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Kinki 近畿	3/1 ~ 3/14	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Todai-ji Temple Nigatsu-do 東大寺 二月堂	Shuni-e (Omizu-tori) 修二会 (お水取り)	<p>Summary: Sacred Water-drawing Festival. The ritual <i>Omizu-tori</i> in which the monks draw water from Wakasa-i (well) to dedicate to the Buddha is held in the flickering light of pine torches. The festival with over a 1,260-year history is also called <i>Otaimatsu</i> (Torchlight Festival), and symbolizes the arrival of spring. The ascetic monks brandish huge burning pine torches to produce a shower of sparks on the balcony of Nigatsu-do. As sparks are believed to have magic power against evils, devout people make a rush to catch them. Visitors are allowed to see <i>Otaimatsu</i> at the site only between 3/1 and 3/11 this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/1 - 3/11 19:00-19:20 <i>Otaimatsu</i> ritual</p>	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Daibutsuden Kasuga Taisha-mae Bus Stop	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大仏殿春日大社前下車	http://www.todaiji.or.jp/
Kinki 近畿	3/25 ~ 3/31	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Yakushi-ji Temple 薬師寺	Yakushiji Shuni-e Hana-e-shiki 薬師寺修二会花会式	<p>Summary: Flower Offering Ceremony. This festival symbolizes the arrival of spring, and is to pray for the prosperous world. The interior of the temple's main hall is lavishly decorated with a variety of flowers. Admission is 1,100 JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/31 20:30- <i>Oni-oi-shiki</i> (rites to dispel the five rampaging devils)</p>	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Nishinokyo Sta. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Yakushiji Bus Stop (20 min.)	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄京都線で西ノ京駅下車 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅より奈良交通バスで20分薬師寺下車	https://yakushiji.or.jp/event/hanaesiki.html
Kinki 近畿	3/26 ~ 3/28	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市 伏見区	PULSE PLAZA パルスプラザ	Kyoto Antique Fair 京都アンティークフェア	<p>Summary: Grand Antique Fair with over 300 dealers from around the world. Admission is free.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/26 & 27 10:00-17:00 ●3/28 10:00-16:00</p>	Kintetsu Kyoto Line or Karasuma Subway Line to Takeda Sta., and then (1) walk 15 min. (2) take free shuttle bus from West Exit (5 min.)	近鉄京都線又は地下鉄烏丸線竹田駅より (1) 徒歩15分 (2) 西口より無料シャトルバスで5分	http://www.gomoku-do.com/
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. Sagemon are handsewn ornaments which are displayed all over the city for this festival. When a baby girl is born, her mother and grandmothers sew Sagemon stitch by stitch wishing her to grow up healthy, and decorate them at both sides of Hina dolls to celebrate her first Girl's Festival. This festival features a parade of girls and adults sitting on the boats, sailing through the canals bedecked with Sagemon. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ●3/21 11:00- Parade through the canals in the city</p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Setaka Sta., and then take bus to Nishitetsu Yanagawa Bus Stop (15min.)	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	http://www.yanagawa-net.com/index.php

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Kyushu 九州	2/15 ~ 3/31	Oita 大分県	Hita 日田市	Mameda-machi, Kuma and others 豆田町、 隈ほか	Tenryo Hita Ohina Matsuri 天領日田 おひなまつり	Summary: Girl's Festival. The Hita area prospered under the reign of Tenryo (Tokugawa Shogunate dependency) in the time of the Edo period. Hina Ningyo (traditional Japanese dolls) which have been handed down for generations, have been well preserved, and are displayed at about 13 houses in the city, where everybody can visit and enjoy to view them. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-17:00	JR Kyudai Honsen Line to Hita Sta. JR久大本線日田駅下車	https://www.oidehita.com/archives/48798

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Hokuriku 北陸	-	Niigata 新潟県	Minami-Uonuma 南魚沼市	Fuko-ji Temple Urasa-Bishamondo 普光寺 浦左毘沙門堂	Hadaka Oshiai Matsuri 裸押し合い祭り	Summary: Naked Festival. The festival with a 1,200-year history is to pray for a rich harvest of the year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is <i>Hadaka-Oshiai</i> in which young men only in loincloths purify themselves in the cold water, and then jostle each other for advantage to get <i>Kifuda</i> (wooden tablets of prize coupons) in the hall of the temple for several times. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Urasa Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 5 min.	JR上越新幹線浦佐駅(西口)より徒歩5分	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2042
Hokuriku 北陸	-	Niigata 新潟県	Yuzawa-machi 湯沢町	Yuzawa-Kogen Skiing Ground 湯沢高原スキー場	Yuzawa Onsen Yuki Matsuri 湯沢温泉雪まつり	Summary: Snow Festival featuring a parade of about 100 skiers with torchlights and fireworks display. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Echigo-Yuzawa Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR上越新幹線越後湯沢駅より徒歩15分	https://niigata-kankou.or.jp/event/2063
Chubu 中部	-	Shizuoka 静岡県	Kawazu-cho 河津町	Kawazu River 河津川	Kawazu-zakura Matsuri 河津桜まつり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. Rich pink blossoms are distinctive of <i>Kawazu-zakura</i> which come into bloom in February. You can enjoy seeing the cherry blossoms along Kawazu River, even at night since the blossoms are lit up. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	From JR Tokyo Sta., take JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Kawazu Sta.	JR東京駅よりJR特急"踊り子"で河津駅下車	https://kawazuzakura.jp/
Kinki 近畿	-	Shiga 滋賀県	Omi-Hachiman 近江八幡市	Himure Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 日牟禮八幡宮ほか	Sagicho Matsuri 左義長祭	Summary: 13 <i>Sagicho</i> , floats beautifully bedecked with foods and grains, are carried through the city by men in disguise with women's dresses and makeup. After parading through the city, all the floats are gathered in the precincts of the shrine and are burnt out one after another at the signal of fireworks let off. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Omi-Hachiman Sta. (North Exit), and then (1) walk 30 min. (2) take Omi Tetsudo bus to Obatacho-shiryokan-mae Bus Stop (5 min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR東海道本線近江八幡駅(北口)より (1) 徒歩30分 (2) 近江鉄道バスで5分小幡町資料館前下車、徒歩5分	https://www.sagicho.net/
Kinki 近畿	-	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>Geiko</i> (professional female entertainers in Kyoto). Admissions are 5,000 JPY or 5,500 JPY. For further information, call 075-461-0148 at Kamishichiken kabukai. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 or 101 to Kamishichiken Bus Stop (30 min.), and then walk 3 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50 又は101で30分上七軒下車、徒歩3分	http://www.maiko3.com/kitano-odori.html

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Tokyo 東京	3/5 ~ 3/7	Tokyo 東京都	Heiwajima, Ota-ku 太田区平和 島	Tokyo Ryutsu Center Building 東京流通センタービル	Heiwajima Kotto Matsuri 平和島骨董まつり	Summary: Antique Fair where more than 200 dealers participate in. Admission is free. Please enter an hour before the closing time on 3/7. Schedule & Key events: ●3/5 & 6 10:00-17:00 ●3/7 10:00-16:00	Tokyo Monorail Line to Ryutsu Center Sta., and then walk 1 min.	東京モノレール流通センター駅より徒歩1分 https://kottouichi.com/
Tokyo 東京	3/14	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Jidosha Kitoden Hiroba 自動車祈禱殿広場	Hi-watari-sai 火渡り祭	Summary: Rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals. This is believed to drive away the sins and filth of the world. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	Keio Line to Takaosan-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	京王線高尾山口駅より徒歩5分 https://www.ta-kaosan.or.jp/tai-ken/hiwatari.html
Tokyo 東京	3/18	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Kinryu-no-mai 金龍の舞	Summary: Golden Dragon Dance to pray for a rich harvest of the year. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅より徒歩5分 http://www.senso-ji.jp/annual_event/23.html
Tokyo 東京	3/25	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神	Shinki-sai (Taimatsu Matsuri) 神忌祭 (たいまつまつり)	Summary: Torchlight Festival. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 15 min.	JR総武線亀戸駅(北口)より徒歩15分 http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/events/

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Tokyo 東京	3/27 ~ 3/28	Tokyo 東京都	-	-	Anime Japan 2021 アニメジャパン 2021	<p>Summary: The fair is the world's largest in scale of this kind and brings together anime-related Japanese and overseas companies. This event will be held online this year. The ticket is 3,800JPY for 1day and 7,300JPY for 2days.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Please visit the website for the details</p>	-	-	https://www.anime-japan.jp/
Tokyo 東京	※ ~ 3/28	Tokyo 東京都	Oshima-machi 大島町	Oshima-machi 大島町	Tsubaki Matsuri 椿まつり	<p>Summary: Camellia Festival. Various species of camellia are usually in bloom during the festival period in Oshima Island. The festival will be also held online and rather small in scale this year. Oshima local performing arts have been cancelled. ※The events will start after lifting the state of emergency.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Please visit the website for the details</p>	-	-	http://www.izu-oshima.or.jp/
Kanto 関東	2/6 ~ 3/7	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yugawara-machi 湯河原町	Makuyama Park 霧山公園	Yugawara-bairin "Ume-no-Utage" 湯河原梅林「梅の宴」	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. Visitors can enjoy viewing about 4,000 Japanese apricot trees in blossom. Admission is 200JPY. All stage performances have been cancelled this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00-16:00</p>	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Yugawara Sta. From there, take direct bus to Makuyama Koen Bus Stop	JR東海道本線湯河原駅より直通バスで霧山公園下車	https://www.yugawara.or.jp/event/953/
Kanto 関東	3/27	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Hakone-machi 箱根町	Suwa-jinja Shrine 諏訪神社	Yudate-no-Shishi-mai 湯立の獅子舞	<p>Summary: Lion Dance. One of <i>Shishimai</i> lion dances, <i>Kama-Meguri-no-mai</i> is distinguished for its dance of splashing hot water with bamboo leaves over visitors. It is said that people getting splashed water is a sign to be in good health through the year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged</p>	Hakone Tozan Tetsudo Line to Hakone Yumoto Sta. From there, take Hakone Tozan bus to Sengoku Bus Stop and then walk 5min.	箱根登山鉄道線箱根湯本駅より箱根登山バスで仙石下車、徒歩5分	http://kintokijinja.com/jinja-suwa.html

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Kanto 関東	Late Mar. ~ Early Apr.	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Kan-ou-no-Yube 観桜の夕べ	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 300 cherry trees. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms even in the evening. Admission to the garden is 700JPY. Please enter by 20:30.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 9:00-21:00</p>	<p>(1) 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>(2) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit) From there, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (35 min.), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>(1) 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>(2) 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35分三溪園入口下車、徒歩5分</p>	https://www.sankeien.or.jp/entertainment/779/

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Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Hanegi Park 羽根木公園	Setagaya Ume Matsuri 世田谷梅まつり	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese Apricot) Flower Festival. There are nearly 650 apricot trees in the park. <i>Sencha</i> (green tea) is served in the open-air during the festival period. Free tea tickets are distributed twice from 9:30 and 11:30 on each day, on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	Odakyu Line to Umegaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.	小田急線梅ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分	http://setagaya-umematsuri.com/
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Yushima Tenjin Shrine 湯島天神	Yushima Tenjin Kanbai-kai (Ume Matsuri) 湯島天神 観梅会 (梅まつり)	<p>Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. <i>Taiko</i> and other entertainments are scheduled on Saturday and Sunday and national holidays during the festival period. Tea ticket for <i>Nodate</i> is 600JPY.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	<p>(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Yushima Sta. (C13)(Exit3), and then walk 2 min.</p> <p>(2) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Ueno-hirokoji Sta. (G15), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>(1) 東京メトロ千代田線湯島駅(3番出口)より徒歩2分</p> <p>(2) 東京メトロ銀座線上野広小路駅より徒歩5分</p>	https://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/index.htm
Tokyo 東京	-	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: cancelled</p>	<p>Chidorigafuchi :</p> <p>(1) Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 2), and then walk 5 min.</p> <p>(2) Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Hanzomon Sta. (Z05)(Exit 5), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>千鳥ヶ淵 :</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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>	http://visit-chiyoda.tokyo/
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Sumida-ku 墨田区	Sumida Park, Sakurabashi Bridge and others 隅田公園、桜橋橋上ほか	Bokutei Sakura Matsuri 墨堤さくらまつり	<p>Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. You can enjoy viewing of cherry blossoms in the park. Some events are scheduled on Sakurabashi Bridge over Sumida River and other sites on Saturdays and Sundays during the festival period.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	<p>(1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 5 min.</p> <p>(2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Honjo-Azumabashi Sta. (A19), and then walk 5 min.</p>	<p>(1) 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</p> <p>(2) 都営地下鉄浅草線本所吾妻橋駅より徒歩5分</p>	http://visit-sumida.jp
Kanto 関東	-	Saitama 埼玉県	Nagatoro-machi 長瀬町	Nagatoro Sta. and others 長瀬駅前ほか	Nagatoro Hi-Matsuri 長瀬火祭り	<p>Summary: Fire Festival featuring <i>Lengyo</i> (a parade of mountain priests) and <i>Hi-watari</i> (rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoals). Anyone may participate in this practice from 14:00.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	<p>(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 20 min.</p> <p>(2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu Chichibu Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Ohanabatake Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 20 min.</p>	<p>(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で長瀬駅下車、徒歩20分</p> <p>(2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩5分のお花畑駅より秩父鉄道線で長瀬駅下車、徒歩20分</p>	https://www.chichibu-railway.co.jp/kanoevent/festival.html