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Glossary :

Bosatsu	Buddhist saint who is seeking a state of spiritual enlightenment
Bugaku	Ancient court dance with music
Matsuri	Festival, Event
Mikoshi	Portable shrine
Noh	Traditional masked drama
Yamahoko/Yama	Float

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

Tango-no-sekku 端午の節句
Tango-no-sekku, Boy's Festival held on May 5. Families with boys display dolls that depict warriors or heroes, and fly carp streamers to express their hopes that the boys will advance in life, like strong carps that swim upstream. May 5 has been changed to become a national holiday called Children's Day to celebrate the growth of children regardless of boys or girls.

Ukai 鵜飼
Cormorant fishing, an ancient method of catching Ayu (sweetfish or trout-like fish), handling trained cormorants.
(This 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
Tohoku 東北	4/10 ~ 5/5	Aomori 青森県	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki Park 弘前公園	**Hirosaki Sakura Matsuri** 弘前さくらまつり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival with about 2,600 cherry trees on the ground of Hirosaki Castle and along the castle's moat in Hirosaki Park. Schedule & Key events ●daily 9:00-21:00 Open-air stalls are set up sunset-22:00 Cherry blossoms light up	JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta. From there, walk 30 min. or take Konan bus to Shiyakushomae Bus Stop (15 min.), and then walk 3 min.	JR奥羽本線弘前駅より徒歩30分又は弘前市内循環バス【弘南バス】で15分市役所前下車、徒歩3分	https://www.hirosaki-park.jp/sakura/
Tohoku 東北	4/29 ~ 5/3	Yamagata 山形県	Yonezawa 米沢市	Uesugi-jinja Shrine, Matsukawa River and others 上杉神社、松川河畔ほか	**Yonezawa Uesugi Matsuri** 米沢上杉まつり	Summary: Festival in commemoration of the famous warlord "Uesugi Kenshin (1530-1578)". Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 9:30- Parade of *Mikoshi* of Uesugi-jinja Shrine, through the city's main street 10:40- *Uesugi Gundan Gyoretsu* (a parade of *Samurai* warriors), through the city's main street 14:00-15:30 *Kawanaka-jima Gassen* (sham battle) at Matsukawa riverside	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yonezawa Sta.	JR山形新幹線米沢駅下車	https://uesugi.yonezawa-matsuri.jp/

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Tohoku 東北	5/1 ~ 5/5	Iwate 岩手県	Hiraizumi-cho 平泉町	Chuson-ji Temple, Motsu-ji Temple 中尊寺、 毛越寺	**Haru-no-Fujiwara Matsuri** 春の藤原まつり	Summary: Festival featuring a procession of people playing the roles of historical figures and warriors and *En'nen-no-mai* (Shinto dance with music to pray for longevity and a good harvest of the year), designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 13:30- Procession from Motsu-ji Temple to Konjikido in the precincts of Chuson-ji Temple ●5/4 10:00- Procession from Chuson-ji Temple to Motsu-ji Temple 14:00- *Noh* performance at Hakusan-jinja Shrine in the precincts of Chuson-ji Temple ●5/5 11:00- *En'nen-no-mai* at Motsu-ji Temple 12:00- *Noh* performance at Hakusan-jinja Shrine in the precincts of Chuson-ji Temple	JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Hiraizumi Sta., and then (1) Chuson-ji Temple: walk 20 min. (2) Motsu-ji Temple: walk 7 min.	JR東北本線平泉駅より (1) 中尊寺: 徒歩20分 (2) 毛越寺: 徒歩7分	https://hiraizumi.or.jp/event/haru_fuji.html
Tohoku 東北	5/16 ~ 5/17	Miyagi 宮城県	Sendai 仙台市	Nishi Park, Aoba-jinja Shrine and others 西公園、 青葉神社ほか	**Sendai Aoba Matsuri** 仙台青葉祭り	Summary: Festival featuring a parade of *Mikoshi* , children in fancy attire and warriors followed by about 10 *Yamahoko* and townspeople dancing *Suzume Odori* (local Japanese dance). Schedule & Key events: ●5/16 10:00-20:00 *Suzume Odori* in Nishi Park (main venue) and other sites in the city ●5/17 10:00-17:00 *Mikoshi* leaves Aoba-jinja Shrine to join *Jidai-emaki Junko* procession 11:40-16:00 Parade of *Mikoshi, Musha gyoretsu, Yamahoko* and *Suzume Odori* on Aoba Street, Higashi-Nibancho Street, Jozenji Street and City Hall.	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Sendai Sta. From there, take Namboku Subway Line to Kotodai-koen Sta.	JR東北新幹線仙台駅より地下鉄南北線で勾当台公園下車	https://www.aoba-matsuri.com/
Tohoku 東北	5/19 ~ 5/21	Yamagata 山形県	Sakata 酒田市	Sakata 酒田市	**Sakata Matsuri** 酒田まつり	Summary: Festival with over a 400-year history. The highlight of this festival is a parade of *Mikoshi* and gorgeous floats which include *Shishi-gashira* (shaped like a huge lions' head) along the city's main streets. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●5/20 13:00- Parade of *Mikoshi* in the city 13:30- Parade of floats in the city	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Sakata Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR羽越本線酒田駅より徒歩15分	https://sakata-kankou.com/event/30728

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Tohoku 東北	5/23 ～ 5/25	Fukushima 福島県	Minami-Soma 南相馬市	Hibarigahara Moor, Soma Odaka-jinja Shrine and others 雲雀ヶ原祭場地、相馬小高神社ほか	**Soma Noma-oi** 相馬野馬追	Summary: Wild Horses Chasing with over a 1000-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. This festival features *Yoinori-keiba* (horse racing by local people with traditional attire), *Ogyoretsu* (a procession of warriors on horses), *Kacchu-Keiba* (horse racing by armored warriors), *Shinki-Sodatsusen* (scramble for Shinki flags of the shrine by hundreds horsemen in ancient armor and helmets) and *Nomakake*, in which young men in white costumes try to capture the wild horses bare-handed for the dedication to Soma Odaka-jinja Shrine. Admission ticket is required for *Kacchu-Keiba* and *Shinki-Sodatsusen*. Schedule & Key events: ●5/23 14:00- *Yoinori-keiba* at Hibarigahara Moor ●5/24 9:30- *Ogyoretsu,* marching through the city to Hibarigahara Moor 12:00- *Kacchu-Keiba* at Hibarigahara Moor 13:00- *Shinki-Sodatsusen* at Hibarigahara Moor ●5/25 9:00- *Nomakake* in the precincts of the shrine	JR Joban Line to Haranomachi Sta.	JR常磐線原ノ町駅下車	http://soma-nomaoi.jp/schedule
Tokyo 東京	4/29 ～ 5/3	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区	Meiji-jingu Shrine 明治神宮	**Meiji-jingu Haru-no Taisai** 明治神宮春の大祭	Summary: Annual Spring Festival of the shrine. Many Japanese performing arts are performed during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●5/2 11:45- *Noh & Kyogen* (traditional comic drama) performance 15:45- Traditional Japanese music and dance ●5/3 9:00- *Kyudo* (Japanese archery) performance in Shiseikan 12:00- *Sankyoku* (songs and the music of three traditional Japanese musical instruments) performance 14:30- *Satsuma-Biwa* (Japanese lute) performance	(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	https://meijijingusukeikai.or.jp/news/2026/04/01/4063/

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Tokyo 東京	4/30 ～ 5/6	Tokyo 東京都	Fuchu 府中市	Okunitama-jinja Shrine, Kyu-Koshu-kaido Street and others 大国魂神社、 旧甲州街道ほか	**Kurayami Matsuri (Okunitama-jinja Reitaisai)** くらやみまつり (大国魂神社例大祭)	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine named Kurayami Matsuri - "Black Night Festival". Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 18:30- A Festival Music Performance (with ten floats parading and playing traditional music) 20:00- *Komakurabe* (demonstration of horseback riding) on Kyu-Koshu-kaido Street ●5/4 17:00-18:00 *Taiko* performance 18:00-21:00 Parade of 22 *Dashi* floats through the streets in the city ●5/5 14:30- *Taiko* performance 18:00-21:00 Parade of eight *Mikoshi* from the shrine to *Otabisho* 22:30- *Yabusame* (horseback archery) performance ●5/6 4:00-8:00 Parade of eight *Mikoshi* from *Otabisho* to the shrine	(1) Keio Line to Fuchu Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Nambu or Musashino Line to Fuchu-Hommachi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) 京王線府中駅 (南口) より徒歩5分 (2) JR南武線又は武蔵野線府中本町駅より徒歩5分	https://www.ookunitamajinja.or.jp/matsuri/5-kurayami.php
Tokyo 東京	5/2 ～ 5/3	Tokyo 東京都	Heiwajima, Ota-ku 大田区平和島	Tokyo Ryutsu Center Building 東京流通センタービル	**Heiwajima Kotto Matsuri** 平和島骨董まつり	Summary: The oldest Antique Fair. Admission is free. Please enter an hour before the closing time on 5/3. Schedule & Key events: ●5/2 10:00-17:00 ●5/3 10:00-16:00	Tokyo Monorail Line to Ryutsu Center Sta., and then walk 1 min.		https://kottouichi.com/festival.html
Tokyo 東京	5/2 ～ 5/5	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Teppozu Inari-jinja Shrine and others 鉄砲洲稲荷神社ほか	**Teppozu Inari-jinja Reitaisai** 鉄砲洲稲荷神社例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a procession of *Horen* (palanquins) & *Mikoshi* and *Kodomo Kabuki* (traditional play by boys). Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 8:00-18:00 *Main Shrine Mikoshi Procession (from the Shrine to the Temporary Shrine at Kyobashi Park)* ●5/4 10:00- *Annual Festival Offering Ceremony* 12:00-20:00 *Main Shrine Mikoshi Procession (from the Temporary Shrine at Kyobashi Park to the Shrine)* ●5/5 13:30- *Kabuki* performed by children 20:00- *Festival of Returning the Sacred Spirits by Horen and Mikoshi*	JR Keiyo Line or Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Hatchobori Sta. (H12), and then walk 5 min.	JR京葉線又は東京メトロ日比谷線八丁堀駅より徒歩5分	http://www.teppozujinja.or.jp/nenkan.html#reitaisai

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Tokyo 東京	5/5	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	**Takara-no-mai** 宝の舞	Summary: Japanese traditional dance in celebration of Children's Day. *Takara-bune* (a ship-shaped float laden with treasure) is drawn by children from Denbo-in Temple to Senso-ji Temple. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- & 13:30-	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.city.taito.lg.jp/event/kanko/takara-no-mai.html
Tokyo 東京	5/8 ～ 5/15	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	**Kanda Matsuri (Kanda Myojin Omikoshi Togyo)** 神田祭（神田明神御神輿渡御）	Summary: The festival is one of the three grandest festivals in Tokyo. The highlight of this festival is *Shinko-sai* . The colorful procession of people in feudal costumes holding paper lanterns and drawing *Horen* (palanquins) starts from the shrine, passing through Kanda, Nihombashi, Otemachi, Marunouchi and Akihabara areas, and returns to the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●5/10 daytime *Divine Procession Festival(Kanda, Nihonbashi, Otemachi–Marunouchi, and Akihabara Procession)&Mikoshi Shrine Entry Ceremony of the Divine Procession Festival* 15:00- Tsukematsuri (Accompanying Festival) ●5/11 daytime *Mikoshi Shrine Entry Ceremony* ●5/14 17:30- *Myōjin Noh: The Flower of Yūgen (Kongō School Takigi Noh Performance)* ●5/15 14:00- Annual Grand Festival	(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 or Keihin Tohoku 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山手線又は京浜東北線秋葉原駅 (電気街口) より徒歩7分	https://kandamatsuri.com/

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Tokyo 東京	5/15 ～ 5/17	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Asakusa-jinja Shrine, Nakamise-dori Street and others 浅草神社、仲見世通りほか	**Sanja Matsuri** 三社祭	Summary: The festival is counted as one of the Tokyo's grandest. *Daigyoretsu* (a big parade of people in traditional attires) to the tune of the festival music, *Binzasara-mai* (*Shinto* dance) and *Mikoshi* parade are the highlights. Schedule & Key events: ●5/15 13:00- *Daigyoretsu* through the town, proceeding on Nakamise-dori Street to the shrine 14:20- *Binzasara-mai* performance in Shaden Hall 15:00- *Binzasara-mai* performance in Kaguraden stage ●5/16 12:00- Parade of around 100 *Mikoshi* through the town 17:00- *Miko* dance on Kaguraden stage ●5/17 7:00- Parade of three *Mikoshi* in the shrine's neighborhood 14:00- *Miko* dance on Kaguraden stage 15:00- Japanese traditional dance on Kaguraden stage 16:00- *Taiko* performance in the precincts of the shrine	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18), and then walk 7 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7分	https://www.asakusajinja.jp/sanjamatsuri/
Tokyo 東京	5/23 ～ 5/25	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Yushima Tenjin Shrine and others 湯島天神ほか	**Yushima Tenjin Reitaisai** 湯島天神例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. *Mikoshi* parade through the neighborhood. Schedule & Key events: ●daily Parade of *Mikoshi* through the town	(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Yushima Sta. (C13), and then walk 2 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Ueno-hirokoji Sta.(G15), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ千代田線湯島駅より徒歩2分 (2) 東京メトロ銀座線上野広小路駅より徒歩5分	https://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/index.htm
Tokyo 東京	5/22 ～ 5/25	Tokyo 東京都	Shinjuku-ku 新宿区	Hanazono-jinja Shrine and others 花園神社ほか	**Hanazono-jinja Reitaisai** 花園神社例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●5/24 daytime Parade of *Mikoshi* through the town	(1) Tokyo Metro Marunouchi, Fukutoshin Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinjuku-Sanchome Sta. (M09, F13, S02) (Exit E2) (2) JR Yamanote Line to Shinjuku Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 7 min.	(1) 東京メトロ丸ノ内線、副都心線又は都営地下鉄新宿線新宿三丁目駅 (E2出口)下車 (2) JR山手線新宿駅(東口)より徒歩7分	http://hanazono-jinja.or.jp/ceremony/

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Tokyo 東京	5/25 ～ 6/14	Tokyo 東京都	Katsushika-ku 葛飾区	Horikiri Shobuen, Mizumoto Park 堀切菖蒲園、 水元公園	**Katsushika Shobu Matsuri** 葛飾菖蒲まつり	Summary: *Shobu* (iris) Flower Festival, held in Horikiri Shobuen and Mizumoto Park. Various events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	(1) Horikiri Shobuen : Keisei Line to Horikiri-Shobuen Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Mizumoto Park : JR Joban Line to Kanamachi Sta. or Keisei Kanamachi Line to Keisei Kanamachi Sta. From there, take bus to Mizumoto Koen Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min.	(1) 堀切菖蒲園： 京成線堀切菖蒲園駅より徒歩10分 (2) 水元公園： JR常磐線金町駅又は京成金町線京成金町駅よりバスで水元公園下車徒歩7分	https://www.katsushika-kanko.com/news/2068.html
Kanto 関東	4/29 ～ 5/5	Ibaraki 茨城県	Kasama 笠間市	Kasama Geijutsu-no-mori Park 笠間芸術の森公園	**Kasama-no-Himatsuri** 笠間の陶炎祭 (ひまつり)	Summary: Pottery Fair. Over 200 stalls are set up in the park. Entry fee is 500JPY. ※Special bus services between the Mashiko Toki Ichi venue and the Kasama-no-Himatsuri venue on 4/29, 5/3-5/5 will be operated. (500JPY) Passengers who make reservations have priority. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00	(1) JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta., and then walk 20 min. or take tour bus to Togei Bijyutsukan･Kogei-no-Oka (Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum･Crafthills Kasama) Bus Stop (13 min.) (2) JR Joban Line to Tomobe Sta. (North Exit) From there, take tour bus to Togei Bijyutsukan･Kogei-no-Oka (Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum･Crafthills Kasama) Bus Stop (16 min.) or take temporary bus to Himatsuri-Kaijyo (Himatsuri Venue) Bus Stop (The temporary bus runs every 30 min., 8:50-15:00) (3) From Akihabara Bus Terminal, take Highway bus to Yakimono-dori (Yakimono Street) Bus Stop (1 hour 40min.)	(1) JR水戸線笠間駅より徒歩20分又は周遊バスで13分陶芸美術館･工芸の丘下車 (2) JR常磐線友部駅 (北口) より周遊バスで16分陶芸美術館･工芸の丘下車または臨時バスで陶炎祭会場下車（毎30分間隔で運行。8:50-15:00） (3) 秋葉原バスターミナルより高速バスで1時間40分やきもの通り下車	https://www.himatsuri.net/

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Kanto 関東	4/29 ～ 5/6	Tochigi 栃木県	Mashiko-machi 益子町	Mashiko-machi 益子町	**Mashiko Toki Ichi** 益子陶器市	Summary: Pottery Fair. Besides 50 shops, around 600 stalls are set up in the town. ※Special bus services between the Mashiko Toki Ichi venue and the Kasama-no-Himatsuri venue on 4/29, 5/3-5/5 will be operated. (500JPY) Passengers who make reservations have priority. Schedule & Key events: ●4/29-5/5 9:00-17:00 ●5/6 9:00-16:00	(1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Oyama Sta., and then change to JR Mito Line to Shimodate Sta. From there, take Moka Tetsudo Line to Mashiko Sta. (2) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Utsunomiya Sta. (West Exit) From No.14 Bus Stop, take bus to Mashiko Sta. (1 hour 10 min.) (3) From Akihabara Bus Terminal, take highway bus to Mashiko Togei Bijyutsukan Iriguchi (the entrance for Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art) Bus Stop (2 hours 30 min.)	(1) JR東北新幹線小山駅よりJR水戸線で下館駅にて真岡鐵道線に乗り換え益子駅下車 (2) JR東北新幹線宇都宮駅 (西口)14番乗り場よりバスで1時間10分益子駅下車 (3) 秋葉原バスターミナルより高速バスで2時間半益子陶芸美術館入口下車	https://toukiichi.mashiko-db.net/
Kanto 関東	5/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Yamashita Park, Red Brick Warehouse and others 山下公園、赤レンガ倉庫ほか	**The Yokohama Parade** ザ よこはまパレード	Summary: International Masquerade Parade. The main parade leaves Yamashita Park, passing by Aka Renga Soko (Red Brick Warehouse) and proceeding on Bashamichi Ave., for Isezakicho 6-chome area. If it rains, the parade will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 11:15- Super Parade in the city	(1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta. or Bashamichi Sta. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Kannai Sta.	(1) 東急東横線又は横浜みなとみらい線元町・中華街駅又は馬車道駅下車 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線関内駅下車	https://www.yokohama-cci.com/
Kanto 関東	5/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Odawara 小田原市	Odawara Castle Park and others 小田原城址公園ほか	**Odawara Hojo Godai Matsuri** 小田原北條五代祭り	Summary: The largest festival in the city, featuring *Musha Gyoretsu* (a warriors' procession) consisting of 1,700 people from Akagane-mon Gate of the castle, going through the city. Many events are scheduled in this area, such as artillery performance, Ninja performance, Odawara Lantern Dance and so on. Schedule & Key events: 11:55-12:20 *Jinbure* performance (sign to leave the castle with horses, guns and so on) 12:20-14:10 *Musha Gyoretsu* parade 13:50-14:05 *Taiko* performance	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 10 min.	JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅 (東口) より徒歩10分	https://www.odawara-kankou.com/topics/article/hojogodai.html

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Kanto 関東	5/3 & 5/5	Saitama 埼玉県	Nishi-hoshuban a, Kasukabe 春日部市西宝珠花	Edogawa River 江戸川河川敷	**Kasukabe-Otako-age Matsuri** 春日部大凧あげ祭り	Summary: Giant Kite Flying Festival. Flying smaller kites, each weighing 150 kg and giant kites, each weighing 800 kg are featured. If it rains on both dates, the festival may be postponed to 5/6 . Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 & 5 13:00-17:00 Small kite flying 14:00-17:00 Giant kite flying	Tobu Skytree Line to Kasukabe Sta. (East Exit) From there, take bus to Otakokoen-Iriguchi (the entrance of Otako Park) Bus Stop (35 min.)	東武スカイツリーライン春日部駅(東口) よりバスで35分大凧公園入口下車	https://www.city.kasukabe.lg.jp/eventjoho/eventjoho_kanko_omatsuri/20034.html
Kanto 関東	5/4 ～ 5/5	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Zama 座間市	Zakaebashi Bridge, Sagami River ground 座架依橋、相模川グラウンド	**Zama-no-Otako Matsuri** 座間の大凧まつり	Summary: Giant Kite Flying Festival on the riverbank near Zakaebashi Bridge over Sagami River. Open-air stalls are set up and various events are scheduled at venue. The festival may be canceled depending on weather conditions. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-16:00	Odakyu Odawara Line to Sobudai-mae Sta., and then take shuttle bus (20 min.) (The shuttle bus runs every 20 min.,9:00-15:00)	小田急小田原線相武台前駅よりシャトルバスで20分（毎20分間隔で運行。9:00-15:00)	https://www.city.zama.kanagawa.jp/event/kankyokeizi/1001544/1008268.html
Kanto 関東	5/4 ～ 5/5	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Sagamihara 相模原市	Shindo Sports Hiroba and others 新戸スポーツ広場ほか	**Sagami-no-Otako Matsuri** 相模の大凧まつり	Summary: Giant Kite Flying Festival at four venues along Sagami River, mainly at Shindo Sports Hiroba. A giant kite of 14.5 square meters, weighing 950 kg will fly. The festival may be cancelled depending on weather conditions. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-16:00	Shindo Sports Hiroba : JR Sagami Line to Sobudai-shita Sta., and then walk 15 min.	新戸スポーツ広場： JR相模線相武台下駅より徒歩15分	https://www.e-sagamihara.com/event/event-736/
Kanto 関東	5/5	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Oiso-machi 大磯町	Rokusho-jinja Shrine, Mt. Kamisoroi, Bamba Park and others 六所神社、神揃山、馬場公園ほか	**Sagami-Konomachi** 相模国府祭	Summary: Annual festival of Rokusho-jinja Shrine and five other shrines. Parade of six *Mikoshi* and traditional Japanese dance performances are the highlights. Schedule & Key events: 7:00- *Mikoshi* of five shrines start from each shrines to parade to Mt. Kamisoroi 11:50- *Mikoshi* of Rokusho-jinja Shrine parade to Bamba park through the town 12:00- *"Zamondo"* ritual is conducted on Mt. Kamisoroi 13:50- *Mikoshi* of five shrines start from Mt. Kamisoroi to Bamba park *Sagi-no-mai* (Heron Dance) is performed at Bamba Park	Rokusho-jinja Shrine : JR Tokaido Line to Oiso Sta. From there, take bus to Kokufu-Shinshuku Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.	六所神社： JR東海道線大磯駅よりバスで国府新宿下車、徒歩5分	https://rokusho.jp/index.php/2026/03/19/new-5-2-3-2-2/

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Kanto 関東	5/17 ～ 5/18	Tochigi 栃木県	Nikko 日光市	Tosho-gu Shrine and others 東照宮ほか	**Nikko Tosho-gu Shunki Reitaisai** 日光東照宮春季例大祭	Summary: Grand Spring Festival of the shrine. Procession of armor-clad people followed by *Mikoshi* is the highlight. Schedule & Key events: ●5/17 13:30-14:30 *Yabusame* (horseback archery) performance ●5/18 11:00-11:40 Procession from Futarasan-jinja shrine to *Otabisho* 12:00-12:40 *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) performance at *Otabisho* 13:00-13:30 Procession from *Otabisho* to the shrine	JR Nikko Line to Nikko Sta. or Tobu Nikko Line to Tobu-Nikko Sta. From there, take bus to Nishisando-Iriguchi (the entrance of Nishisando) Bus Stop (10min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR日光線日光駅又は東武日光線東武日光駅よりバスで10分西参道入口下車、徒歩5分	https://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/27
Kanto 関東	5/22 ～ 6/21	Ibaraki 茨城県	Itako 潮来市	Suigo Itako Ayame-en 水郷潮来あやめ園	**Suigo Itako Ayame Matsuri** 水郷潮来あやめまつり	Summary: *Ayame* (iris) Flower Festival. A million iris flowers of 500 species are in bloom in the garden. Admission is free. *Yomeiri-fune* (a boat escorting a bride) and *Itakobayashi* festival music are performed during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:30-22:00 Flowers are lit up ●every Wednesday 11:00- *Yomeiri-fune* ●every Saturday 11:00-,14:00- & 19:30- *Yomeiri-fune* ●every Sunday 11:00- & 14:00- *Yomeiri-fune* 13:00- *Gionsairei* odori (Japanese local folk dance) accompanied by *Itakobayashi* festival music	(1) JR Kashima Line to Itako Sta., and then walk 3 min. (2) JR Yamanote Line to Tokyo Sta. (Yaesu South Exit) From No.1 Bus Stop, take highway bus to Suigo Itako Bus Terminal (80min.)	(1) JR鹿島線潮来駅より徒歩3分 (2) JR山手線東京駅（八重洲南口）1番乗り場より高速バスで80分水郷潮来バスターミナル下車	https://www.city.itako.lg.jp/page/page005638.html
Chubu 中部	5/3 ～ 5/5	Gifu 岐阜県	Toki 土岐市	Oribe Hills (Toki Mino-yaki Oroshi Center) 織部ヒルズ (土岐美濃焼卸商業団地)	**Toki Mino-yaki Matsuri** 土岐美濃焼まつり	Summary: One of the biggest Ceramic Fair in Japan. *Mino-yaki* ceramic has a 400-year history. Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 & 4 9:00-17:00 ●5/5 9:00-16:00	JR Chuo Honsen Line to Toki-shi Sta. (North Exit) From there, take free shuttle bus (every 15 min.)	JR中央本線土岐市駅(北口)より無料シャトルバス (15分おき)	https://www.oribe-hills.com/

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Chubu 中部	5/3 ~ 5/5	Shizuoka 静岡県	Hamamatsu 浜松市	Nakatajima Tako-age Site and others 中田島凧揚げ会場ほか	**Hamamatsu Matsuri** 浜松まつり	Summary: Kite Battle Festival. Huge kites are flown by groups of citizens, who compete each other by trying to cut the lines of their rivals' kites by skillful maneuvering. If it rains, the following events will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 10:00-15:00 Kite Battle 19:00-21:00 Parade of floats, through the city's main street ●5/4 10:00-15:00 Kite Battle 18:00-21:00 Parade of floats, through the city's main street ●5/5 12:00-15:00 Kite Battle 18:00-21:00 Parade of floats, through the city's main street	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Hamamatsu Sta., and then take shuttle bus from Act-City Event-Hall (9:00-14:00)	JR東海道新幹線浜松駅下車、アクトシティイベントホール前よりシャトルバス (9:00-14:00)	http://hamamatsu-daisuki.net/matsuri/
Chubu 中部	5/11 ~ 10/15	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Nagara River 長良川	**Nagaragawa Ukai** 長良川鵜飼	Summary: Cormorant fishing, an ancient method of catching *Ayu* (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 (10/6 this year) or when the water is excessively muddy. Fee is 4,200 JPY or 5,100 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 Nagarabashi Minami / Kawaramachi Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東海道本線岐阜駅よりバスで20分長良橋南・川原町下車	https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/
Chubu 中部	5/15 ~ 5/17	Shizuoka 静岡県	Shimoda 下田市	Shimoda Port and others 下田港ほか	**Kurofune-sai** 黒船祭	Summary: Black Ship Festival started in 1934 is an international event that brings together Japanese and Americans and promotes friendly relations between the two nations. This festival was originally named after the historical event in 1854 when the U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry came to Shimoda by seven Black Ships (Kurofune in Japanese) in order to demand the opening of Japanese ports to the foreign countries. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. If it rains, fireworks display will be held on the following day, the parades will be cancelled and the venues of Memorial ceremony and Tug of war will be changed. Schedule & Key events: ●5/15 20:15-20:40 Fireworks display over Shimoda Port ●5/16 10:00-11:00 Memorial ceremony at Shimoda Park 11:30-12:30 Parade of brass bands in the city ●5/17 11:00-12:00 Parade of local groups in the city 14:00-16:00 Tug of war at Kaikoku Shimoda Minato roadside station	From JR Tokyo Sta, take JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Izu-Kyu Shimoda Sta.	JR東京駅よりJR特急"踊り子"で伊豆急下田駅下車	https://www.shimoda-city.info/kurofune

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Hokuriku 北陸	5/1	Toyama 富山県	Takaoka 高岡市	Katahara-machi Intersection and others 片原町交差点ほか	**Takaoka Mikurumayama Matsuri** 高岡御車山祭	Summary: Festival, designated as both the National Important Tangible and Intangible Folk Cultural Property, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The highlight of this festival is a procession of seven floats featuring gorgeous goldwork and lacquer ware, which are local specialty industry and artifacts, escorted by people in traditional attire. If it rains heavily, the procession will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-18:00 Procession of floats on the city's main streets 12:00 All floats meet at Katahara-machi Intersection	JR Johana Line to Takaoka Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR城端線高岡駅より徒歩10分	https://www.info-toyama.com/event/20002/
Hokuriku 北陸	5/2 ~ 5/5	Ishikawa 石川県	Nanao 七尾市	Otokonushi-jinja Shrine, Sentai-bashi Bridge and others 大地主神社、仙対橋 ほか	**Seihaku-sai** 青柏祭	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 three huge gorgeously bedecked floats from three towns, each 12-meter in length and 20-ton in weight, parading daily during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●5/4 12:30 Floats are gathered at the shrine 14:00- Floats are drawn by townspeople on the main street of the city ●5/5 15:30 Floats are gathered around Sentai-bashi Bridge 15:40- Floats are drawn by townspeople on the main street of the city	JR Nanao Line to Nanao Sta.	JR七尾線七尾駅下車	https://www.city.nanao.lg.jp/koryu-s/event/event_syokai/seihakusai.html
Hokuriku 北陸	5/3 ~ 5/5	Ishikawa 石川県	Nomi 能美市	Kutani Togei-mura, Neagari-kaijo (Neagari sogo-bunka-kaikan) and others 九谷陶芸村、根上会場（根上総合文化会館） ほか	**Kutani Chawan Matsuri** 九谷茶碗まつり	Summary: Pottery Fair of *Kutani-yaki* Ware. The event will be held at several sites this year. Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 & 4 9:00-18:00 ●5/5 9:00-17:00	Kutani Togei-mura: JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa Sta. From there, take IR Ishikawa Railway Line to Nomineagari Sta., and then take bus to Izumidai Community Center Bus Stop, and then walk 8 min.	九谷陶芸村： JR北陸新幹線金沢駅よりIRいしかわ鉄道で能美根上駅下車、バスで泉台コミュニティセンター下車、徒歩8分	https://kutani-shoukumi.or.jp/news/

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Hokuriku 北陸	5/4 ~ 5/5	Toyama 富山県	Johana, Nanto 南砺市 城端	Hikiyama Kaikan and others 曳山会館前 ほか	**Johana Hikiyama Matsuri** 城端曳山祭	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 *Hikiyama Junko* , a procession of *Mikoshi* and *Yama* . *Karakuri Ningyo* (mechanically manipulated dolls) and *Iori-uta* (the folk song native to the Johana area) are performed on *Yama.* Schedule & Key events: ●5/5 9:00-22:00 *Hikiyama Junko* through the towns 14:00-&20:00- *Karakuri Ningyo* and *Iori-uta* performance on *Yama* in front of Hikiyama Kaikan	JR Johana Line to Johana Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR城端線で城端駅下車、徒歩10分	https://www.tabi-nanto.jp/archives/10503
Kinki 近畿	4/28 ~ 5/2	Mie 三重県	Ise 伊勢市	Ise-jingu Shrine - Naiku 伊勢神宮 (内宮)	**Haru-no Kagura Sai** 春の神楽祭	Summary: Spring Festival of the shrine. Performance of *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) is dedicated to the shrine on a makeshift stage at Naiku. If it rains, the place of performance will be held at Sanshuden. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 11:00- *Bugaku* performance	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take (1) Kintetsu Yamada Line to Ujiyamada Sta., and then take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (10 min.) (2) JR Rapid Train "Mie" to Ise-shi Sta., and then take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より (1) 近鉄山田線で宇治山田駅下車、バスで10分内宮前下車 (2) JR快速"みえ"で伊勢市駅下車、バスで15分内宮前下車	https://www.isejingu.or.jp/ritual/annual/kagurasai.html
Kinki 近畿	4/29 ~ 5/5	Kyoto 京都府	Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 中京区	Mibu-dera Temple 壬生寺	**Mibu Kyogen** 壬生狂言	Summary: Medieval pantomime, designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. *Mibu Kyogen* , 30 pantomime skits, have been handed down, and some of them will be performed. Admission is 1,000 JPY. The number of audience will be limited to 400 people daily. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 13:00-17:30 ●5/5 13:00-17:30, 18:00-21:30	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 26 or 28 to Mibudera-michi Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 26又は28で壬生寺道下車、徒歩3分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4244
Kinki 近畿	5/1 ~ 5/4	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区	Senbon Enma-do Temple 千本えんま堂	**Enma-do Kyogen** えんま堂狂言	Summary: *Kyogen* (traditional comic drama) performance at the temple. Admission is free. Schedule & Key events: ●5/1 & 2 19:00- ●5/3 & 4 12:00- & 18:00-	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 to Senbon Kuramaguchi Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 206で千本鞍馬口下車すぐ	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4734

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Kinki 近畿	5/1 ~ 5/5	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市 伏見区	Fujinomori-jinja Shrine and others 藤森神社ほか	**Fujinomori Matsuri** 藤森祭	Summary: The highlight of this festival is *Kakeuma-Shinji* (acrobatic horseback riding with a 1,200-year tradition). Many other events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●5/5 8:00-18:00 Procession of *Mikoshi* and *Musha-Gyoretsu* (warriors' processions), through the towns 13:00- & 15:00- *Kakeuma-Shinji* in the precincts of the shrine	(1) JR Nara Line to Fujinomori Sta., and then walk 5 min. (2) Keihan Honsen Line to Sumizome Sta., and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR奈良線藤森駅より徒歩5分 (2) 京阪本線墨染駅より徒歩7分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4733
Kinki 近畿	5/2	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Todai-ji Temple and others 東大寺 ほか	**Shomu-Tenno-Sai** 聖武天皇祭	Summary: The Buddhist memorial service for the Emperor Shomu who announced the Imperial Rescript to build the statue of Big Buddha in the temple. If it rains, *Bugaku* and *Noh* plays will be performed in the Kinsho hall at Todai-ji Culture Center. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Procession of people in ancient costumes from Nara Kasugano International Forum IRAKA to Daibutsuden in the temple 13:30- *Bugaku* play on the makeshift stage on Kagami-ike pond 15:00- *Noh* play on the makeshift stage on Kagami-ike pond	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Todai-ji Daibutsuden･Kasuga Taisha-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.	JR奈良線奈良駅又は近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より奈良交通バスで東大寺大仏殿･春日大社前下車徒歩5分	http://www.todaiji.or.jp/
Kinki 近畿	5/3	Kyoto 京都府	Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 左京区	Shimogamo-jinja Shrine 下鴨神社	**Yabusame-Shinji** やぶさめ神事	Summary: Horseback archery, associated with Aoi Matsuri Festival held on 5/15. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-15:30 Ritual pray and *Yabusame* in the precincts of the shrine	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 or 205 to Shimogamo Jinjya-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/single.php?event_id=4385

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Kinki 近畿	5/3	Nara 奈良県	Kume-cho, Kashihara 橿原市 久米町	Kume-dera Temple 久米寺	**Nerikuyo Eshiki** 練供養会式	Summary: Requiem Parade. Procession of people wearing face masks of *Bosatsu* crosses a long bridge in the temple, which is believed to link this world with the Pure Land. Schedule & Key events: 15:00- Procession of *Bosatsu*	(1) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Kyoto Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta., and then walk 6 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Nara Line to Yamato-Saidaiji Sta., and change to Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta., and then walk 6 min.	(1) JR東海道新幹線京都駅より近鉄橿原線で橿原神宮前駅下車、徒歩6分 (2) JR奈良線奈良駅より近鉄奈良線で大和西大寺駅にて近鉄橿原線に乗り換え橿原神宮前駅下車、徒歩6分	https://www.city.kashihara.nara.jp/soshiki/1021/1/3/3655.html
Kinki 近畿	5/5	Kyoto 京都府	Kita-ku, Kyoto 京都市 北区	Kamigamo-jinja Shrine 上賀茂神社	**Kamo Kurabe-Uma** 賀茂競馬	Summary: Horse racing of olden times. Riders wearing fancy court robes demonstrate courtly horsemanship. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Horse racing	1)From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 to Kamigamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop 2)From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 9 to Kamigamo Misonobashi Bus Stop., and then walk 5 min.	1)JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4で上賀茂神社前下車 2)JR京都駅より市バスNo. 9で上賀茂御薗橋下車徒歩５分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4749
Kinki 近畿	5/15	Kyoto 京都府	Kyoto 京都市	Shimogamo-jinja Shrine, Kamigamo-jinja Shrine, Kyoto Imperial Palace and others 下鴨神社、 上賀茂神社、 京都御所ほか	**Aoi Matsuri** 葵祭	Summary: Hollyhock Festival of the shrines. This 1,500-year old festival features a magnificent pageant which colorfully reproduces the Imperial procession that used to pay homage to these shrines in ancient days. The procession consists of the ox-drawn carriages, courtiers and court ladies clad in ancient court robes, and men holding flower-decorated umbrellas, all decorated with Hollyhock leaf. If it rains, the festival will be postponed to the next day. Schedule & Key events: 10:30-11:40 Procession from Kyoto Imperial Palace to Shimogamo-jinja Shrine, taking Kawaramachi-dori Street 14:20-15:30 Procession from Shimogamo-jinja Shrine to Kamigamo-jinja Shrine, taking Kitaoji-dori Street	(1) Kyoto Imperial Palace: Karasuma Subway Line to Marutamachi Sta. (2) Shimogamo-jinja Shrine: From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 or 205 to Shimogamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop (3) Kamigamo-jinja Shrine: From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 to Kamigamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop	(1) 京都御所: 地下鉄烏丸線で丸太町駅下車 (2) 下鴨神社: JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4 又は205で下鴨神社前下車 (3) 上賀茂神社: JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4 で上賀茂神社前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/major/aoi/

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Kinki 近畿	5/22 ~ 5/24	Hyogo 兵庫県	Himeji 姫路市	Around Himeji Castle 姫路城周辺	**Himeji Oshiro Matsuri** 姫路お城まつり	Summary: Festival featuring *Himeji Daimyo Gyoretsu* (a warriors' procession) and *So-odori* (folk dancing parade by 800 townspeople). Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●5/22 18:00-21:00 *Takigi Noh* (an open-air masked drama by torchlights) performance at San'nomaru Hiroba ●5/23 13:00-18:00 Events for children at San'nomaru Hiroba 14:20-14:35 Procession of Sen-hime(princess Sen) on Otemae-dori Street 14:35-15:35 *Himeji Daimyo Gyoretsu* on Otemae-dori Street 16:00-17:00 *So-odori* parade on Otemae-dori Street ●5/24 10:00-18:00 Events for children at San'nomaru Hiroba	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Himeji Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR山陽新幹線姫路駅より徒歩20分	https://www.city.himeji.lg.jp/oshirofes/
Kinki 近畿	5/17	Kyoto 京都府	Ukyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 右京区	Oi River, Togetsukyo Bridge and others 大堰川、 渡月橋ほか	**Mifune Matsuri** 三船祭	Summary: Boat Festival, held on Oi River near Arashiyama. This festival features "*Ofuna-asobi*" (which literally means playing & pleasure on the boat), in which people wearing various costumes of Heian period (794-1185) play a variety of Japanese traditional performing arts. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-14:15 Ritual and "*Ofuna-asobi*" on Oi River near Togetsukyo Bridge	Togetsukyo Bridge: 1)Keifuku Arashiyama Honsen Line or Hankyu Arashiyama Line to Arashiyama Sta. 2)From JR Kyoto Sta., take munincipal bus No.28 to Arashiyama Koen Bus Stop	渡月橋周辺: 1)京福嵐山本線または阪急嵐山線嵐山駅下車 2)JR京都駅より市バスNo.28 で嵐山公園下車	https://www.kurumazakijinja.or.jp/mifunemathuri2.html
Chugoku 中国	5/14 ~ 5/16	Shimane 島根県	Izumo 出雲市	Izumo Taisha Shrine 出雲大社	**Daisairei** 大祭礼	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●5/15 12:00- Procession of shrine's *Mikoshi*	JR San-in Honsen Line to Izumoshi Sta. From there, take (1) Ichibata Railway Kita-matsue Line to Kawato Sta., and change to Ichibata Railway Taisha Line to Izumo-Taisha-mae Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) bus to Izumo Taisha Bus Stop (25 min.)	JR山陰本線出雲市駅より (1) 一畑電鉄北松江線で川跡駅にて一畑電鉄大社線に乗り換え出雲大社前駅下車、徒歩10分 (2) バスで25分出雲大社下車	https://izumo-kankou.gr.jp/8820

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Kyushu 九州	4/29 ~ 5/5	Saga 佐賀県	Okawachi-cho, Imari 伊万里市 大川内町	Okawachi-yama 大川内山	**Imari Kamamoto Ichi** 伊万里窯元市	Summary: Spring Ceramic Fair where about 30 *Kamamoto* (kilns) in this area participate in. Many stalls selling ceramics at bargain prices are set up at the main fair site. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, (1) take JR Limited Express "Midori" to Arita Sta., and change to Matsuura Tetsudo Line to Imari Sta., and then take bus to Okawachi-yama Bus Stop (15 min.) (2) walk 1 min. to Hakata Bus Terminal. From there, take Highway Bus to Imari Sta. (2h), and then take bus to Okawachi-yama Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より (1) JR特急"みどり"で有田駅にて松浦鉄道線に乗り換え伊万里駅下車、バスで15分大川内山下車 (2) 徒歩1分の博多バスターミナルから高速バスで2時間伊万里駅下車、バスで15分大川内山下車	https://imari-ookawachiyama.com/
Kyushu 九州	4/29 ~ 5/5	Saga 佐賀県	Arita-cho 有田町	Arita-cho 有田町	**Arita Toki Ichi** 有田陶器市	Summary: Ceramic Fair in the city. Schedule & Key events ●daily 9:00-17:00	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take JR Limited Express "Midori" to Arita Sta.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅よりJR特急"みどり"で有田駅下車	https://www.arita-toukiichi.or.jp/
Kyushu 九州	5/3 ~ 5/4	Fukuoka 福岡県	Fukuoka 福岡市	Fukuoka 福岡市	**Hakata Dontaku** 博多どんたく	Summary: Festival featuring a procession of *Hakatamatsubayashi* in which three Deities of Good Fortune in disguise, escorted by people wearing traditional clothes, and children in fancy costumes dancing to the music parade. The entire city, especially Dontaku Hiroba in front of City Hall is filled with townspeople singing and dancing with rice paddles in hands, and various entertainments are staged daily in the city. Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 9:00-17:00 *Hakatamatsubayashi* in Hakata area 9:30-11:30 Various performances on Hakata-eki-mae Street in front of JR Hakata Sta. ●5/4 9:00-17:00 *Hakatamatsubayashi in* Tenjin area 9:30-12:15 Various performances on Hakata-eki-mae Street in front of JR Hakata Sta.	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅下車	http://www.dontaku.fukunet.or.jp/

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Okinawa 沖縄	5/3 ~ 5/5	Okinawa 沖縄県	Naha 那覇市	Naha Port Shinko Wharf 那覇港新港ふ頭	**Naha "Hari"** 那覇ハーリー	Summary: "Hari" Boat Race, peculiar to Okinawa, in which young men show their strength and skills at sea in Naha Port Shinko Wharf. Schedule & Key events: ●5/3 9:30-17:00 Boat race ●5/5 10:00-17:00 Boat race	From Naha Airport, take taxi (25 min.)	那覇空港よりタクシーで25分	https://www.naha-navi.or.jp/magazine/2025/03/44598/

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