Seasonal Event Information

March 2017

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



Events Held in Hiroshima City

Sun., March 5 & 19

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 Hiroden Ujina or Hiroshima Port and get off at the

last stop, Hiroshima Port.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Minato Marché Office 082-255-6646

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

Sat., March 11

Memorial Service for the Great East Japan Earthquake in Hiroshima

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TIME: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

PLACE: Shinsui Terrace, Motoyasugawa River inside Peace Memorial Park, Naka-ku

ACCESS: Get off at Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stop.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima City Volunteer Information Center 082-264-6408

■ Offer a silent prayer for the earthquake victims while standing around candles.

炒 3.11 HANDS IN PRAYER 炒

In addition to the evening service, please join hands with those around you and offer a silent prayer for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake at 2:46pm on March 11.

Sat., March 11 & Sun., March 12

The 5th Hiroshima Harbor Fest 第 5回 広島 みなとフェスタ

TIME: 10:00am - 4:00pm

PLACE: *Hiroshima Minato Koen* (park), around Hiroshima Port & Ninoshima Island, Minami-ku **ACCESS:**

◆ Hiroshima Minato Koen & Hiroshima Port:

Take the No. 1, 3 or 5 streetcar bound for Hiroden Ujina or Hiroshima-ko and get off at the last stop, Hiroshima-ko.

◆ Ninoshima Island: Get on a ferry to Ninoshima Island from Hiroshima Port

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 082-250-8935

■ Various events such as stage performances, a food area and workshops will be held. Some events will require advanced reservations to participate in.



Sun., March 12

Tea Ceremony at Hiroshima Castle 広島城二の丸茶会

TIME: From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Hirayagura, Hiroshima Caslte (Ni-no-maru), Naka-ku

ACCESS: ① From Kamiya-cho-higashi or Kamiya-cho-nishi Streetcar stop, walking time to destination is 15 minutes.

② Take a Hiroshima Meipuru-pu (Hiroshima Sightseeing Loop Bus; orange route) and get off at Hiroshima-io (Gokoku-iinja-mae). Walking time to destination: 6 minutes

INQUIRIES: Bunka Shinko Ka 082-504-2501

■ Tea ceremony will be conducted by the Ueda School. The first 150 people will be accepted.

Every Wednesday between April 5 and December 27, 2017

@ Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26; May 10, 17, 24 & 31

<u>Hiroshima Kagura</u> 広島 県民 文化 センター「広島 神楽 」 定期 公演

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

PLACE: *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.

 \diamondsuit 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

Sun., March 26

Momo-mi (Peach Blossom-viewing) Tea Ceremony 桃見茶会

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. Walking time

to destination: 5 minutes **FEE:** ¥1,200 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

Sun., April 2

Kan-ou (Cherry Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. Walking time

to destination: 5 minutes

ADMISSION FEE: Adults - ¥260, University & High school students - ¥150, Junior high & Elementary

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620

Sat., April 15 & Sun., April 16

Microbrewery Beer Festa in Hiroshima 2017 地 ビールフェスタ in ひろしま 2017

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:



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

At the venue:

- For one glass of beer ¥500
- 2 Tickets for tasting (20 glasses of beer, 80ml) with a plastic cup ¥3,300
- 3 Glass (250ml) ¥500
- Plastic cup (250ml) ¥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.

Sat., April 29 & Sun., April 30

SCHEDULE: Please check the website below for the schedule.

Apr. 29: 10:00am - 7:30pm / Apr. 30: 8:30am - 4:00pm

PLACE: ◆ *Hiroshima Kokusai Kaigijo* (International Conference Center Hiroshima; located in Peace Memorial Park), Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku

◆ Hiroshima Orizuru Tower (located near A-bomb Dome), Otemachi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: Get off at Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stop.

FEE: ¥3,500 for 1 class; ¥9,500 for 3 classes; ¥14,000 for 5 clases; Yoga mat rental: ¥500 / day

TO APPLY: Applications will be accepted through the website (http://www.hiroshima-yogapeace.com/mail_v26/resereve2017.htm) until Sun., April 16 (Japanese language only).

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Yoga Peace Executive Committee 080-5629-1892

E-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.

Events Held on Miyajima

Wed., March 8

Memorial Service for Used Kitchen Knives

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TIME: From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Daishoin Temple, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Stop (Hiroden Streetcar

Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

■ This is a ritual to show gratitude for well-used kitchen knives.

Sat., March 18 – Mon., April 3

The 17th Miyajima *Hina* Doll Presentation 第17回みやじま 雛 めぐり

PLACE: Various places in Miyajima-cho

Residences or shops displaying a pink flag will allow you to view their Hina dolls.

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: Free

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

■ Antique Hina dolls which were passed down from established families in Miyajima will be on display.

Mon., March 20

TIME: From 11:00am onward **PLACE:** Kiyomori Shrine, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima Stop (Hiroden Streetcar

Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

■ This is a festival dedicated to the illustrious memory of *Taira-no Kiyomori* (1118-1181). After the ritual, *Bugaku* (court music and dance) will be played at Itsukushima Shrine.

Sun., March 26

The 13th Miyajima Kiyomori Festival 第 13回春 を 呼 ぶ 宮島 清 盛 まつり

TIME: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

PLACE: Miyajima Pier → Omote-sando Shopping Street → Mikasa Beach → Itsukushima Shrine →

Kiyomori Shrine

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden

Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajiam.

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

■ People in costumes of the Heian Period (794-1185) will parade from Miyajima Pier to Kiyomori Shrine. The parade will be held in the shrine if it rains.

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)

Fri., February 10 – Mon., March 20

<u>Hina Doll Presentation in Takehara たけはら</u> 野並 み

<u>たけはら</u>町並 み 雛 めぐり **I**

TIME: Open hours vary according to places.

PLACE: Around the Special Directory of Historical Buildings Area in Takehara City

ACCESS: From JR Takehara Station (JR Kure Line, walking time to destination 1 is 15 minutes.

ADMISSION FEE: Some places will require an admission fee.

INQUIRIES: Takehara Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0846-22-4331

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■ Antique *hina* dolls will be on display at this event. Various events will also be held during the event period.

Sat., February 18 – Mon., March 20

Hina Matsuri (qirl's festival) in Joge-cho 天袋 上下 ひなまつり

PLACE: Shirakabe no Machinami (Shopping Street), Joge-cho, Fuchu City

ACCESS: From JR Joge Station (JR Fukuen Line), walking time to destination is 3 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0847-62-3999

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■ A market area, "Deko-ichi", will be held on Mar. 4 & 5.

■ Tezukuri-ichi (handmade market) will be held on Mar. 18 & 19.

Sat., February 18 – Mon., March 20

Hina Matsuri (Girl's Festival) in Tomo 輌・町並 ひな 祭

♦ Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryo Kan (museum): 9:00am – 5:00pm

PLACE: Tomo-cho, Fukuyama City

ACCESS: Take a Tomotetsu bus from JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Tomo-no-ura (a 30 min. bus ride).

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 080-5614-2778

Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryo Kan 084-982-1121

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■ Antique *hina* dolls will be on display at this event.

Fri., March 3

<u>Mimi (ear) Festival & Memorial Service for Dolls</u> 耳祭り・人形 供養 祭

TIME: From 1:30pm onward

PLACE: Mimigo Shrine (inside Oyama Shrine), Innoshima Habu-cho, Onomichi City

ACCESS: From Innoshima-kita I.C. (Shimanami Kaido Expressway), driving time to destination is 10

minutes.

INQUIRIES: Oyama Shrine 0845-22-0827

■ March 3rd is ear day in Japan. The God of Ears ("*Mimigo-san*") is enshrined in Mimigo Shrine, which is rare in Japan. A ritual will be held to pray for people who have ear disorders to get well. A memorial service for dolls will also be held.

Sat., March 4

Saijo Joka-machi Spring Festival 春の 西条・醸 華 町 まつり

TIME: 10:00am - 4:00pm

PLACE: Around Saijo Sakagura-dori Street, Higashi Hiroshima City

ACCESS: From JR Saijo Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 3 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Higashi Hiroshima Volunteer Guide Association 082-421-2511

■ Various events such as sake brewery tours (fee: ¥800; Reservations are required. The first 80 people will be accepted.) and a stamp rally (fee: adults-¥300, children-¥100) will be held.

Fri., March 10

酒蔵 のまち てくてくガイド 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.

March 17 (Fri.), 18 (Sat.), 19 (Sun.) & 20 (Mon.)

尾道 大骨董祭 (いろは骨董祭) *Iroha* Antique Market

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). Departure Time (one round service a day)

JR Higashi Onomichi Station: 8:55am

Spa: 3:10pm

INQUIRIES: Iroha Antique Market Office 090-3155-8229

Mon., March 20

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

Sat., March 25 & Sun., March 26

Spring Festival in Noii

TIME: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

PLACE: Noji, Saizaki-cho, Mihara City

ACCESS: From JR Aki-saizaki Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Mihara City Kyoiku linkai 0848-64-9234

■ The Futon Daniiri (a float with seven futons atop it) and Shishi-daiko (Japanese drums played by children) parade are the highlights of this festival. Futon-daniiri has been designated as an intangible cultural asset of Hiroshima Prefecture.

Sat., March 25 - Thurs., April 6

Sakura (cherry blossom) Festival at Kosanji Temple

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-¥1,400 University students-¥1,000 High school students-¥800

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.

Sun., March 26

Kagura Grand Prix Special Commemorative Performance

ひろしま 神楽 グランプリ 受賞 記念 「神楽 ドーム 特別 公演 」

TIME: Venue open - 9:00am / Opening event - 10:30am / Kagura start - From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Kagura Monzen Touji Mura, Kagura Dome, Akitakata City

ACCESS: ① From Takata I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 7 minutes.

② Get on an express bus (*kosoku bus*) bound for Miyoshi and Shobara from Hiroshima Bus Center (*Sogo* Hiroshima Department Store, 3F) and get off at Midori Kosoku. Then take a taxi or a shuttle bus from there (advanced reservations required for both taxi and shuttle bus).

TICKETS: ◆ Advance: Adults-¥1,200 Children-¥600

◆ At the door: Adults-¥1.500 Children-¥800

INQUIRIES: Kagura Monzen Touji Mura 0826-54-0888

Sat., April 1

Sakura (cherry blossom) Tea Ceremony さくら 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:** Advance tickets-¥2,000 At the venue-¥2,500

→ Tickets include the fee for a cup of green tea, a lunch box, etc.

INQUIRIES: Onomichi Shoko Kaigisho, Josei Kai 0848-22-2165



Sun., April 2

<u>Sakura (cherry blossom) Festival in Hatsukaichi はつかいち 複ってい</u>

TIME: 9:30am - 4:30pm

PLACE: Around the Northern Area of Mokuzai-ko (port), Shohoku Ground, Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: From JR Hatsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 15 minutes.

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

■ Parade, stage performances, kiosks, etc.

Sun., April 2

Myoga Kagura Performance 名荷 神楽 奉納

TIME: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

PLACE: Myoga, Setoda-cho, Onomichi City

ACCESS: From the Ikuchijima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is

5 minutes.

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 9

Festival at Seishinji Temple | 棲 真 寺 まつり

TIME: 10:00am - 3:00pm

PLACE: Seishinji Temple, Mihara City

ACCESS: From JR Kouchi or JR Hongo Station (JR Sanyo Line), driving time to destination is 30

minutes.

INQUIRIES: Ukishiro Lobby Kanko Annaijo (Tourist Information) 0848-67-5877

■ Zen priests (komuso) parade, ritual, kiosks, etc.

Sat., April 22

Kagura Performance in Yoshiwa 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: From Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Miyajima Line), take the No. 13

bus bound for Yoshiwa 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

Events Held in Yamaguchi Prefecture

Sat., April 8 & Sun., April 9

Byakko (white fox) Festival at Yuda Onsen 湯苗温泉首狐

TIME: ◆ Apr. 8: 10:00am – 9:00pm ◆ Apr. 9: 10:00am – 3:00pm

PLACE: Yuda Onsen, Inoue Koen (park), Yamaguchi City

ACCESS: From JR Yuda Onsen Station (JR Yamaguchi Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 083-920-3000

■ Various events such as a white fox parade on the 8th and food kiosks & a motor show on the 9th will be held.



