

Seasonal Event Information

April 2016

★ Event schedules are subject to change.
Please contact event organizers before you go.



Events Held in Hiroshima City

Sat., April 2 & Sun., April 3

Spring Gourmet Festival 2016 はる 春のまるごとグルメフェスタ 2016

TIME: 10:00am – 5:00pm

PLACE: The Open Space of the Former Municipal Baseball Stadium, Motomachi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: Get off at the Kamiya-cho-nishi or the Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stops.

ADMISSION FEE: Free

INQUIRIES: Chugoku Shimbun 082-236-2211 (Mon. – Fri., 9:30am – 5:30pm)

☑ More than 80 food stalls will participate in this event. *Kagura* performances will also be held on Apr. 2 (① 11:00am & ② 2:30pm).

Sun., April 3

Kan-ou (Cherry Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony かんおうちやかい 観桜茶会

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm

PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. It is a 5 min. walk from the stop.

FEE: ¥700 for the tea ceremony

◇ Admission fee for the garden is also required.

〔 Adults - ¥260, University & High school students - ¥150
Junior high & Elementary school students - ¥100 〕

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620

● Shukkeien Garden Special Night Hours for Cherry Blossoms Season ●

PERIOD: Thu., March 24 – Sun., April 3

OPEN HOURS: 9:00am – 9:00pm ◇ Entry allowed up to 30 min. prior to closing time

☺ Cherry blossom trees in the garden will be illuminated in the evening.



Fri., April 8 – Sun., April 17

Spring Green Fair 2016 はる 春のグリーンフェア 2016

TIME: 10:00am – 5:00pm

PLACE: Chuo Koen (Park), Moto-machi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: It is a 10 min. walk from the Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stop.

INQUIRIES: *Ryokusei Ka*, Hiroshima City Hall 082-504-2396



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Wed., April 13 – Tue., April 19**2016 Cherry Blossom Viewing in Hiroshima**はな 花のまわりみち〜八重桜 イン広島〜
や え ざ くら ひろしま**TIME:** 10:00am – 8:00pm**PLACE:** Zohei Kyoku (Japan Mint), Hiroshima Branch, Saeki-ku**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Itsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Itsukaichi Streetcar Stop. Extra buses to the venue will run from the north exit of the JR station during the event period.**ADMISSION FEE:** Free**INQUIRIES:** Japan Mint, Hiroshima Branch 082-922-1597

☑ 60 varieties and 218 cherry trees will be in full bloom.

Sat., April 16 & Sun., April 17**Microbrewery Beer Fest in Hiroshima 2016**

じ 地ビールフェスタ in ひろしま 2016

TIME: ◆ Apr. 16: noon – 8:00pm ◆ Apr. 17: 11:00am – 5:00pm**PLACE:** The Open Space of the Former Municipal Baseball Stadium, Motomachi, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** Get off at Kamiya-cho-nishi or Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stop.**TICKETS:** (Food is not included in the ticket prices below)Advance:

- ① For ten glasses of beer (250ml) with a commemorative glass - ¥4,000
- ② For five glasses of beer (250ml) with a commemorative glass - ¥2,800
- ③ For five glasses of beer (250ml) with a plastic cup - ¥2,400
- ④ Tickets for tasting (20 glasses of beer, 80ml) with a commemorative glass - ¥3,200
 - ◇ The number of tickets for ①, ② & ④ are limited.
 - ◇ Advance tickets are sold at convenience stores (Lawson, SevenEleven), JTB Shop, etc. in Hiroshima City.

At the venue:

- ① For one glass of beer - ¥500
- ② Tickets for tasting (20 glasses of beer) with a plastic cup - ¥3,300
- ③ Glass - ¥500
- ④ Plastic cup - ¥50

✋ **Please reuse your glass or a plastic cup to help reduce garbage.****INQUIRIES:** Golden Garden 082-248-2657 (4:00pm – midnight except on Sun. & national holidays)

☑ Please come to the venue by public transportation and refrain from driving if you drink any. Underage (19 years old and younger) drinking is also prohibited.

**Fri., April 29****Cha-tsumi (Tea Leaf-Picking) Performance & Tea Ceremony**ちやつみ 茶摘まつり (茶会)
ちやかい**TIME:** 10:00am – 3:00pm**PLACE:** Shukkeien Garden**ACCESS:** Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae.
It is a 5 min. walk from the stop.**ADMISSION FEE:** Adults-¥260, University & High school students-¥150,
Junior high school & Elementary school students-¥100**INQUIRIES:** Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620✋ **Tea Leaf-picking Demonstration:** 4 times (10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm & 2:00pm)

Saotome, girls dressed in a traditional costume, will demonstrate an old-fashioned way of tea leaf-picking. Freshly-picked tea will be served for free.

✋ **Tea Ceremony:** 10:00am – 3:00pm / ¥600 is required for *matcha*, green powdered tea.

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Tue, May 3 – Thu., May 5**The 40th Hiroshima Flower Festival** だい かい
第40回ひろしまフラワーフェスティバル**TIME:** From 11:00am onward**PLACE:** Peace Memorial Park, Heiwa-Odori (Peace Boulevard), etc.**ACCESS:** Get off at the Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stop, then walk for about 5 min.**EVENTS:** May 3: Opening ceremony, parade, etc.

May 4: Stage performances

May 5: *Kinsai Yosakoi* dancing parade, closing ceremony, etc.

May 3 – 5: Various stage performances, sales kiosks, and other events

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Flower Festival Executive Committee
082-294-4622 HP: <http://www.hiroshima-ff.com>**Mon., May 9****Hiroshima Rosoku Takiginoh** ひろしまろうそくたぎのう
広島蠟燭新能**TIME:** 6:00pm – 9:00pm ✧ The venue will open at 5:00pm.**PLACE:** Hiroshima Gokoku Jinja (Shrine), *Noh* stage, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** It is a 10 min. walk from the Kamiya-cho-nishi or the Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stops.**TICKET:** S-¥10,000 A-¥8,000 B-¥5,000✧ Advance tickets are sold at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine, EDION Hiroshima, *Hon-kan* (Kamiya-cho), *Fukuya* Department Store (Hiroshima Station) and Chugoku Shimbun.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Gokoku Jinja 082-221-5590 (9:00am – 5:00pm)☐ *Noh* is a traditional Japanese performing art.☐ This performance will be held at JMS Aster Plaza (Kako-machi, Naka-ku) if it rains on the 9th. Please check the shrine's website (<http://www.h-gokoku.or.jp>) or call the shrine (082-221-5590) about the venue.**Events Held on Miyajima****Fri., April 8****Hana-matsuri Buddhist Memorial Service** はなまつ ほうよう
花祭り法要**TIME:** From 11:00am onward**PLACE:** Daishoin Temple, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**INQUIRIES:** Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111☐ This is a Buddhist memorial service celebrating Buddha's birthday. *Ama-cha* (sweet tea) will be served.**Fri., April 15****Walking over Coals Ceremony** だいしょういん ひわた しき はる たいさい
大聖院 火渡り式 (春の大祭)**TIME:** From 11:00am onward**PLACE:** Daishoin Temple, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**INQUIRIES:** Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

☐ A spring festival where one walks over hot coals to pray for protection from illness and disaster. You can try it too!



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Fri., April 15**Toka-sai (Peach Blossom Festival)** とうかさい 桃花祭**TIME:** From 5:00pm onward**PLACE:** Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**FEE:** Admission fee for Itsukushima Shrine

Adults & University students - ¥300	High school students - ¥200
Junior high & Elementary school students - ¥100	

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020☑ *Bugaku* (traditional court dance and music) will be played after the ritual.**Sat., April 16 – Mon., April 18****Toka-sai, Noh Ceremony** とうかさいごしんのう 桃花祭御神能**TIME:** 9:00am – 4:00pm**PLACE:** Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**FEE:** Admission fee for Itsukushima Shrine

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Junior high & Elementary school students - ¥100	

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020☑ Various *Noh* performances will be held on Itsukushima Shrine's floating *Noh* stage in the sea from the morning to the evening over a period of 3 days.**Sat., April 23 & Sun., April 24****Hiroshima Yoga Peace '16** ひろしまヨガピース '16**SCHEDULE:** Please check the website below for the schedule.**PLACE:** Iwaso (a Japanese inn) & Daishoin Temple, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**FEE:** ¥3,500 / class Yoga mat rental: ¥500 / day**TO APPLY:** Applications will be accepted through the website (<http://www.hiroshima-yogapeace.com>) until Sun., April 10 (Japanese language only).**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Yoga Peace Executive Committee 080-5629-1892E-mail: yoga@hiroshima-yogapeace.com HP: <http://www.hiroshima-yogapeace.com>

☑ Famous yoga teachers from Japan and abroad will come and teach you yoga from various schools.

**Fri., April 29 – Sun., May 8****Daishoin Temple Satsuki (Azalea) Festival** だいしょういんまつ 大聖院さつき祭り**TIME:** 8:00am – 5:00pm**PLACE:** Daishoin Temple, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**ADMISSION FEE:** Free**INQUIRIES:** Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

☑ Exhibition of temple treasures, calligraphy by virtuous monks and flower arrangements.

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Tue., May 3**Annual Celebration at Awashima Shrine**あわしまじんじやれいさい
粟島神社例祭**TIME:** From 11:00am onward**PLACE:** Awashima Shrine, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**INQUIRIES:** Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020☑ This is the annual celebration of “*Awashima-san*”, also known as the guardian deity of women.**Wed., May 18****Ritual Ceremony for Empress Suiko & Bugaku**すいこてんのうさいようはいしき
推古天皇祭遙拜式**TIME:** From 9:00am onward**PLACE:** Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**ADMISSION FEE:** Adults & University students-¥300, High school students-¥200,
Junior high & Elementary school students-¥100**INQUIRIES:** Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020☑ After the ritual ceremony for Empress Suiko (A.D.554-628), *Bugaku* (traditional Japanese imperial court dance and music) will be performed.**Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City****Sat., Sun. & national holidays****Sake Brewery Opening**じょうかまちさいじょう
ようこそ醸華町西条**PLACE:** Sake Breweries, Higashihiroshima City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Saijo Station (JR Sanyo Line).**FEE:** Free**INQUIRIES:** *Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-jo*

Tel. & Fax 082-421-2511 (10:00am – 4:00pm, closed on Mondays)

☑ Some *sake* breweries open to the public on Sat., Sun. & national holidays. Signboards with the words “よ
うこそ醸華町西条” (“*Yokoso Jokamachi Saijo*”) will be placed in front of the opened breweries.**Sat., March 26 – Sun., April 10****Sakura (cherry blossom) Festival at Kosanji Temple**こうさんじさくら
耕三寺桜まつり**PLACE:** Kosanji Temple & Kosanji Temple Museum, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** ① Take a “*Shimanami Liner*” express bus from Hiroshima Bus Center (Hiroshima Sogo Department Store, 3F) and get off at Setoda Bus Stop (a 1 hour and 40 min. bus ride). Then take another bus from there and get off at Kosanji-mae. ✧ Please note that reservations are required to take a “*Shimanami Liner*”. Call the Hiroko Reservation Center (082-238-3344) for more information.

② Get on a ferry from Mihara Port or Onomichi Port and get off at Setoda Port.

ADMISSION FEE FOR THE TEMPLE & THE MUSEUM: Adults & University students-¥1,200
High school students-¥700 Junior high school students and under-Free**INQUIRIES:** Kosanji Temple & Kosanji Temple Museum 0845-27-0800

☑ 200 cherry blossom trees will be in full bloom during this period. Various events such as offering up cherry blossom-flavored tea and judging entries in a photo contest will be held.

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Sat., April 2**Sakura (cherry blossom) Tea Ceremony** さくら^{ちやかい}茶会**TIME:** 11:00am – 3:30pm**PLACE:** In front of JR Onomichi Station, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line).**TICKETS:** Advanced tickets-¥2,000 At the venue-¥2,500**INQUIRIES:** *Onomichi Shoko Kaigisho, Josei Kai* 0848-22-2165**Sun., April 3****Sakura (cherry blossom) Festival in Hatsukaichi** はつかいち^{さくら}桜まつり**TIME:** From 9:30am onward**PLACE:** Around the Northern Area of Mokuzai-ko (port), Shohoku Ground, Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** It is a 20 min. walk from JR Hatsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** *Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association) 0829-31-5656

☑ Parade, stage performances, kiosks, etc.

Sun., April 3**Myoga Kagura Performance** みょうががく^{らほうのう}名荷神楽奉納**TIME:** 1:00pm – 3:30pm**PLACE:** Myoga, Setoda-cho, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** It is 5 min. by car from the Ikuchijima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway.**INQUIRIES:** *Setoda-cho Kanko Annaijo* (Tourist Information) 0845-27-0051

☑ This is designated as one of Hiroshima Prefecture's intangible folklore cultural assets.

Sun., April 3**The 31st Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival in Miyoshi** だい^{かい}31^回三^次さくら^{まつり}祭**TIME:** 10:00am – 4:00pm

☼ Night time illumination ☼

PERIOD & TIME: Sat., March 26 – Sun., April 10 6:00pm – 10:00pm

PLACE: *Ozekiyama Koen* (Park) & Miyoshi Hondori Shopping Street, Miyoshi City**ACCESS:** Take a bus from JR Miyoshi Station (JR Geibi Line) and get off at Ozekiyama Koen. It is a 5 min. walk from there.**INQUIRIES:** *Miyoshi City Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association) 0824-63-9268**Sun., April 10****Sakagura Walking Tour (Free)** さかぐら^{酒蔵}のまち てくてくガイド**TIME:** Tour will start on an as-needed basis between 10:00am and 11:00am.**MEETING PLACE:** *Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-jo* (Tourist Information Center), Higashihiroshima City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Saijo Station (JR Sanyo Line).**FEE:** Free**INQUIRIES:** *Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-jo* Tel. & Fax 082-421-2511

- ☑ A volunteer guide will show you *Sakagura-dori* (Sake Brewery Street). During the tour you will be able to taste sake and the purified water that is used to make it.
- ☑ A regular guided tour (fee-based) is also held every day except on the 10th. An English speaking guide is available. Please contact the *Saijo Sakagura-dori* Tourist Information Center in advance.



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Sun., April 10**Takehara *Sakura* (Cherry Blossom) Festival** たけはら ^{ざくら}桜まつり in バンブー**TIME:** 10:00am – 3:00pm**PLACE:** Bamboo Joy Highland (Park), Takehara City**ACCESS:** It is 10 min. by car from JR Takehara Station (JR Kure Line).**INQUIRIES:** Takehara City Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0846-22-4331

☑ Stage performances, kiosks, etc.

**Sun., April 10****Festival at Seishinji Temple** せいしんじ 棲真寺まつり**TIME:** 10:00am – 3:00pm**PLACE:** Seishinji Temple, Mihara City**ACCESS:** It is 30 min. by car from JR Kouchi or JR Hongo Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** Ukishiro Lobby Kanko Annaijo (Tourist Information) 0848-67-5877☑ Zen priests (*komuso*) parade, ritual, kiosks, etc.**Thu., April 14 – Tue., May 17****Hoisting of *Koi-nobori* (Carp-shaped Streamers)** こい 鯉のぼり ぶ なが 吹き流し**TIME:** 9:00am – 9:00pm (Kure-Portpier Park open hour)**PLACE:** Kure-Portpier Park, Kure City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Kure-Portpier Station (JR Kure Line).|**ADMISSION FEE:** Free**CLOSED:** Every Wednesday**INQUIRIES:** Tenno Shimin Center 0823-38-7543 HP: <http://www.kurepo.com>☑ Families with boys will hoist *koi-nobori* (carp-shaped streamers) to assure their boy's success and good health at *tango-no-sekku* (the Boy's Festival) on the 5th of May.

100 streamers will be hoisted at the event. You can also see them from the JR Kure Line train.

☑ *Kure Kodomo* (children) Festival will also be held on May 4.**Sat., April 16 – Mon., April 18****Miyatoko Festival** みやとこ 宮床まつり**PLACE:** Around JR Tadanoumi Station (JR Kure Line) and Tokoura Shrine, Takehara City**ACCESS:** It is a 3 min. walk from JR Tadanoumi Station (JR Kure Line)**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0846-26-1325

☑ A plant sale and street market are popular events at this festival.

Sat., April 16 & Sun., April 17**Spring *Kannon* (Deity of Mercy) Festival** はるかんのん 春観音まつり**TIME:** Apr. 16 – 1:00pm – 4:00pm / Apr. 17 – 10:00am – 11:00am**PLACE:** Jodo-ji Temple, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** Take a bus from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Jodo-ji-shita (a 7 min. bus ride). It is 1 min. from there.**INQUIRIES:** Jodo-ji Temple 0848-37-2361☑ A Buddhist memorial service will be held. *Chigo-gyoretsu*, a parade of children wearing *kimono*, will also be held.

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Sun., April 17**Kannon-san (Deity of Mercy) Festival** かんのんさん**TIME:** Ritual ① From 11:00am onward ② From 2:00pm onward**PLACE:** Gokuraku-ji Temple, Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** It is 30 min. by car from the JR Hatsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** Gokuraku-ji Temple 0829-39-0008**Wed., April 20****Hatsuka-no-ichi Market** はつか いち
廿日の市**TIME:** 8:30am – 10:30am**PLACE:** Shingu Chuo Koen (Park), Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** Get off at Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line). It is a 3 min. walk from this stop.**INQUIRIES:** Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0829-31-5656**Thu., April 21****Commemorative Ceremony for Kobo-daishi** こうぼうだいししょうみえいく はなくよう
弘法大師 正 御影供 (花供養)**TIME:** From 1:00pm onward**PLACE:** Saikoku-ji Temple, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** Take a bus from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off Saikoku-ji-shita. It is a 5 min. walk from there.**INQUIRIES:** Saikoku-ji Temple 0848-37-0321

☑ This is a Buddhist memorial service for *Kobo-daishi* (aka *Kuka*), a Buddhist monk during the Heian Period (794 A.D.–1185 A.D.).

Sat., April 23**Kagura Performance in Yoshiwa** はるせんばつよしわかぐらきょうえんたいかい
春選抜吉和神楽競演大会**TIME:** 9:15am – 6:00pm (The venue will open at 8:30am.)**PLACE:** Gymnasium inside *Mominoki Shinrin Koen* (Forest Park), Yoshiwa, Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Miyauchi-kushido Station (JR Sanyo Line). Then, take a bus bound for Yoshiwa from the Miyauchi-kushido Bus Stop and get off at Yoshiwa-shisho (a 90 min. bus ride)**TICKETS:**

- ◆ Advance: High school students and older-¥2,000 Junior high and Elementary school students-¥500
 - ◇ Advance tickets are sold at *Hiroshima Yume Plaza* on the *Hondori* shopping street and *Alpark Tenmaya* 3F, Ticket Salon, etc.
- ◆ At the door: High school students and older-¥2,500
 - Junior high and Elementary school students-¥500

INQUIRIES: Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association), Yoshiwa Branch 0829-77-2404

Hatsukaichi City Office, Yoshiwa Branch 0829-77-2111

Mominoki Shinrin Koen 0829-77-2011**Sat., April 23 & Sun., April 24****The 73rd Onomichi Minato Festival** だい かいおのみち まつり
第73回尾道みなと祭**PLACE:** Central area of Onomichi City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** Kanko Ka, Onomichi City Hall 0848-25-7184

☑ This is the biggest festival in Onomichi. Concerts, dancing parades, etc. will be held.

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Fri., April 29**The 59th Kure Minato Festival** だい かいくれ まつり
第59回呉みなと祭**TIME:** 10:00am – 6:00pm ✧ Parade: 2:00pm – 4:30pm (tentative)**PLACE:** Kuramoto-dori Street and Renga-dori Street, Kure City**ACCESS:** It is a 10 min. walk from JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line).**INQUIRIES:** Kure Matsuri Kyokai 0823-21-0151

☑ This is one of the biggest festivals in Kure. Various events such as parades, stage performances and an open-air market will be held.

Fri., April 29**Sandankyo Spring Festival** さんだんきょうはる
三段峡春まつり**TIME:** 11:00am – 3:15pm**PLACE:** Main entrance of Sandankyo Gorge, Akiota-cho**ACCESS:** Take a bus bound for Sandankyo from Hiroshima Bus Center (Sogo Hiroshima Department Store, 3F) and get off at the last stop.**INQUIRIES:** Akiota-cho Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0826-28-1800

☑ A festival that announces the start of this year's Sandankyo Gorge hiking season. Various events, such as local performing arts shows, will be held.

Fri., April 29 – Sun., May 1**2016 Hatsukaichi ASTC Triathlon Asian Championships****ASTC アジアトライアスロン選手権2016** せんしゅけん**TIME:** 8:30am – 3:30pm ✧ 8:30am – 1:30pm on May 1**PLACE:** Around Mokuzai-ko, Hatsukaichi City

- ◆ STRAT: Around NAFCO TWO-ONE STYLE Nishi Hiroshima, Itsukaichi-ko, Saeki-ku, Hiroshima City

- ◆ GOAL: Yume Town Hatsukaichi, Shimohera, Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: ◆ NAFCO TWO-ONE STYLE Nishi Hiroshima: It is a 20 min. walk from Hiroden Hatsukaichi Streetcar Stop.

- ◆ Yume Town Hatsukaichi: It is a 7 min. walk from Hiroden Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae Streetcar Stop.

INQUIRIES: Hatsukaichi City Board of Education 0829-30-9163 HP: <http://astc-hatsukaichi.com>**Sun., May 1****The 8th Handcrafts Market at Kogen-ji Temple on Etajima**だい かい て いち
第8回えたじま手づくり市**TIME:** 10:00am – 3:00pm**PLACE:** Kogen-ji Temple, Etajima City**ACCESS:** Take a ferry to Takada Port from Hiroshima Port. It is a 7 min. walk from Takada Port.**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 090-9502-2889 E-mail: maki-p@dream.ocn.ne.jp**Sun., May 1 – Sun., May 22****Tomonoura Tai-ami (Traditional Fish-catching)** とも うらかんこうたいあみ
鞆の浦観光鯛網**TIME:** Weekdays: 1:30pm – 2:50pm

Saturdays, Sundays & national holidays: ① 10:30am – 11:50am ② 1:30pm – 2:50pm

PLACE: Sensui Island, Tomo-cho, Fukuyama City**ACCESS:** Take a bus bound for Tomonoura from JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Tomonoura (a 30 min. bus ride). Then get on a ferry to Sensui Island (a 5 min. ferry ride).

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TICKET FEE: High school students and up - ¥2,800

Junior high and Elementary school students - ¥1,400

◇ You can ride a ferry to the island without charge if you show your ticket for the event.

◇ Tickets will be sold at the ferry landing during the event period.

☺ Tickets including bus fare* are also available. *Round trip tickets are from JR Fukuyama Station to Tomo
High school students or older-¥3,300

Junior high and Elementary school students-¥1,650

INQUIRIES: *Fukuyama-shi Kanko Convention Kyokai* 084-926-2649

▣ *Tai-ami*, net-fishing of porgy, is a traditional fish-catching method which has a history of 380 years.

Tue., May 3 & Wed., May 4

Takehara Take (Bamboo) Festival たけはら竹まつり



TIME: 10:00am – 4:00pm

PLACE: *Machi-nami Hozon Chiku* (Historical areas and buildings), Takehara City

ACCESS: It is a 15 min. walk from the JR Takehara Station (JR Kure Line).

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0846-22-4331

▣ *Kaguya-hime* (Moon Princess) parade, bamboo craft classes, tasting *Sasa-zake* (a type of sake), etc.

Tue., May 3 – Thu., May 5

Miyoshi Wine Festival はるみよし春の三次ワイン祭

TIME: 10:30am – 4:00pm

PLACE: Hiroshima Miyoshi Winery, Miyoshi City

ACCESS: Take a bus from JR Miyoshi Station (JR Geibi Line) and get off at Hiroshima Miyoshi Winery.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Miyoshi Winery 0824-64-0200

▣ Various events will be held.

Sat., May 7

Innoshi-marché いんのしまルシェ

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm

PLACE: Innoshima Flower Center, Onomichi City

ACCESS: ① Take a bus bound for Innoshima Habu-ko from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Innoshima Ohashi. It is a 10 min. walk from there.

② It is 5 min. by car from Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 080-1929-5018 E-mail: innoshimarche@yahoo.co.jp

▣ This is an open-air market.

Sat., May 7

The 25th Onomichi Noh Performance だい かいおのみちたきぎのう 第25回尾道薪能

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm ◇ The venue will open at 5:00pm

PLACE: Jodo-ji Temple, Amida-do, Onomichi City

ACCESS: Take a bus from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off Jodo-ji-shita (a 7 min. bus ride).

TICKET: Advanced: Adults-¥3,000 University students-¥1,000

At the door: Adults-¥3,500 University students-¥1,000

◇ High school students and under-Free

◇ Advanced tickets are sold at *Fukuya* Department Stores (Hatchobori & Hiroshima Station) and EDION Hiroshima Play Guide (*Honkan*, B1F; Kamiya-cho) in Hiroshima City.

INQUIRIES: *Onomichi Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association) 0848-37-9736

Executive Committee 080-6344-3360 (Kajikawa)

▣ *Noh* is a traditional Japanese performing art.

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Sun., May 8**Hana Matsuri at Tounji Temple**とうんじ はなまつり
洞雲寺の花祭り**TIME:** Ritual – From 10:00am onward**PLACE:** Tounji Temple, Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** It is a 10 min. walk from JR Hatsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** Tounji Temple 0829-31-2461

☐ This is a ceremony to celebrate Buddha's birthday.

Events Held in Yamaguchi Prefecture**Sat., April 2 & Sun., April 3****Byakko (white fox) Festival at Yuda Onsen**ゆだ おんせんびやっこ
湯田温泉白狐まつり**TIME:** ◆ Apr. 2: 10:00am – 9:00pm ◆ Apr. 3: 10:00am – 3:00pm**PLACE:** Yuda Onsen, *Inoue Koen* (park), Yamaguchi City**ACCESS:** It is a 10 min., walk from JR Yuda Onsen Station (JR Yamaguchi Line)**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 083-920-3000☐ Various events such as a white fox parade on the 2nd and food kiosks & a motor show on the 3rd will be held.**Sun., April 24****Tenjin Spring Festival in Yanai**やないてんじんはる
柳井天神春まつり**TIME:** 9:00am – 4:00pm ◆ *Daimyo* Parade: From 1:00pm onward◆ Pre-event will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on the 23rd.**PLACE:** Yanai Tenmangu Shrine and *Yanai Ekimae* Street, Yanai City**ACCESS:** It is a 15 min. walk from JR Yanai Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** *Yanai Shoko Kaigisho* 0820-22-3731☐ The “*Daimyo's* (feudal lords in the Edo Period) Retinue” is the highlight of this festival.**Fri., April 29****Kintaikyo Matsuri (Festival)**きんたいきょう
錦帯橋まつり**TIME:** 9:00am – 3:30pm**PLACE:** Around Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni City**ACCESS:** Take a train on the JR Sanyo Line and get off at JR Iwakuni Station (a 50min. ride). Take a bus for Kintaikyo Bridge from the station (a 20min. bus ride).**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0827-41-2037☐ Performance of a feudal lord's procession, arquebus demonstration (an old style of gun used in the 15th – 17th centuries), *taiko* (traditional Japanese drums) performance, etc.**Sun., May 1 – Thu., May 5****Hagiyaki (Hagi Ware) Festival**はぎやき
萩焼まつり**TIME:** 9:00am – 5:30pm**PLACE:** *Hagi Shimin Taiikukan* (gymnasium), etc., Hagi City**ACCESS:** It is a 5 min. walk from JR Hagi Station (JR Sanin Line).**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0838-25-3333☐ *Hagiyaki* is a type of traditional pottery produced in Hagi City and one of the famous potteries of Japan. There will be various event areas such as a *hagiyaki* market and a pottery wheel experience.

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Tue., May 3 & Wed., May 4**Tea Ceremony in Hagi** はぎ だいぢやかい 萩・大茶会**TIME:** 10:00am – 3:00pm ◇ Tea offering ceremony: May 3, from 9:30am onward**PLACE:** Hagi-jo Ato (Shizuki Koen Park), Kyu Asa Mouri-ke Hagi Yashiki Nagaya, Kyu Kubota House & Kumagaya House, Hagi City**ACCESS:** Take a bus from JR Hagi Station (JR Sanin Line) and get off at Higi-jo Ato / Shizuki Koen Iriguchi. It is a 2 min. walk from there.**FEE:** ¥600 for tea ceremony**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0838-25-3139☐ A *koto* (traditional Japanese harp) & *shakuhachi* (traditional Japanese bamboo flute) concert will be held.**Tue., May 3****The 14th Iwakuni Kusunoki Fireworks Festival**だい かいいわくに はなび 第14回岩国くすのき花火フェスティバル**TIME:** Festival – 11:00am – 8:30pm / Fireworks Festival – From 7:30pm onward**PLACE:** Around *Kusunoki Hiroba*, Kusunoki-cho, Iwakuni City**ACCESS:** It is a 20 min. by bus from JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 090-6437-2215**Thu., May 5****Friendship Day 2016** にちべいしんぜん 日米親善デー**TIME:** Not finalized**PLACE:** MCCS Iwakuni, Iwakuni City**ACCESS:** Get on a shuttle bus to the venue or walk about 30 min. from JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line).**INQUIRIES:** Iwakuni Base 0827-79-1110 or 0827-21-4171HP: <http://www.mcasiwakuni.marines.mil/> Event HP: <http://friendship-day.net>☐ This is the annual opening of the Iwakuni Base and this year is the 40th anniversary year. “The 40th Anniversary JMSDF (Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force) / MCAS Iwakuni Friendship Day 2016 Air Show” will be held. Various events will also be held on this day. Please check the event website for more information.

☐ There will be a security check at the entrance. You will be required to show your ID.



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