ほか	Hakozakigu-no-Tamaseseri 筥崎宮の玉せせり	Summary: Ball-catching Festival. Two groups of farmers and fishermen struggle to catch a sacred wooden ball, which is believed to bring a good harvest or a big catch to the winning team for the year. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take (1) JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Hakozaki Sta., and then walk 8 min. (2) Kuko Subway Line to Nakasukawabata Sta., and change to Hakozaki Subway Line to Hakozakigu-mae Sta., and then walk 3 min.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より (1) JR鹿児島本線で箱崎駅下車、徒歩8分 (2) 地下鉄空港線で中洲川端駅にて地下鉄箱崎線に乗り換え箱崎宮前駅下車、徒歩3分	https://www.hakozakigu.or.jp/omatsuri/tamatorisai/
Kyushu 九州	1/7	Fukuoka 福岡県	Dazaifu 太宰府市	Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine 太宰府天満宮	Usokae・Onisube Shinji うそかえ・鬼すべ神事	Summary: <i>Usokae</i> - bullfinch exchange in which hundreds of people take part in the ritual of exchanging their own bullfinches made of wood for receiving lucky ones from hand to hand in the dark. <i>Onisube</i> - ritual in which hundres of people play roles of <i>Oni</i> (devils) and <i>Keigo</i> (those who fight against devils) in order to drive away evil spirits and bring happiness and good fortune for the year. It is said that the owners of these lucky ones enjoy good luck for the year. Schedule & Key events: 18:00- <i>Usokae</i> 21:00- <i>Onisube</i> and bonfire	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take Nishitetsu bus to Dazaifu-eki Bus Stop (45 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より西鉄バスで45分大宰府駅下車、徒歩5分	https://www.dazaifutenmangu.or.jp/faq/1677

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Kyushu 九州	1/8 ~ 1/11	Fukuoka 福岡県	Fukuoka 福岡市	Toka Ebisu-jinja Shrine 十日恵比須神社	Shogatsu Taisai (Toka Ebisu) 正月大祭 (十日恵比須)	Summary: First fete day for Ebisu, the god of wealth. The shrine is thronged with numerous people to pray for prosperity every day during the festival period. The festival features <i>Kachimairi</i> (a procession of <i>Geisha</i> in colorful Kimono). Schedule & Key events: ● 1/9 15:00- <i>Kachimairi</i> in the precincts of the shrine	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Yoshizuka Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より JR鹿児島本線で吉塚駅下車、徒歩5分	https://www.toka-ebisu.or.jp/new-year/specialguide/
Kyushu 九州	1/18	Kumamoto 熊本県	Nagasu-machi 長洲町	Shioji-jinja Shrine, Ariake Sea and others 四王子神社、有明海ほか	Hamayumi-sai (Matobakai) 破魔弓祭 (的ばかい)	Summary: <i>Hamayumi-sai</i> - shooting three arrows to commence the ceremony. <i>Matobakai</i> - loin-clothed youths scrambling for a round straw mat, 60 cm in diameter and 6 kg in weight. The fight for obtaining the mat is continued on Kaigan-dori street and finally in the water of Ariake Sea. The winner of this fight is believed to be saved from misfortune and blessed with good luck for the year. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- <i>Hamayumi-sai</i> 13:00- <i>Matobakai</i> in the precincts of the shrine	JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Nagasu Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR鹿児島本線長洲駅より徒歩20分	https://www.town.nagasu.lg.jp/soshiki/machizukuri/shoko/17657650377299/

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Tokyo 東京	1/2	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Imperial Palace 皇居	Kokyo Ippan Sanga 皇居一般参賀	Summary: New Year's Congratulatory Visit to Imperial Palace, by people who are allowed to pass the Nijubashi Bridge on this special occasion. The Imperial Family are scheduled to appear on the balcony to respond to the homage of people. Schedule & Key events: 10:10-, 11:00-, 11:50-, 13:30- and 14:20-	Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Nijubashi-mae Sta. (C10)(Exit 6), and then walk 10 min.	東京メトロ千代田線二重橋前駅 (6番出口) より徒歩10分	https://www.kunaicho.go.jp/event/sanga/sanga01.html
Tokyo 東京	1/2 ~ 1/3	Tokyo 東京都	Akishima 昭島市	Haijima Daishi Temple and others 拝島大師ほか	Haijima Daishi Daruma Ichi 拝島大師だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up. Schedule & Key events: ●daily daytime	(1) JR Chuo Line to Tachikawa Sta. (North Exit) From there, take bus to Haijima Daishi Bus Stop (2) JR Ome Line to Akishima Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) JR中央線立川駅 (北口) よりバスで拝島大師下車 (2) JR青梅線昭島駅より徒歩20分	http://haijimadaishi.com/daruma-ichi/
Tokyo 東京	1/2 ~ 1/3	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Hamarikyu Garden 浜離宮恩賜庭園	Oshogatsu Events お正月イベント	Summary: Garden's New Year events featuring <i>Hoyojutsu Jitsuen</i> (Demonstration of Japanese traditional falconry) and performance of <i>Aikido</i> (Japanese martial art) and <i>Shishi-mai</i> lion dance. Visitors can also experience Japanese New Year's games, while food stalls sell drinks and snacks. Admission to the garden is 300JPY. If it rains, all events will be cancelled. Schedule & Key events: ●1/2 11:00- & 14:00- <i>Aikido</i> and <i>Shishi-mai</i> lion dance ●1/3 11:00- & 14:00- <i>Hoyojutsu Jitsuen</i>	(1) Toei Oedo Subway Line to Shiodome Sta. (E19) or Tsukijishijo Sta. (E18), and then walk 7 min. (2) JR Yamanote Line to Shimbashi Sta., and then walk 12 min. (3) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Shimbashi Sta. (G08, A10), and then walk 12 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄大江戸線汐留駅又は築地市場駅より徒歩7分 (2) JR山手線新橋駅より徒歩12分 (3) 東京メトロ銀座線又は都営浅草線新橋駅より徒歩12分	https://www.tokyo-park.or.jp/special/shogatsu/hamarikyu.html
Tokyo 東京	1/6	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Tokyo Big Sight East Hall7・8 東京ビッグサイト東展示棟東7・8ホール	Dezome-shiki Okunai Events 出初式 屋内イベント	Summary: Annual New Year's event of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Brigade. A mass display of the high-tech fire-fighting equipments is held, and a thrilling acrobatics is demonstrated by <i>Hikeshi</i> , fire fighters of Edo Firemanship Preservation Association Incorporation. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-14:00	(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.tfd.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/inf/dezome/index.html

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Tokyo 東京	1/10	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区	Kotohira-gu Shrine 金刀比羅宮	Hatsu Konpira-sai 初こんびら祭	Summary: First fair of the year at the shrine. The parade of <i>Shichifukujin</i> (the seven Gods of Good Fortune) and <i>Sato-Kagura</i> performance (<i>Shinto</i> dance with music) are held at the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- & 14:00- Parade of <i>Shichifukujin</i> on Sando Street 10:30-, 13:00- & 15:30- <i>Sato-Kagura</i> at Kagura-den Hall	(1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Toranomon Sta. (G07)(Exit 2a), and then walk 1 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Toranomon Hills Sta. (H06)(Exit A2a, A2b), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ銀座線虎ノ門駅 (2a出口) より徒歩1分 (2) 東京メトロ日比谷線虎ノ門ヒルズ駅 (A2a, A2b出口) より徒歩5分	http://www.kotohira.or.jp/event/event.html
Tokyo 東京	1/11	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Kodokan 講道館	Kodokan Kagami-biraki-shiki 講道館鏡開き式	Summary: Traditional rice cake cutting ceremony on the first <i>Judo</i> (Japanese martial art) training session day of the New Year. Schedule & Key events: 10:00- Demonstration of <i>Judo</i> practice sessions	(1) Toei Mita or Oedo Subway Line to Kasuga Sta. (I12, E07)(Exit A1, A2), and then walk 1 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Marunouchi or Namboku Line to Korakuen Sta. (M22, N11)(Exit 3, 6), and then walk 3 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄三田線又は大江戸線春日駅 (A1, A2出口) より徒歩1分 (2) 東京メトロ丸ノ内線又は南北線後楽園駅 (3番,6番出口) より徒歩3分	https://kdkjudo.org/
Tokyo 東京	1/11	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Teppozu Inari-jinja Shrine 鉄砲州稲荷神社	Kanchu Suiyoku 寒中水浴	Summary: Midwinter bathing, a purification ceremony wishing good health throughout the New Year. Men wearing only loincloths are purified first by priest's prayer and then again when they enter into the icy water in a big tank on the grounds of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-	(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line or JR Keiyo Line to Hatchobori Sta. (H12)(Exit A2, B3, B4), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line to Shintomicho Sta. (Y20)(Exit 7), and then walk 10 min.	(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線又はJR京葉線八丁堀駅 (A2, B3, B4出口) より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ有楽町線新富町駅 (7番出口) より徒歩10分	http://www.teppozujinja.or.jp/nenkan.html#suiyoku
Tokyo 東京	1/12	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Nippon Budokan 日本武道館	Kagami-biraki-shiki 鏡開き式	Summary: Traditional rice cake cutting ceremony on the first <i>Budo</i> (martial arts) training session day of the New Year. Schedule & Key events: 12:45- Ceremony of <i>Yoroi Kizome</i> (wearing an armor for the first time) and <i>Kagami-biraki</i> (cutting a large round rice-cake) 13:30- Demonstration of various <i>Budo</i>	Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 2), 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 (2番出口) より徒歩5分	https://www.nipponbudokan.or.jp/shinkoujigyou/gyouji_05

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Tokyo 東京	1/12	Tokyo 東京都	Ome 青梅市	Kyu-Ome-Kaido Street 旧青梅街道	Ome Daruma Ichi 青梅だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> and various goods are set up. Schedule & Key events: 13:30-20:00	JR Ome Line to Ome Sta.	JR青梅線青梅駅下車	https://www.omekanko.gr.jp/event/5064/
Tokyo 東京	1/12	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Hoon-ji Temple 報恩寺	Manaita-biraki 組開き	Summary: New Year's ceremony to dedicate two carps as an offering to the temple. The head master of <i>Shijo-ryu</i> school of Japanese culinary arts, dressed in traditional attire demonstrates the art of skillfully slicing a large carp on the board, only using a knife and chopsticks, not even touching the fish with his hands. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Inaricho Sta. (G17), and then walk 5 min.	JR東京メトロ銀座線稲荷町駅より徒歩5分	https://bandouhouonji.wordpress.com/
Tokyo 東京	1/13	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku 新宿区	Kuzugaya Goryo-jinja Shrine 葛谷御霊神社	Obisha-matsuri 御備射祭	Summary: Archery ritual to pray for a rich harvest of the year. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-	Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ochiai-Minami-Nagasaki Sta. (E33), and then walk 11 min.	都営地下鉄大江戸線落合南長崎駅より徒歩11分	https://bunkakanno-annai.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/shosai3/?id=A095
Tokyo 東京	1/15 ~ 1/16	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Boro Ichi-dori Street ボロ市通り	Setagaya Boro Ichi 世田谷ボロ市	Summary: Rag Fair featuring hundreds of open-air stalls selling foods, clothes, potted plants, antiques and the like. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-20:00 Open-air stalls are set up	Tokyu Setagaya Line to Setagaya Sta. or Kamimachi Sta., and then walk 3 min.	東急世田谷線世田谷駅又は上町駅より徒歩3分	https://www.city.setagaya.lg.jp/02072/10108.html

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Tokyo 東京	1/16	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	Kagura-hajime 神楽はじめ	Summary: <i>Shinto</i> dance with music of drums, flutes and other musical instruments is performed at the main hall of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 15:00-	(1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit, Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12)(Exit B1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR中央線又は東京メトロ丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅 (聖橋口、1番出口) より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線新御茶ノ水駅 (B1出口) より徒歩5分 (3) JR山手線、京浜東北線又は総武線秋葉原駅 (電気街口) より徒歩7分	https://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp
Tokyo 東京	1/16 ~ 1/18	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	Daikoku Matsuri だいく祭	Summary: Festival featuring a purification ceremony (people coming of age pour icy water over themselves) and <i>Hocho-shiki</i> (rite or traditional art of skillfully slicing a large carp using a Japanese knife and chopsticks, not even touching the fish with hands). Schedule & Key events: ●1/17 9:00- Purification ceremony ●1/18 12:00- <i>Hocho-shiki</i>	(1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit, Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12)(Exit B1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR中央線又は東京メトロ丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅 (聖橋口、1番出口) より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線新御茶ノ水駅 (B1出口) より徒歩5分 (3) JR山手線、京浜東北線又は総武線秋葉原駅 (電気街口) より徒歩7分	https://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp
Tokyo 東京	1/18	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Onza Hiho Daranie (Moja Okuri) 温座秘法陀羅尼会 (亡者送り)	Summary: Buddhist rite. Two devils with burning torches emerge from the darkness and run around in the compound of the temple, and then disappear into the darkness. It is believed that those who are showered by the sparks of the burning torches are assured of good health throughout the year. Schedule & Key events: evening	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://www.senso-ji.jp/annual_event/04.html
Tokyo 東京	1/21	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku 足立区	Nishiarai Daishi Temple and others 西新井大師ほか	Hatsu Daishi 初大師	Summary: First fair of the year. Open-air stalls sell <i>Daruma</i> , sweets, clothes and the like in the compound of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-15:00	Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi-mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.	東武大師線大師前駅より徒歩5分	https://www.nishiaraidaishi.or.jp/event/yearly.html

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Tokyo 東京	1/24 ~ 1/25	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社	Usokae-Shinji 鰯替神事 / Hatsu Tenjin-sai 初天神祭	Summary: Bullfinch exchange ritual. Bullfinches, which are called "Uso" in Japanese, are regarded as symbols of good luck. People exchange old carved wooden bullfinches for new ones. <i>Hatsu Tenjin-sai</i> , New Year's festival celebrates <i>Tenjin</i> (the diety of the shrine), is also held on 1/25. Schedule & Key events: ● 1/24 & 25 8:30- <i>Usokae-Shinji</i> ● 1/25 daytime <i>Hatsu Tenjin-sai</i>	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	https://rootstock-llc.net/kameidotenjin/events/
Tokyo 東京	1/28	Tokyo 東京都	Hino 日野市	Takahata Fudoson Temple 高幡不動尊	Daruma Ichi だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up. The festival features <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> (a parade of children in fancy attire). Schedule & Key events: daytime Open-air stalls are set up 13:45- <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> is held in the compound of the temple	Keio Line to Takahata-Fudo Sta., and then walk 5 min.	京王線高幡不動駅より徒歩5分	https://www.takahatafudoson.or.jp/
Kanto 関東	1/1 ~ 1/2	Gunma 群馬県	Takasaki 高崎市	Street in front of Takasaki Sta. West Exit 高崎駅西口駅前通り	Takasaki Daruma Ichi 高崎だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Many open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> , foods and drinks are set up and various performances including Japanese dance, <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) and <i>Shamisen</i> (banjo-like instrument) are held during the festival period. Another <i>Daruma</i> fair is also held at Shorinzan Daruma-ji Temple in the city on 1/6 - 1/7. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00-16:00 Open-air stalls are set up along Ekimae-dori Street ● 1/1 10:00-10:10 <i>Kiyari</i> (Jananese folklore song) 11:50-12:10 <i>Shamisen</i> 14:25-14:45 <i>Taiko</i> ● 1/2 10:00-10:20 <i>Taiko</i> 10:35-10:55 <i>Shamisen</i> 11:05-11:25 <i>Taiko</i> 11:35-11:55 <i>Awa Odori</i> folk dancing	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Takasaki Sta. (West Exit)	JR上越新幹線高崎駅 (西口) 下車	http://takasaki-darumaichi.com/
Kanto 関東	1/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Kawagoe 川越市	Kawagoe Daishi Temple and others 川越大師ほか	Hatsu Daishi (Daruma Ichi) 初大師 (だるま市)	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up in and around the temple. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-16:00	(1) Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoeshi Sta., and then walk 18 min. (3) JR Kawagoe Line to Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) 西武新宿線本川越駅より徒歩15分 (2) 東武東上線川越市駅より徒歩18分 (3) JR川越線川越駅より徒歩20分	https://kitain.net/information/annual-events/03-jan/

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Kanto 関東	1/5	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮	Joma-Shinji 除魔神事	Summary: Archery ritual. The ceremony is conducted by the members of <i>Ogasawara-ryu</i> school of Japanese archery, in traditional attire. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 10 min.	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅 (東口)より徒歩 10分	https://www.ha- chimangu.or.jp/
Kanto 関東	1/9	Gunma 群馬県	Maebashi 前橋市	National Road No.50 (between Honmachi 1- chome and Gosaro), Maebashi Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 国道50号 (本町一 丁目～五差路)、 前橋八幡宮ほか	Maebashi Hatsu- ichi Matsuri 前橋初市まつり	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> , featuring <i>Otakiage</i> (ceremony of burning old <i>Daruma</i>) and a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> . Hundreds of open-air stalls sell <i>Daruma</i> and various good-luck charms. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-10:30 <i>Otakiage</i> 10:00-20:00 Open-air stalls are set up along National Road No.50 10:30-11:30 <i>Mikoshi</i> parade from the shrine	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Takasaki Sta. From there, take JR Ryomo Line to Maebashi Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR上越新幹線高崎駅よりJR両毛線 で前橋駅下車、徒歩10分	https://suishink a.maebashi- cc.or.jp/1823.ht ml
Kanto 関東	1/15	Tochigi 栃木県	Utsunomiya 宇都宮市	Futaarayama- jinja Shrine and others 二荒山神社ほか	Otariya-sai 春渡祭 (おたりやさい)	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Otakiage</i> (ceremony of burning old <i>Daruma</i> and used new year decorations) and evening parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> conducted after performance of <i>Dengaku-mai</i> (<i>Shinto</i> dance with music). Schedule & Key events: 8:00-20:00 <i>Otakiage</i> 17:00- <i>Dengaku-mai</i> in the precincts of the shrine 17:30-19:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> through the city	(1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Utsunomiya Sta. (West Exit) From there, take bus to Babacho Bus Stop (5 min.) (2) Tobu Utsunomiya Line to Tobu-Utsunomiya Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) JR東北新幹線宇都宮駅 (西 口) よりバスで5分馬場町下車 (2) 東武宇都宮線東武宇都宮駅よ り徒歩15分	https://www.ut sunomiya- cvb.org/event/d etail_20012.htm l
Kanto 関東	1/20 ~ 1/21	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kawasaki 川崎市	Kawasaki Daishi Temple 川崎大師	Hatsu Daishi 初大師	Summary: First fair of the year. Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up. Schedule & Key events: ●daily daytime	Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta., and then walk 8 min.	京急大師線川崎大師駅より徒歩8 分	https://www.ka wasakidaishi.co m/event/jan/