Seasonal Event Information

2016-2017 winter

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

Events Held in Hiroshima City



Every Wednesday until December 28, 2016 ★ December 7, 14, 21 & 28

広島 県民 文化 センター「広島 神楽」 Hiroshima *Kagura*

TIME: 7:00pm – 8:45pm (The venue will open at 6:00pm.)

VENUE: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center, Ote-machi, Naka-ku (located near Hondori Shopping Street) ACCESS: From Kamiya-cho-nishi or Hondori Streetcar Stops, walking time to destination is 3 minutes. **TICKETS:** ¥1,000 \diamond All non-reserved seats

♦ Tickets will be sold from 5:00pm on the performance date at the center.

There are no advance tickets.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center 082-245-2311

Thurs., November 17, 2016 – Tue., January 3, 2017

Hiroshima Dreamination 2016 ひろしまドリミネーション 2016

TIME: 5:30pm – 10:30pm

PLACE: Heiwa-odori and shopping streets in the center of Hiroshima City

ACCESS: Take a streetcar or bus for the center of Hiroshima City.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Light-up Project Executive Committee (inside Rest House, Peace Memorial Park) 082-247-6805 HP: http://www.dreamination.com/

Trees along *Heiwa-odori* and shopping streets will be decorated with various colored lights.

Sun., December 4 & 18, 2016; Sun., January 15, 2017

Hiroshima Minato Marché ひろしまみなとマルシェ

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

PLACE: Open Space between East and West Terminal of Hiroshima Port, Minami-ku ACCESS: Take the No. 1, 3 or 5 streetcar bound for Hiroshima Port and get off at the last stop, Hiroshima Port.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Minato Marché Office 082-255-6646

I You can buy and taste locally-grown fresh vegetables and other food products at the marché.

Sun., January 22

Emperor's Cup: The 22nd Inter Prefectural Men's Ekiden Hiroshima

(Relay Road Race)

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Sun., March 19

"Sweets" Marathon in Hiroshima



ツマラソン in 広島

TIME: 8:00am – 5:00pm

PLACE: Hiroshima Minato Koen (park), Minami-ku

ACCESS: Take the No. 1, 3 or 5 streetcar bound for Hiroshima Port and get off at the last stop, Hiroshima Port.

PARTICIPATION FEE: High school students and up-¥6,000

Junior high and elementary school students-¥3,000

HOW TO APPLY: Applications are accepted online.

(check the HP (http://www.sweets-marathon.jp) for more information.)

Deadline for application - Mon., Feb. 20, 2017

In the event that all application slots are filled, applications will be closed before Feb. 20.

INQUIRIES: Sweets Marathon Office 03-6848-7284 (Mon. – Fri., 10:00am – 6:00pm) HP: http://www.sweets-marathon.jp

This is an event in which you can enjoy both running a marathon and eating sweets. "Sweets stations" will be set up instead of water stations on the marathon course. You can eat as much as you like of various kinds of small-sized sweets at each station. Sweets kiosks and Hiroshima Minato Marché will also be set up.

Events Held on Miyajima

Thurs., November 24 – Sun., December 18

Itsukushima Shrine: World Heritage Registration 20th Anniversary

Exhibition of Itsukushima Shrine Treasures

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PLACE: The Gallery of Itsukushima Shrine Treasures, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

ADMISSION FEE: Adults & University students-¥1,000 High school students-¥500 Junior high & Elementary school students-¥300

INQUIRIES: Miyajima Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0829-44-2011

Itsukushima Shrine's fine arts and crafts which are designated as national treasures and important cultural properties will be exhibited in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the registration on the world heritage list.

Tue., December 6

Itsukushima Shrine: World Heritage Registration 20th Anniversary

Bugaku Performance (musical court dance) 嚴島神社世界遺產登録 20周年記念

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TIME: Afternoon

PLACE: Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or 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: Miyajima Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0829-44-2011

Fri., December 23

Tencho-sai Festival

TIME: From 9:30am onward

PLACE: Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

FEE: Admission fee for Itsukushima Shrine

Adults & University students-¥300, High school students-¥200

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Junior high & Elementary school students-¥100

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

 Tencho-sai is a festival to celebrate Emperor Akihito's birthday. Bugaku, musical court dancing, will be performed after the ritual.

Sat., December 31

Chinka-sai Festival 鎮火 祭

TIME: From 6:00pm onward

PLACE: Mikasa-hama Beach, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

ADMISSION FEE: Free

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

 This dynamic festival is held every year on New Year's Eve and people with hundreds of large and small pine torches pray for Miyajima to be protected from fires.

January 1 (Sun.), 2 (Mon.), 3 (Tue.) & 5 (Thurs.)



New Year's Ceremonies & Bugaku Performances on Miyajima

^{みゃじまはつもうで ぶがく} 宮島初詣&舞楽

 Sun., Jan. 1: Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki Ceremony & Saitan-sai Festival TIME: Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki Ceremony - From midnight onward Saitan-sai Festival – From 5:00am onward • After the ritual, bugaku will be performed. Mon., Jan. 2: Futsuka-sai Festival TIME: Ritual – From 9:00am onward / Noh performance – From 11:00am onward Bugaku performance - From 1:00pm onward • Tue., Jan. 3: Genshi-sai Festival TIME: Ritual – From 9:00am onward / Bugaku performance – From 1:00pm onward • Thurs., Jan. 5: Chikyu-sai Festival **TIME:** Ritual – From 5:30am onward • After the ritual, *bugaku* will be performed.

PLACE: Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or 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 is a musical court dance that was brought to Miyajima from Kyoto by Taira-no Kiyomori.

Bugaku has been preserved at Itsukushima Shrine for 800 years and is an important cultural asset.



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Fri., January 20

<u>Momote-sai Festival</u> 首手祭

TIME: From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Ohmoto Shrine, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

This is a shinto ceremony for the first use of a bow and arrow in the new year, wishing for a bright and happy 12 months.

Fri., February 3

<u>Setsubun-sai Festival in Miyajima</u> 節分祭

TIME: From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Daishoin Temple, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

There will be a ritual & mame-maki (bean-throwing) for good luck.

Fri., February 3

<u>Hoshi Matsuri at Daiganji Temple in Miyajima (Ritual) 重素の</u>

TIME: From 6:30pm onward

PLACE: Daiganji Temple, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Daiganji Temple 0829-44-0179

Sun., February 5

<u>Ju-san-mairi Kodomo Mame-maki (Bean-throwing)</u> 十三参り子供豆まき

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

I2-year-old-children who were born in the year of the Rooster (which is also this year in the Chinese zodiac) will throw beans in a "Mame-maki" ritual to pray for happiness throughout the year.

Sat., February 11 & Sun., February 12

The 33rd Miyajima Oyster Festival 第 33回 宮島 かき 祭 り

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm

PLACE: In front of Miyajima Pier, Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi City

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: *Miyajima Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association) 0829-44-2011

Stage performances such as *taiko* (traditional Japanese drums) will be held at the venue.

A ritual and kagami-biraki (cutting a kagami-mochi, a traditional Japanese new year's ornament

consisting of two round rice cakes) will also be held on the 11th.





Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City

Sat., Sun. & national holidays

<u>Sake Brewery Opening</u> 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., November 19, 2016 – Mon., January 9, 2017

Winter Illumination at Bihoku Kyuryo Koen 2016

こくえいびほくきゅうりょうこうえん 国営備 北丘陵 公園 ウィンターイルミネーション 2016

OPEN HOURS: Winter Illumination: 5:30pm - 9:00pm (entry allowed up to 8:00pm)

*Daytime park hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm (Nov. – Feb.)

PLACE: Kokuei Bihoku Kyuryo Koen (Park), Shobara City

ACCESS: ① From JR Nanatsuka Station (JR Geibi Line), walking time to destination is 20 minutes.

² From JR Bingo Shobara Station (JR Geibi Line), driving time to destination is 10 minutes.

- ③ From Shobara I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes.
- If From Miyoshi Higashi I.C. on the Matsue Expressway, driving time to destination is 15 minutes.

ADMISSION FEE: High school students and up-¥410, Junior & Elementary school students-¥80, Preschoolers – Free, 65 years old and up-¥210 (Identification showing your date of birth is required.)

CLOSED: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

INQUIRIES: Bihoku Koen Kanri Center 0824-72-7000

I Various events will be held during the illumination period.

December 9 (Fri.), 10 (Sat.), 11 (Sun.) & 12 (Mon.), 2016 January 13 (Fri.), 14 (Sat.), 15 (Sun.) & 16 (Mon.), 2017

<u>Iroha Antique Market</u>尾道 大骨董 祭(いろは 骨董 祭)

PLACE: Tennen Onsen Onomichi Fureai no Sato (spa facilities), Mitsugi-cho, Onomichi City

ACCESS: ① From JR Shin-Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo *Shinkansen* Line), driving time by taxi to destination is 25 minutes.

- ② From Onomichi-kita I.C. on the Chugoku Yamanami Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes.
- ③ Take a free shuttle bus to the spa from JR Higashi Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line). <u>Departure Time</u> (one round service a day)
 - JR Higashi Onomichi Station: 8:55am
 - Spa: 3:10pm

INQUIRIES: Iroha Antique Market Office 090-3155-8229





Sat., December 10, 2016 & Tue., January 10, 2017

^{さかぐら} <u>酒蔵 のまち てくてくガイド</u> Sakagura Walking Tour (Free)

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).

PARTICIPATION 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.

Tue., December 20, 2016 & Fri., January 20, 2017

Hatsuka-no-ichi Market 廿日の市

TIME: 8:30am - 10:30am

PLACE: Shimin Plaza (in front of Hatsukaichi City Hall), Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: From Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0829-31-5656

Sun., January 8

柴 燈 護摩 (火渡 り 神事) Saito-goma (Fire Walking Ceremony)

TIME: 11:00am - 12:30pm

PLACE: Saikokuji Temple, Onomichi City

ACCESS: 1) From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 20 minutes.

② From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus going east and get off at Saikokujishita. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes

FEE FOR FIRE WALKING: ¥1,500 (Fee for a hachimaki (headband) and a good-luck charm is included.) **INQUIRIES:** Saikokuji Temple 0848-37-0321

Wed., January 11

ゆみ Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Momoshima Hachiman Shrine 袖事

TIME: 9:30am - 11:00am

PLACE: Momoshima Hachiman Shrine, Momoshima-cho, Onomichi City ACCESS: Get off at JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and walk to the pier. Then get on a ferry to

Tsuneishi and get off at Fukuda. Walking time to destination: 10 minutes

INQUIRIES: Onomichi City Hall, Momoshima Branch 0848-73-2701

 This is a ritual to pray for good health and fortune throughout the year by shooting an arrow at a target.

Sun., January 29

Let's Play in the Snow in Kitahiroshima-cho!

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WHO: Foreign people who live in Hiroshima Prefecture (elementary school students and up) PLCAE: Miwa Higashi Bunka Center, Kitahiroshima-cho

 \diamond You will go to the center by bus from Hiroshima City (see below).

DEPARTURE TIME & PLACE:

♦ 7:45am at Hiroshima Kokusai Center (Naka-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City)





◆ 8:00am at JR Hiroshima Station, Shinkansen Exit (Matsubara-cho, Minami-ku, Hiroshima City) PARTICIPATION FEE: ¥1.000

HOW TO APPLY: Send a prescribed application from to the Hiroshima Kokusai Center (Hiroshima International Center; Hiroshima Crystal Plaza 6F, 8-18 Naka-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City 730-0037) by Mon., December 19. 45 people will be selected at random by a drawing of names. \diamond A participants who can show his/her home country's culture such as cooking and dance will be preferentially selected. Tel. 082-541-3777 Fax. 082-243-2001

INQUIRIES: *Hiroshima Kokusai* Center

E-mail: hic20@hiroshima-ic.or.jp

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Cancellation charge (¥1,000) will be required If you cancel the participation after Mon., January 23.

Fri., February 3

西國寺 節 分会 <u>Setsubun-e at Saikoji Temple</u>

TIME: 11:00am - 12:30pm

PLACE: Saikokuji Temple, Onomichi City

ACCESS: 10 From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 20 minutes.

⁽²⁾ From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus going east and get off at Saikokujishita. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes

INQUIRIES: Saikokuji Temple 0848-37-0321

There will be a ritual, taiko (traditional Japanese drum) performance and mame-maki (bean-throwing) for good luck.

Fri., February 3

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TIME: Ritual: From 7:30pm onward

Mame-maki (bean-throwing): 8:00pm - 8:30pm

PLACE: Kibitsuhiko Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine), Onomichi City

ACCESS: From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes. **INQUIRIES:** Kibitsuhiko Shrine 0848-22-5545

Sun., April 16 O A pre-event will be held on April 15.

Grand Tour Setouchi 2017 (cycling event) グラン・ツール・せとうち 2017
SCHEDULE: Apr. 15: Pre-event & Registration (10:00am – 5:00pm)
Apr. 16: Opening Ceremony & Cycling
PLACE: Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, Onomichi City
START & GOAL:
 140km, 110km & 70km course: Mukaishima Undo Koen (park), Onomichi City
Schedule: Opening ceremony: From 7:00am onward
Start: 7:30am / Finish: 5:00pm
 40km course: Manda Hakkou Company, Onomichi City
Schedule: Opening ceremony: From 9:30am onward
Start: 10:00am / Finish: 4:00pm

ACCESS:

Mukaishima Undo Koen: From Mukaishima I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is 5 minutes.

Manda Hakkou Company: From Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Enrollment will be accepted online from Sat., December 17, 2016 to Sun., February 26, 2017.

♦ Enrollment will be closed when all 2,300 spots are full.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Those who are elementary school students and up.
- Those who have the physical strength to complete the full distance of each course within the time limit.
- Those who agree to abide by event rules.
- Those who finish registration on April 15. ☑ Registration will NOT be accepted after April 15. PLACE: Paul Bell Square, in front of JR Onomichi Station
 - TIME: 10:00am 5:00pm

COURSE & PARTICIPATION FEE:

- Shimanami Master Course (140km): ¥9,000
- Shimanami Middle Course (110km): ¥8,000
- Shimanami Short Course (70km): ¥7,000
- 800 people will be accepted.
- 600 people will be accepted. 600 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Happy Course (40km): ¥5,500
 - 300 people will be accepted.
- **INQUIRIES:** Grand Tour Setouchi Office (inside Hiroshima TV) 082-249-1218 (Mon. - Fri., 10:00am - 6:00pm) E-mail: cycle@htv.jp HP: http://www.htv.jp/grandtour2017/
- Setouchi Shimanami Kaido is the expressway connecting six islands in the Seto Inland Sea with seven bridges between Onomichi City (Hiroshima Pref.) and Imabari City (Ehime Pref.).
- There will be aid stations where drinks and light meals are available.

Events Held in Yamaguchi Prefecture

Sun., January 1

New Year's First Shot by Iwakuni-han Teppo-tai (Firearm-equipped Army of

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TIME: From 1:30pm onward

PLACE: Riverside under the Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture

ACCESS: Take a bus from JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Kintaikyo.

INQUIRIES: Kanko Shinko Ka, Iwakuni City Hall 0827-29-5116

I Teppo-tai members dressed up as samurai warriors will shoot hinawaju (arquebus) guns to pray for peace and tranquility throughout the year.

