

Calendar of Events August 2021



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Ukai 鶺鴒
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.

Glossary :

<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

Obon お盆
Obon is a Buddhist event held in July (if following the lunar calendar) or August 13-15. Ancestral spirits are invited into the home to be honored. Many people take summer vacations during this time and return to their hometowns to visit family homes.

The following events are still to be confirmed. (as of Jul.23) Please check the latest information in advance.

Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL	
Hokkaido 北海道	8/14 ~ 8/29	Hokkaido 北海道	Sapporo 札幌市	Sapporo 札幌市	Sapporo Natsu Matsuri さっぽろ夏まつり	Summary: Summer Festival in the city. ★The event at the site has been cancelled, but it will be held online this year.★ Schedule & Key events: Please visit the website for the details	-	-	http://sapporo-natsu.com/
Tohoku 東北	8/6 ~ 8/8	Fukushima 福島県	Fukushima 福島市	Fukushima-Ekimae-dori Street 福島駅前通り	Fukushima Waraji Matsuri 福島わらじまつり	Summary: Festival featuring a display of huge <i>Waraji</i> (a straw sandal made of straw ropes, and 2 tons in weight & 12meters in length) as a symbol of being a good walker. The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: ●8/6 evening-20:00 Display of huge <i>Waraji</i> ●8/7 afternoon-20:00 Display of huge <i>Waraji</i>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Fukushima Sta.	JR東北新幹線福島駅下車	https://www.waraji.co.jp/

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Tohoku 東北	8/7 ~ 8/8	Iwate 岩手県	Kitakami 北上市	Kitakami 北上市	Kitakami Michinoku Geino Matsuri 北上みちのく芸能まつり	<p>Summary: Festival of performing arts native to Tohoku District, featuring various demonstrations of local performing arts such as <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum), <i>Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music), and <i>Shishi-odori</i> (dance by men wearing deer-like hoods). The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 8/7 13:00-18:30 Performing arts demonstrations at Sakura Hall (1,500JPY for a same-day ticket) ● 8/8 10:00-16:00 & 16:30-20:00 Performing arts demonstrations at Tenshochi Park</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Kitakami Sta.	JR東北新幹線北上駅下車	https://geinoumatsuri.com/
Tohoku 東北	8/24 ~ 8/26	Yamagata 山形県	Shinjo 新庄市	Shinjo 新庄市	Shinjo Matsuri 新庄まつり	<p>Summary: Festival with a 260-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The festival features a parade of floats bedecked with historical figures, castles and artificial flowers. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 8/24 & 8/25 2 hours in the afternoon Parade of floats on the city's main streets ● 8/26 10:00-16:00 Floats display on the city's main streets</p>	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Shinjo Sta.	JR山形新幹線新庄駅下車	http://shinjomatsuri.jp/
Chubu 中部	6/1 ~ 10/15	Aichi 愛知県	Inuyama 犬山市	Kiso River 木曾川	Kisogawa Ukai 木曾川鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 3,000JPY without meal. For reservation, please call 0568-61-2727 (Kisogawa Kanko) or reserve through major travel agencies.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 6/1-8/31 19:30-20:15 ● 9/1-10/15 19:00-19:45</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	http://kisogawa-ukai.jp/

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Chubu 中部	6/21 ~ 10/15	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Nagara River 長良川	Nagaragawa Ukai 長良川鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishings. It will be held every day during the period except on the night of the full moon (9/21 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 major travel agencies.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily (except 9/21) 19:45-20:30 (Departure time: 18:15, 18:45, 19:15)</p>	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	https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/ukai/
Chubu 中部	Mid. Jul ~ Early Sep	Gifu 岐阜県	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Gujo Odori 郡上踊り	<p>Summary: Folk Dance Meet, one of the most popular folk dancing events. ★ The event at the site has been cancelled, but it will be held online this year. ★</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Please visit the website for the details</p>	-	-	http://www.gujohachiman.com/kanko/
Chubu 中部	7/20 ~ 8/19	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuefuki 笛吹市	Fuefuki River 笛吹川	Fuefukigawa Isawa Ukai 笛吹川石和鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Admission is free. Reservations are required this year to enter the site.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● every Thu. and Sun. 20:00-20:45 ● every Sat. 20:00-20:30</p>	JR Chuo Honsen Line to Isawa-Onsen Sta., and then walk 20 min.	JR中央本線石和温泉駅より徒歩20分	http://fuefukiko.jp/content/summerfes/950/index.html
Chubu 中部	8/8 ~ 8/13	Shizuoka 静岡県	Ito 伊東市	Ito Kaigan Beach 伊東海岸	Anjinsai Umi-no-Hanabitaikai 按針祭海の花火大会	<p>Summary: Fireworks display in memory of "William Adams (1564-1620)", a naturalized British shipwright called "Anjin Miura" in Japanese, who was a great contributor to the early development of the Japanese ship-building industry. It is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events ● daily 20:30-20:50 Fireworks display at Ito Kaigan Beach</p>	JR Ito Line to Ito Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR伊東線伊東駅より徒歩10分	https://itopa.com/index.html

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Chubu 中部	8/12 ~ 8/13	Shizuoka 静岡県	Yaizu 焼津市	Yaizu-jinja Shrine and others 焼津神社ほか	Yaizu-jinja Reisai 焼津神社例祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: ●8/13 10:00-13:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> on a car going through the city	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Yaizu Sta., and then walk 13 min. JR東海道本線焼津駅より徒歩13分	https://yaizu-jinja.or.jp/
Chubu 中部	8/26 ~ 8/27	Yamanashi 山梨県	Fuji-Yoshida 富士吉田市	Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine, Suwa-jinja Shrine, National Road No. 139 and others 富士浅間神社、諏訪神社、国道139号ほか	Yoshida-no Hi Matsuri 吉田の火まつり	Summary: Fire Festival of the shrines, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, held to mark the end of the Mt. Fuji climbing season. <i>Himatsuri</i> is the main event of this festival in which about 70 giant torches are set on fire. The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: ●8/26 17:00-18:30 Parade of two <i>Mikoshi</i> on a truck from Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> 18:30-22:00 <i>Himatsuri</i> along National Road No. 139 (near Fujisan-eki Sta.) ●8/27 14:00-19:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> on a truck from <i>Otabisho</i> to the shrine	JR Chuo Honsen Line to Otsuki Sta. From there, take Fuji-Kyuko Line to Fujisan Sta., and then walk 5 min. JR中央本線大月駅より富士急行線で富士山駅下車、徒歩5分	https://fuji-yoshida.net/event/154
Hokuriku 北陸	8/1 ~ 8/7	Toyama 富山県	Takaoka 高岡市	Takaoka 高岡市	Takaoka Tanabata Matsuri 高岡七夕祭り	Summary: Star Festival featuring bamboo trees beautifully adorned with glittering materials set along the city's main streets. The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: ●daily evening Bamboo trees light up	JR Johana Line to Takaoka Sta. JR城端線高岡駅下車	https://www.takaoka-st.jp/event/tanabata
Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/23	Kyoto 京都府	Ukyo-ku, Nishikyoku, Kyoto 京都市右京区、西京区	Oi River 大堰川	Arashiyama Ukai 嵐山鶺鴒	Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 2,000JPY without meal. Tickets are put on sale on the day from 18:00. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group. Schedule & Key events: ●7/1-8/31 (except 8/16) 19:00-, 20:00- ●9/1-9/23 18:30-, 19:30-	(1) Keifuku Arashiyama Honsen Line to Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Hankyu Arashiyama Line to Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min. (3) JR Sagano Line to Saga-Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min. (1) 京福嵐山本線嵐山駅より徒歩10分 (2) 阪急嵐山線嵐山駅より徒歩15分 (3) JR嵯峨野線嵯峨嵐山駅より徒歩15分	https://arashiyama-yakatabune.com/

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Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/30	Kyoto 京都府	Uji 宇治	Uji River 宇治川	Ujigawa Ukai 宇治川鵜飼	<p>Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 2,000JPY without meal. Tickets are put on sale on the day from 17:00. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● 7/1-8/31 18:30-20:00 ● 9/1-9/30 18:00-19:30</p>	(1) Keihan Uji Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京阪宇治線宇治駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR奈良線宇治駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kyoto-uji-kankou.or.jp/ukai.html
Kinki 近畿	8/9 ~ 8/16	Kyoto 京都府	Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 中京区	Mibu-dera Temple 壬生寺	Mando Kuyo-e 万灯供養会	<p>Summary: Ceremony of lighted lanterns. About 1,200 decorative lanterns hung in the corridor of the main hall are lighted up to console the ancestors' souls. The ceremony features <i>Rokusai Nenbutsu-odori</i> (a traditional folk dancing to the tune of a Buddhist chant, drums and flutes music) which is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. It is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily sunset-21:00 Lanterns light up ● 8/9 19:30- <i>Rokusai Nenbutsu-odori</i> in front of the main hall ● 8/16 20:00- <i>Rokusai Nenbutsu-odori</i> in front of the main hall</p>	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	http://www.mibudera.com/Gyoji.html
Kinki 近畿	8/15	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Mt. Takamado, Tobihino in Nara Pak 高円山、 奈良公園内飛火野	Dai-monji Okuri-bi 大文字送り火	<p>Summary: Bonfire Event lit on Mt. Takamado. A spectacular bonfire in the shape of the Chinese character "Dai (大)" meaning "large" or "space" is kindled on the slope of the mountain.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 18:50- Ceremony at Tobihino in Nara Park 20:00- Bonfire is set up</p>	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Kasuga Taisha Omote-Sando 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春日大社表参道下車	https://narashikanko.or.jp/event/naradaimonjokuribi/
Kinki 近畿	8/16	Kyoto 京都府	Kyoto 京都市	Kyoto's five mountains 京都五山	Dai-monji Gozan Okuri-bi 大文字五山送り火	<p>Summary: Great Bonfire lit on Kyoto's five mountains. Spectacular bonfires in the shape of the Chinese character "Dai (大)" meaning "large" or "space" on the slope of Mt. Higashiyama, and also in the shape of four other Chinese characters on four other mountains are kindled. The festival is rather small in scale this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged</p>	Keihan Honsen Line to Demachi-Yanagi Sta.	京阪本線出町柳駅下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/major/okuribi/

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Chugoku 中国	8/6	Hiroshima 広島県	Hiroshima 広島市	Motoyasu River and others 元安川ほか	Toro-nagashi 灯籠流し	<p>Summary: Event of floating lighted lanterns. About 10,000 lighted lanterns are set adrift on Motoyasu River by Hiroshima citizens with prayers for world peace. Since August 6th, 1945, Hiroshima has suffered the world's first atomic bombing.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: 17:30-20:30 <i>Toro-nagashi</i></p>	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hiroshima Sta. From there, take streetcar to Genbaku Dome-mae (20 min.)	JR山陽新幹線広島駅より市電で20分原爆ドーム前下車	https://www.chushinren.jp/touro

The following events have been cancelled or postponed. (as of Jul.23)

Tohoku 東北		Iwate 岩手県	Morioka 盛岡市	Chuo-dori Street 中央通り	Morioka Sansa Odori 盛岡さんさ踊り	<p>Summary: Traditional Folk Dancing Festival. The festival is also noted for the world's largest drumming parade with the highest number of participants.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. and then walk 15 min.	JR東北新幹線盛岡駅より徒歩15分	http://www.sansaodori.jp/
Tohoku 東北		Aomori 青森県	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki Neputa Matsuri 弘前ねぶたまつり	<p>Summary: Festival designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Neputa</i> is a huge fan-shaped lantern with a depicted image of warlords or legendary heroines set on the carriage.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. From there, take JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta.	JR東北新幹線新青森駅よりJR奥羽本線で弘前駅下車	https://www.hirosaki-kanko.or.jp/web/index.html
Tohoku 東北		Aomori 青森県	Aomori 青森市	Aomori Bay and others 青森湾ほか	Aomori Nebuta Matsuri 青森ねぶた祭	<p>Summary: Festival, one of the three biggest festivals in Tohoku District, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Nebuta</i> (a huge papier-mache with effigies of men, animals or birds, lighted from inside) is placed on each carriage. Around 20 carriages are pulled by people called <i>Haneto</i> in colorful costumes on the main streets of the city.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. From there, take JR Ou Honsen Line to Aomori Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR東北新幹線新青森駅よりJR奥羽本線で青森駅下車、徒歩10分	https://www.nebuta.jp/
Tohoku 東北		Akita 秋田県	Akita 秋田市	Kanto O-dori Street 竿灯大通り	Akita Kanto Matsuri 秋田竿灯祭り	<p>Summary: <i>Kanto</i> Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Kanto</i> is a long bamboo pole with nine horizontal ribs on which lighted lanterns are hung. The highlight of this festival is a parade of young men in colorful attire trying their skill in balancing <i>Kanto</i> on their foreheads, shoulders, hips and chins without using their hands.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled</p>	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Akita Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR秋田新幹線秋田駅より徒歩15分	http://www.kantou.gr.jp/
Tohoku 東北		Aomori 青森県	Goshogawara 五所川原市	Goshogawara 五所川原市	Goshogawara Tachi-Neputa 五所川原立佞武多	<p>Summary: Festival featuring a parade of gigantic <i>Tachi-Neputa</i> (23 meters high each, a papier-mache with effigies of legendary heroes), set on the carriage.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: cancelled or postponed</p>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Aomori Sta. From there, take JR Ou Honsen Line to Kawabe Sta., and change to JR Gono Line to Goshogawara Sta.	JR東北新幹線新青森駅よりJR奥羽本線で川部駅にてJR五能線に乗り換え五所川原駅下車	http://www.go-kankou.jp/

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Tohoku 東北		Fukushima 福島県	Koriyama 郡山市	Koriyama Sta. and others 郡山駅前ほか	Koriyama Uneme Matsuri 郡山うねめまつり	Summary: Festival, originated about a legend of Uneme (a court lady) in the 8th century. The main street to Koriyama Sta. is decorated with lighted lanterns in the evening daily. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Koriyama Sta.	JR東北新幹線郡山駅下車 https://www.ko-cci.or.jp/event/maturi/uneme.html
Tohoku 東北		Akita 秋田県	Daisen 大仙市	Omono River 雄物川	Zenkoku Hanabi Kyogi Taikai 全国花火競技大会	Summary: Fireworks Display Contest, noted for the biggest of its kind in Japan with 18,000 fireworks in total. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Omagari Sta., and then walk 30 min.	JR秋田新幹線大曲駅より徒歩30分 https://www.oomagari-hanabi.com/index.html
Chubu 中部		Shizuoka 静岡県	Mishima 三島市	Mishima Taisha Shrine and others 三嶋大社ほか	Mishima O- Matsuri 三嶋大まつり	Summary: Summer Festival of the shrine. Many events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	Mishima Taisha Shrine: JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Mishima Sta., and then walk 15 min.	三嶋大社: JR東海道新幹線三島駅より徒歩15分 https://www.mishima-cci.com/maturi/
Chubu 中部		Aichi 愛知県	Nishio 西尾市	Suwa-jinja Shrine 諏訪神社	O-Chochin Matsuri 大堤灯まつり	Summary: Huge Lantern Festival. <i>O-Chochin</i> (12 huge paper lanterns, 10 meters in length and 5 meters in diameter each, painted with colorful designs) are lighted up at the shrine. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Kanayama Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Nishio Line to Nishio Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Tobu Kotsu bus (for Mikawai-shiki) to Taihobashi Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東海道本線金山駅より名鉄西尾線で西尾駅下車。名鉄東部交通バス(三河一色行)で20分大堤橋下車 http://nishiokanko.com/list/special/lantern
Hokuriku 北陸		Niigata 新潟県	Nagaoka 長岡市	Shinano River and others 信濃川ほか	Nagaoka Matsuri O-Hanabi Taikai 長岡まつり大花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Nagaoka Sta., and then walk 30 min.	JR上越新幹線長岡駅より徒歩30分 https://nagaokamatsuri.com/
Hokuriku 北陸		Niigata 新潟県	Niigata 新潟市	Shinano River and others 信濃川ほか	Niigata Matsuri 新潟祭	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Sumiyoshi Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of people in traditional attire) and <i>Mikoshi</i> parade followed by a <i>Bandai-Taiko</i> Japanese drumming band. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Niigata Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR上越新幹線新潟駅より徒歩15分 http://niigata-matsuri.com/
Kinki 近畿		Kyoto 京都府	Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto 京都市 東山区	Gojozaka Street 五条坂	Gojozaka Toki Matsuri 五条坂陶器まつり	Summary: Ceramic Fair on Gojozaka Street near Kiyomizu-dera Temple. About 400 stalls, selling <i>Kiyomizu-yaki</i> ceramics at bargain prices, are set up. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 205 or 17 to Kawaramachi-Gojo Bus Stop (2) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 or 207 to Gojozaka Bus Stop (3) Keihan Honsen Line to Kiyomizu Gojo Sta.	(1) JR京都駅より市バス No. 205又は17で河原町五条下車 (2) JR京都駅より市バス No. 206又は207で五条坂下車 (3) 京阪本線清水五条駅下車 http://www.toukimaturi.gr.jp/

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Shikoku 四国	-	Tokushima 徳島県	Naruto 鳴門市	Naruto 鳴門市	Awa Odori 阿波踊り	Summary: Folk Dancing Festival. <i>Awa Odori</i> , folk dancing native to Awa Region, is one of the most popular folk dancing in Japan. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Naruto Line to Naruto Sta. JR鳴門線鳴門駅下車	http://www.narutocci.or.jp/awao-dori/
Shikoku 四国	-	Kochi 高知県	Kochi 高知市	Chuo Park, Kochi Castle and others 中央公園、高知城ほか	Kochi Yosakoi Matsuri 高知よさこい祭り	Summary: Festival featuring a parade of <i>Yosakoi Odori</i> , folk dancing native to Kochi region, and one of the most popular folk dancing in Japan. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	Kochi Castle: JR Dosan Line to Kochi Sta., and then walk 25 min.	高知城: JR土讃線高知駅より徒歩25分 http://www.cciweb.or.jp/kochi/yosakoiweb/
Kyushu 九州	-	Oita 大分県	Higashi Tsurusaki, Oita 大分市 東鶴崎	Tsurusaki Park Ground 鶴崎公園グラウンド	Honba Tsurusaki Odori Taikai 本場鶴崎踊大会	Summary: Japanese Folk Dancing Meet. People in fancy attire gather in Tsurusaki Park Ground and dance in a ring to the sound of <i>Yokobue</i> (Japanese flute) and <i>Kokyū</i> (Chinese fiddle). Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Nippo Honsen Line to Tsurusaki Sta., and then walk 7 min.	JR日豊本線鶴崎駅より徒歩7分 https://www.city.oita.jp/o054/taikaityusi.html
Kyushu 九州	-	Kumamoto 熊本県	Yamaga 山鹿市	Omiya-jinja Shrine, Omatsuri-Hiroba, Kikuchigawa River, Yamaga Elementary School and others 大宮神社、おまつり広場、菊池川、山鹿小学校ほか	Yamaga Toro Matsuri 山鹿灯籠祭り	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Toro Odori</i> folk dancing by women, each wearing a <i>Yukata</i> and a lantern on her head. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Shin-Tamana Sta., and then take bus to Yamaga Bus Center Bus Stop (50 min.)	JR九州新幹線新玉名駅よりバスで50分山鹿バスセンター下車 http://www.y-kankoukyoukai.com/
Okinawa 沖縄	-	Okinawa 沖縄県	Okinawa 沖縄市	Okinawa Arena 沖縄アリーナ	Okinawa Zento Ei-sah Matsuri 沖縄全島エイサーまつり	Summary: <i>Ei-sah</i> is a traditional folk dancing native to Okinawa main island and is performed to the accompaniment with drumming. Groups of young people from all over Okinawa parade dancing <i>Ei-sah</i> . Schedule & Key events: cancelled	From Naha Airport, take highway bus to Okinawa-minami Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min.	那覇空港より高速バスで沖縄南下車、徒歩7分 https://www.zentoeisa.com/

Calendar of Events August 2021



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Glossary :

Asagao	Morning glory
Matsuri	Festival, Event

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

Obon お盆
Obon is a Buddhist event held in July (if following the lunar calendar) or August 13-15. Ancestral spirits are invited into the home to be honored. Many people take summer vacations during this time and return to their hometowns to visit family homes.

The following events are still to be confirmed. (as of Jul.23) Please check the latest information in advance.

Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL
Tokyo 東京	7/17 ~ 8/1	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Shinobazu Pond and others 不忍池周辺ほか	Ueno Natsu Matsuri うえの夏まつり	<p>Summary: Summer Festival. Various events including <i>Kotto Ichi</i> (antique fair) and stage performances are scheduled during the festival period. Please check the website for the ticket details about stage performances. Parade has been cancelled this year.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 10:00-20:00 <i>Kotto Ichi</i> around Shinobazu Pond</p>	JR Yamanote Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta. (G16, H18), and then walk 2 min.	https://ueno.or.jp/event/
Tokyo 東京	7/25 ~ 8/1	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Yasukuni-jinja Shrine 靖国神社	Hono Asagao-ten 奉納あさがお展	<p>Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Flowers are in bloom usually in the morning.</p> <p>Schedule & Key events: ● daily 7:00 - 11:00</p>	Tokyo Metro Tozai, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T07, Z06, S05)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min.	https://www.yasukuni.or.jp/schedule/saiji.html

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Tokyo 東京	7/28 ~ 8/3 8/27 ~ 8/29	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Hibiya Park 日比谷公園	Asagao-ten 朝顔展	Summary: <i>Asagao</i> Fair. Flowers are in bloom usually in the morning. Schedule & Key events: ●7/28-8/3 8:00-11:30 ●8/27-28 8:00-12:00 ●8/29 8:00-11:30	(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya, Chiyoda Line or Toei Mita Subway Line to Hibiya Sta. (H08, C09, I08) (Exit A10, A14), and then walk 4 min. (2) JR Yamanote Line to Yurakucho Sta.(Hibiya Exit), and then walk 8 min.	(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線、千代田線又は都営地下鉄三田線日比谷駅(A10・A14出口)より徒歩4分 (2) JR山手線有楽町駅(日比谷口)より徒歩8分	http://henkaasagao.tumabeni.com/tenjikai.html
Tokyo 東京	8/28 ~ 8/29	Tokyo 東京都	Suginami-ku 杉並区	Za-koenji (Suginami Geijutsu Kaikan) 座・高円寺 (杉並芸術会館)	Koenji Awa Odori 高円寺阿波踊り	Summary: Folk Dancing Festival originated in the Awa region in Tokushima Pref., demonstrated by people to the tune of merry music. The festival will be held indoors this year. For more details, please check the website. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	JR Chuo Line to Koenji Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 5 min.	JR中央線高円寺駅(北口)より徒歩5分	http://www.koenji-awaodori.com/

Kanto 関東	Early Aug. & Mid. Aug.	Saitama 埼玉県	Saitama さいたま市	Omagi Park, Iwatsuki-bunka Park 大間木公園、 岩槻文化公園	Saitama-shi Hanabi Taikai さいたま市花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display at two parks. Schedule & Key events: Details are still to be arranged	(1) Omagi Park : JR Musashino Line to Higashi-Urawa Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Iwatsuki-bunka Park : Tobu Noda Line to Iwatsuki Sta. or Higashi-Iwatsuki Sta., and then walk 40 min.	(1) 大間木公園 : JR武蔵野線東浦和駅より徒歩15分 (2) 岩槻文化公園 : 東武野田線岩槻駅又は東岩槻駅より徒歩40分	https://www.stib.jp/event/event.shtml
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The following events have been cancelled or postponed. (as of Jul.23)

Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Tsukiji Hongan-ji Temple 築地本願寺	Tsukiji Honganji Noryo Bon Odori Taikai 築地本願寺納涼盆踊り大会	Summary: <i>Bon Odori</i> (folk dancing) at the temple. <i>Oedo Sukeroku Taiko</i> is performed before <i>Bon Odori</i> . Many food stalls will be set up. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Tsukiji Sta. (H10) (Exit1), and then walk 1 min.	東京メトロ日比谷線築地駅(1番出口)より徒歩1分	https://tsukijihongwanji.jp/
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Fussa 福生市	Fussa 福生市	Fussa Tanabata Matsuri 福生七夕まつり	Summary: Star Festival with various decorations of colored paper streamers and strips. The highlight of this festival is <i>Min'yo-odori</i> folk dancing. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Over 100 food stalls will be set up. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Ome Line to Fussa Sta.	JR青梅線福生駅下車	https://www.fusatanabata.com/

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Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Hachioji 八王子市	Taga-jinja Shrine, Hachiman Yakumo-jinja Shrine, Koshu-kaido Street, Yu-road and others 多賀神社、 八幡八雲神社、 甲州街道、 ユーロードほか	Hachioji Matsuri 八王子まつり	Summary: Summer Festival. Various events are scheduled in the city during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	(1) JR Chuo Line to Hachioji Sta., and then walk 5 min. (2) Keio Line to Keio-Hachioji Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR中央線八王子駅より徒歩5分 (2) 京王線京王八王子駅より徒歩10分	https://www.hachiojimatsuri.jp/
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Edogawa-ku 江戸川区	Edogawa River 江戸川河川敷	Edogawa-ku Hanabi Taikai 江戸川区花火大会	Summary: Fireworks Display with 14,000 fireworks over Edogawa River. Depending on the weather condition, the event will be postponed to next day. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	(1) Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinozaki Sta. (S20), and then walk 15 min. (2) JR Sobu Line to Koiki Sta., and then walk 25 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄新宿線篠崎駅より徒歩15分 (2) JR総武線小岩駅より徒歩25分	https://www.city.edogawa.tokyo.jp/e032/sports/kankomidokoro/hanabi/index.html
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Ikegami Honmon-ji Temple 池上本門寺	Mitama Matsuri Bon Odori Taikai みたま祭り 盆踊り大会	Summary: Soul Festival of the temple, featuring <i>Bon Odori</i> (folk dancing meet) in the precincts. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	(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	https://honmonji.jp/index.html
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Ningyocho-dori Street 人形町通り	Setomono-ichi せともの市	Summary: Ceramic Fair held on Ningyocho-dori Street. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	(1) Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Ningyocho Sta. (H13, A14) (2) Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line to Suitengu-mae Sta. (Z10)	(1) 東京メトロ日比谷線又は都営地下鉄浅草線人形町駅下車 (2) 東京メトロ半蔵門線水天宮前駅下車	https://www.centraltokyo-tourism.com/sport/detail/801000051
Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Tomioka Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 富岡八幡宮ほか	Tomioka Hachimangu Reitaisai (Fukagawa Hachiman Matsuri / Mizukake Matsuri) Horen・Mikoshi Togyo 富岡八幡宮例大祭 (深川八幡祭り / 水かけ祭り) 鳳輦・神輿渡御	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, which is one of the Tokyo's Three Greatest Summer Festivals and called <i>Mizukake Matsuri</i> , literally meaning a festival in which local people scatter water drops over <i>Mikoshi</i> carriers. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	(1) Tokyo Metro Tozai Line to Monzen-Nakacho Sta. (T12), and then walk 3 min. (2) Toei Oedo Subway Line to Monzen-Nakacho Sta. (E15), and then walk 6 min.	(1) 東京メトロ東西線門前仲町駅より徒歩3分 (2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線門前仲町駅より徒歩6分	http://www.tomiokahachimangu.or.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	-	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神	Kameido Tenjin Reitaisai 亀戸天神例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The festival features about 1,000 Kentomoyo (lighted lanterns). The festival is rather small in scale this year. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	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/
Kanto 関東	-	Ibaraki 茨城県	Mito 水戸市	National Road No.50 (between JR Mito Sta. North Exit and Daikumachi intersection) 国道50号(JR水戸駅北口~大工町交差点間)	Mito Komon Matsuri 水戸黄門まつり	Summary: Summer Festival in commemoration of the famous feudal lord in Edo period "Mito Mitsukuni" (1628-1701). "Komon" is his nickname. Various events are scheduled along National Road No.50 during the festival period. The highlight of this festival this year is <i>Mito Komon Chochin Gyoretsu</i> (lantern parade). Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit)	JR常磐線水戸駅(北口)下車	https://mitokoumon.com/koumon/
Kanto 関東	-	Gunma 群馬県	Numata 沼田市	Haruna-jinja Shrine, Suga-jinja Shrine, City hall and others 榛名神社、須賀神社、市役所ほか	Numata Matsuri 沼田まつり	Summary: The festival features a parade of 10 <i>Mando</i> (beautifully adorned floats) and <i>Mikoshi</i> in the city daily during the festival period. The highlight of this festival is a parade of two huge <i>Tengu Mikoshi</i> (Japanese folkloristic creature with a long nose), carried by about 300 women. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Joetsu Line to Numata Sta., then walk 15 min.	JR上越線沼田駅より徒歩15分	https://www.city.numata.gunma.jp/kanko/numatamatsuri/