

Seasonal Event Information

May 2017

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



Events Held in Hiroshima City

Every Wednesday between April 5 and December 27, 2017

☺ **May 10, 17, 24 & 31; June 7, 14, 21 & 28**

Hiroshima Kagura ひろしまけんみんぶんか 広島県民文化センター「ひろしまかぐら広島神楽」ていきこうえん定期公演

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

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.

TICKETS: ¥1,000 ✧ All non-reserved seats

✧ Tickets will be sold from 5:00 pm on the performance date at the center.
There are no advance tickets.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center 082-245-2311

Fri., April 28 – Sun., May 7

World Beer and Gourmet Stadium 2017 せかい世界のビールとグルメスタジアム 2017

TIME: Weekdays: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm / Sat., Sun. & national holidays: 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

PLACE: The Open Space of Former Municipal Baseball Stadium, Moto-machi, Naka-ku

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

ADMISSION FEE: Free, except for entry to the “kids’ park”.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee (inside the Hiroshima TV building)

082-249-1218 (Mon. – Fri., 10:00am – 6:00pm)

You can enjoy beer from all over the world, food, music, etc. every day during the event period.

Remember, no driving if you drink alcohol! Pets (except service dogs) are not allowed to enter the venue. Event may be canceled if there is bad weather.

Wed., May 3 – Fri., May 5

The 41st Hiroshima Flower Festival だい かい第41回 ひろしまフラワーフェスティバル

TIME: From 11:00 am 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.

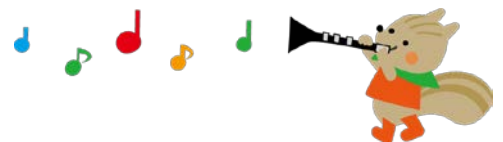
May 4: Stage performances

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>



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Wed., May 3 – Fri., May 5**Hiroshima's Sister/Friendship Cities Event: Daegu Day (Korea)**しまい ゆうこうとし ひ きねん てぐ ひ
姉妹・友好都市の日記念イベント 大邱の日

- EVENTS:** ♦ *Daegu Madan* ☺ Enjoy Korean foods!
 Date & Time: May 3 – 5 (11:00 am – 6:30 pm)
 Place: Near Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima
- ♦ Daegu day memorial ceremony and stage performance
 Date & Time: May 4 (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)
 Place: Stage CARNATION

**PLACE:** Hiroshima Flower Festival Venue, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** Get off at Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stop.**INQUIRIES:** *Kokusai Kouryu Kyouryoku Ka*, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation 082-242-8879★ **Special Opera Performance, “La Bohème”** ★

DATE & TIME: Fri., May 5, from 2:00 pm onward (doors will open at 1:00 pm)

VENUE: JMS Aster Plaza

TICKETS: ¥2,000 (all non-reserved seats)

INQUIRIES: *Bunka Shinko Ka*, Hiroshima City Hall 082-504-2500

- ❖ This will be held to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the sister-city relationships between Hiroshima City and Daegu City. The opera company from Daegu City will perform the opera “La Bohème” with the Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra. This will be played in Italian with Japanese subtitles.

Sun., May 7 & 21**Hiroshima Minato Marché** ひろしまみなとマルシェ**TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**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.

Mon., May 15**Hiroshima Rosoku Takiginhoh** ひろしまろうそくたきぎのう
広島蝋燭新能**TIME:** From 5:45pm onward ✧ The venue will open at 5:00pm.**PLACE:** Hiroshima Gokoku Jinja (Shrine), *Noh* stage, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** From the Kamiya-cho-nishi or the Genbaku Dome-mae Streetcar Stops, walking time to destination is 10 minutes.**TICKET:** SS - ¥13,000 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 15th. Please check the shrine's website (<http://www.h-gokoku.or.jp>) or call the shrine (082-221-5590) about the venue.

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Sun., May 21**Hiroshima's Sister/Friendship Cities Event: Hannover Day (Germany)**しまい ゆうこうとし ひ きねん
姉妹・友好都市の日記念イベント ハノーバーの日**TIME:** 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm**PLACE:** *Hiroshima-shi Ryugakusei Kaikan*, 1-1 Nishi-koujin-machi, Minami-ku**ACCESS:** From JR Hiroshima Station (south exit), walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**PROGRAMS:** Free tasting of German sweets and sausages, a German music concert; etc.**INQUIRIES:** *Kokusai Kouryu Kyouryoku Ka*, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation 082-242-8879**Wed., May 24****Sake Festa** にほんしゅざんさん
日本酒燦々2017**TIME:** 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**PLACE:** Alice Garden, an open space in front of Hiroshima PARCO, Nishi-shintenchi, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** From Hatchobori Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**ADMISSION FEE:** Free ✧ Fee for drink and food tickets are required**INQUIRIES:** Yamatoyashuho 082-241-5660☑ You can taste various Japanese *sake* at this event.**Fri., May 26 – Sun., May 28****Bantou Mitama Festival at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine** ばんとう まつり
万灯みたま祭**SCHEDULE:** • May 27*Miko-odori*, a dance performance by one hundred unmarried women in *miko* (female shrine attendant) dress (takes place from 7:00 pm onward.)• May 28Children's *sumo* competition (takes place from 10:00 am onward.)*Kagura* performance (takes place from 7:00 pm onward.)**PLACE:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine, Moto-machi, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** From Kamiya-cho Higashi Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590

☑ This is a festival to console the spirits of war victims.

Sun., June 4**Hiroshima Castle Memorial Day** ひろしまじょう
広島城メモリアルデー**TIME:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**PLACE:** Hiroshima Castle**ACCESS:** From Kamiya-cho Higashi or Kamiya-cho Nishi Streetcar Stops, walking time to destination is 15 minutes.**ADMISSION FEE:** Free admission on the day.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Castle 082-221-7512

☑ Various events will be held.

Fri., June 2 – Sun., June 4**Toukasan Festival** とうかさん**TIME:** Noon – 11:00 pm on Jun. 2 & 3 / Noon – 10:00 pm on Jun. 4**PLACE:** Enryuji Temple and around *Chuo-dori* Street, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** From Hatchobori Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Enryuji Temple 082-241-7420☑ *Toukasan* is one of the biggest summer festivals in Hiroshima. Many people in *yukata* (summer kimono) can be seen during the festival. Various vendors will be set up.

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Sun., June 4**Shobu (Iris-viewing) Tea Ceremony** しょうぶ ちゃかい 茶会**TIME:** 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**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:** ¥1,500 for the tea ceremony ✧ Admission fee for the garden (below) is also required.

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

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620**Sun., June 11****Rice-Planting Festival & Tea Ceremony** たう ちゃかい 田植 えまつり (茶会)**TIME:** Tea ceremony → 10:00am – 3:00pm✧ Rice-planting demonstration, *hayashi-da* performance & *nanjo* dance performance will also be held.**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:** ¥700 for tea ceremony✧ Admission fee for the garden (below) is also required.

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

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620**Events Held on Miyajima****Fri., April 28 – Sun., May 7****Daishoin Temple Satsuki (Azalea) Festival** だいしょういん まつ 大聖院 さつき 祭り**TIME:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm**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.

Wed., 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 11:00 am 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.**Thurs., 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 9:00 am onward**PLACE:** Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

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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 ようこそ 醸華町西条 じょう か まちさいじょう

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.

Thurs., April 13 – Tue., May 30

Hoisting of Koi-nobori (Carp-shaped Streamers) こいのぼり吹き流し こい ぼり 吹き ながし

TIME: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm (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.



Wed., May 3 & Thurs., May 4

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

TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

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

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0846-22-4331

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



Wed., May 3 – Sun., May 7

Miyoshi Wine Festival はるみよしまつり はる みよし まつり
春の三次ワイン祭

TIME: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

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

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Wed., May 3 – Sun., May 28**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:** Monday - Saturday: 1:30 pm – 3:20 pm

Sundays & national holidays: ① 10:30 am – 12:20 pm ② 1:30 pm – 3:20 pm

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).**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.

High school students and up - ¥3,300

Junior high and Elementary school students - ¥1,650

*Round trip tickets are from JR Fukuyama Station to Tomonoura

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.**Thurs., May 4 & Fri., May 5****Onomichi Innoshima *Jochu-giku* (pyrethrum) Festival**いんのしまじよちゆうぎく
おのみち 因島 除虫菊 まつり**TIME:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**PLACE:** Onomichi City Innoshima Flower Center**ACCESS:** ① From Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is 5 minutes.

② Take a bus bound for Innoshima Habu-ko from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Innoshima-kita I.C. Walking time to destination: 20 minutes

INQUIRIES: *Renraku Kyougi Kai Office* 090-4295-4611

▣ Various events such as an incense stick-making workshop will be held.

Fri., May 5**Innoshi-marché**

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TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**PLACE:** Onomichi City Innoshima Flower Center**ACCESS:** ① From Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is 5 minutes.

② Take a bus bound for Innoshima Habu-ko from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Innoshima-kita I.C. Walking time to destination: 20 minutes

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 080-1929-5018

▣ This is an open-air market.

**Fri., May 5****Ichiiri-sai Festival in Yoshida-cho**よしだ いちいりさい
吉田の市入祭**TIME:** From 9:30 am onward**PLACE:** Suga Shrine and Yoshida-cho Shopping Street, Yoshida-cho, Akitakata City**ACCESS:** From Takata I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 15 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** *Akitakata City Shoko Kai* 0826-42-0560▣ *Kodomo Kabuki* (kabuki performance by children) has 350-year-old history.

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Mon., May 8**Hana Matsuri at Tounji Temple**とうんじ はなまつ
洞雲寺の花祭り**TIME:** Ritual – From 10:00 am onward**PLACE:** Tounji Temple, Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** From JR Hatsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Tounji Temple 0829-31-2461

- ☐ This is a ceremony to celebrate Buddha's birthday.
- ☐ Tounji Marché will also be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the day.

Wed., May 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).**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. Advance reservations are required by a week before the day you wish to. An English speaking guide is available. Please contact the Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center in advance.

May 12 (Fri.), 13 (Sat.), 14 (Sun.) & 15 (Mon.)**Onomichi Antique Market**おのみちだいこつとうさい
尾道大骨董祭**TIME:** 8:00 am – 4:00 pm ✧ 8:00 am – noon on Monday**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: 8:55 am • Spa: 3:10 pm

INQUIRIES: Iroha Antique Market Office 090-3155-8229**Sat., May 13****The 26th Onomichi Noh Performance**だい かいおのみちたぎのう
第26回尾道薪能**TIME:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm ✧ The venue will open at 5:00 pm**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.**TICKETS:** Advance: Adults - ¥3,000 University students - ¥1,000

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

✧ Free admission for high school students and under

✧ Advance 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 14**Buddhist Rites for Mother's Day and Tea Ceremony**よ ははけいさんほうようなら く ちゃしき
世の母敬讃法要並びに供茶式**TIME:** Buddhist Rites: 11:00 am – noon / Tea Ceremony: Noon – 3:00 pm**PLACE:** Kozanji Temple & Kozanji Temple Museum, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** ① Take an express bus “*Shimanami Liner*” from Hiroshima Bus Center (Sogo Hiroshima 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 Kozanji.Please note that reservations are required to take a “*Shimanami Liner*”. Call the Hiroko Reservation Center (082-238-3344) for more information (9 am – 6 pm; open every day).

② Get on a ferry from Mihara Port or Onomichi Port and get off at Setoda Port. Walking time to destination: 10 minutes

FEE FOR THE CEREMONY: Free

◇ Admission fee for the temple and museum is required (see below).

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 Seniors (65 years old and up)-¥1,200

INQUIRIES: Kozanji Temple & Kozanji Temple Museum 0845-27-0800

☑ Carnations will be given away for free from 9:00am on the event day.

Sun., May 14**O-hanadaue (Rice-Planting Festival)**おおはなだうえ
大花田植**TIME:** From 10:30 am onward**PLACE:** Oasa Narutaki Roten Onsen, Kitahiroshima-cho**ACCESS:** ① From Oasa I.C. on the Hamada Expressway, driving time to destination is 7 minutes.② Take an express bus from JR Hiroshima Station (*Shinkansen* Exit) and get off at Oasa I.C. From Oasa I.C., time to destination by car is 7 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Oasa Narutaki Roten Onsen 0826-82-3773☑ This rice-planting performance, “*Shinjo no hayashida*”, is designated as an Important Folk Cultural Property of Japan. Beautifully decorated oxen will cultivate the rice fields and woman dressed in traditional costumes called *Saotome* will plant rice. The *Nanjo-odori* dance, which is designated as a Hiroshima Prefecture intangible cultural asset, will also be performed.**Sat., May 20****Hatsuka-no-ichi Market**はつか いち
廿日の市**TIME:** 8:00 am – 10:00 am**PLACE:** The open Space in front of Hatsukaichi City Hall, Hatsukaichi City**ACCESS:** From Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0829-31-5656**Sat., May 20 & Sun., May 21****The 50th Fukuyama Rose Festival 2017**だい かいふくやま まつり
第50回福山ばら祭2017**TIME:** ◆ May 20: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm ◆ May 21: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**PLACE:** Bara Koen (“Rose Park”), Midori-machi Koen (park), Chuo Koen (park) and Fukuyama City central area**ACCESS:** From JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 20 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Fukuyama Matsuri linkai 084-944-5515

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Sat., May 27**Satsuki Senbatsu Kagura Performance 2017**さつき^{せんばつ} 選抜 2017 第 25 回^{だい} 広島県^{かい} 北部^{ほく} 神楽^{かぐら} 競演^{きやうえん} 大会^{たいかい}**TIME:** From 1:00 pm onward (The venue will open at 10:30 am.)**PLACE:** Kagura Monzen Toji-mura, Kagura Dome, Midori-cho, Akitakata City**ACCESS:** ① Take an express bus (Miyoshi / Shobara Line) from Hiroshima Bus Center (Sogo Hiroshima Department Store, 3F) and get off at Midori Kosoku (a 1 hour bus ride). Then take a taxi or shuttle bus to Toji-mura.

◇ Reservations are required for both taxi and shuttle bus.

② From Takata I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 7 minutes.

TICKETS: A seats (box seats): For 6 people-¥18,000

B seats (box seats): For 6 people-¥15,000

For one person: Adults-¥3,000 *Children-¥1,500

S seats (reserved chair seats): Adults-¥3,000 *Children-¥1,500

A seats (reserved chair seats): Adults-¥2,500 *Children-¥1,200

Non-reserved seats: Advance: Adults-¥1,500 *Children-¥500

At the door: Adults-¥1,800 *Children-¥600

*Children = Junior high & elementary school students

◇ Tickets for A & B box seats, S & A reserved chair seats and non-reserved seats are sold at Hiroshima Yume Plaza on Hondori Shopping Street. There are also other box seat tickets available. Please call Kagura Monzen Toji-mura directly for those seats.

INQUIRIES: Kagura Monzen Toji-mura 0826-54-0888**Sat., May 27****Fukuyama Tomonoura Benten-jima Fireworks Festival**ふくやまとも^{ふくやまとも} の 浦^{うら} 弁^{べん} 天^{てん} 島^{じま} 花火^{はなび} 大会^{たいかい}**TIME:** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**PLACE:** Tomonoura, Tomo-cho, Fukuyama City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line), then take a bus bound for Tomo and get off at Tomonoura (a 30 min. bus ride).**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 084-928-1042☐ This will be postponed until the next day, Sun., May 28, if it rains heavily on the 27th.**Sat., May 27 & Sun., May 28****Mihara Satsuki Festival** みはら^{みはら} さつき^{さつき} まつ^{まつ} 祭り**TIME:** ◆ May 27: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm ◆ May 28: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**PLACE:** Around Miyaura Park, Mihara City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Mihara Station (JR Sanyo Line), then take a shuttle bus to Miyaura Park or walk for 15 min.**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0848-62-6155**Sun., May 28****Harada Hayashida (Rice-Planting Festival)** はらだ^{はらだ} はやし^{はやし} 田^だ (来^{くる} 原^{はら} さん^{さん} ばい^{ばい} 祭り^{まつり})**TIME:** 10:00 am – 4:30 pm ◆ Opening Ceremony: From 10:00 am onward

◆ Hayashida (rice-planting): From noon onward

PLACE: Kuruhara Shogakko (elementary school), Takamiya-cho, Akitakata City**ACCESS:** From Takata I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes..**INQUIRIES:** Shoko Kanko Ka, Akitakata City Hall 0826-47-4024

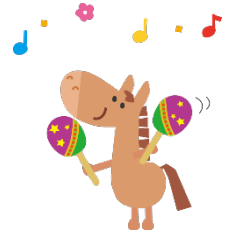
☐ This is designated as an Important Folk Cultural Property of Japan.

Other traditional rice-planting performances will also be held at this time in Akitakata City.

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Tue., May 30

Goryo-e-sai ごりょうえさい
御陵衣祭

TIME: From 2:00 pm onward

PLACE: Jigozen Shrine, Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: From Jigozen Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Miyajima Line), walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Jigozen Shrine 0829-36-0795

☐ *Bugaku*, traditional court dance and music and *yabusame*, the traditional art of shooting arrows while riding horseback, will be performed at this ceremony.

Thurs., June 1 – Sun., September 10

Cormorant Fishing in Miyoshi みよし うかい
三次の鵜飼

TIME: From 7:30 pm onward (Cruising will be canceled if it rains heavily.)

◇ Please come to the reception by 7:00pm.

PLACE: *Tokaichi Shinsui Koen* (Park), Miyoshi City

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

PASSENGER FARE:

◆ Sunday – Thursday:

• Regular fare: Junior high school students and up-¥3,000 Elementary school students-¥1,500

• Fare with a chair: Junior high school students and up-¥3,500 Elementary school students-¥1,750

◆ Friday & Saturday:

• Regular fare: Junior high school students and up-¥3,300 Elementary school students-¥1,650

• Fare with a chair: Junior high school students and up-¥3,800 Elementary school students-¥1,900

◇ Please note that reservations are required. Reservations are accepted until 5:00 pm on the day before the day you want to go.

◇ Reservations will not be accepted on June 3 (cormorant fishing festival) & August 19 (Miyoshi fireworks festival).

RESERVATIONS & INQUIRIES: *Miyoshi City Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association)

0824-63-9268 E-mail: miyo-344@bz01.plala.or.jp

☐ Fishermen start out at night with lanterns and cormorants on small wooden boats. The birds are trained to catch *Ayu* (sweetfish). Very unique white-colored cormorants (a type of water fowl, usually with black feathers) were donated by Yaan in Szechuan, China, Miyoshi's friendship city, and can be seen only in Miyoshi.

Sat., June 3

The 38th Chugoku Region Kagura Performance

だい かいちゅうごくち ほうせんぼつかぐらきょうえんたいかい
第38回中国地方選抜神楽競演大会

TIME: From noon onward (the venue will open at 10:00 am.)

◇ Numbered tickets to enter the venue will be distributed from 8:30 am.

PLACE: *Togouchi Fureai Center*, Akiota-cho

ACCESS: ① From Hiroshima Bus Center (Sogo Hiroshima Department Store, 3F), take a bus bound for Sandankyo and get off at Akiota-cho Yakuba. Walking time to destination: 1 minutes

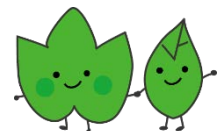
② From Togouchi I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 5 minutes..

TICKETS: Advance: Adults-¥2,100 Senior high, junior high & elementary school students-¥500

At the door: Adults-¥2,600 Senior high, junior high & elementary school students-¥500

◇ Advance tickets are sold at Lawson (convenience store), *Hiroshima Yume Plaza* on Hondori Shopping Street and *Alpark Tenmaya*.

INQUIRIES: *Akiota-cho Shoko Kai* 0826-28-2504



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June 3 (Sat.), 4 (Sun.), 10 (Sat.) & 11 (Sun.)**Annual Open House at Yoshimizuen Garden**よしみずえんいっばんこうかい
吉水園一般公開**TIME:** 9:00am – 5:00pm**PLACE:** Yoshimizuen Garden, Kake, Akiota-cho**ACCESS:** From Togouchi I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 15 minutes.**ADMISSION FEE:** 15 years old and up-¥200, 14 years old and under-Free**INQUIRIES:** Akiota-cho Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0826-28-1800☐ Various events such as *kagura* performances will also be held on June 3 & 4 in the Kake area.**Sun., June 4****Mibu-no Hanadaue (Rice-Planting Festival) in Kitahiroshima-cho**みぶはな
壬生の花だうえ
田植**TIME:** ♦ *Michi-yuki* (parade) – From 10:50 am onward

♦ Rice-planting – From 2:00 pm onward

PLACE: ♦ *Michi-yuki* (parade) – From Mibu Shopping Street to the special venue for rice-planting

♦ Rice-planting – Special venue for rice-planting

ACCESS: Take an express bus bound for Miyoshi / Shobara from Hiroshima Bus Center (Sogo Hiroshima Department Store, 3F) and get off at Chiyoda I.C. Walking time to destination: 10 minutes**INQUIRIES:** Kitahiroshima-cho Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0826-72-6908☐ *Mibu-no Hanataue* is a traditional rice-planting festival which has been designated as an Important Folk Cultural Property of Japan. Beautifully decorated cattle will cultivate the rice fields and women dressed in traditional costumes called *Saotome* will plant rice while *Taiko* drums are played. UNESCO designated this festival as a “masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity” in 2011.**Events Held in Yamaguchi Prefecture****Mon., May 1 – Fri., May 5****Hagiyaki (Hagi Ware) Festival**はぎやき
萩焼まつり**TIME:** 9:00 am – 5:30 pm**PLACE:** Hagi Shimin Taiikukan (gymnasium), etc., Hagi City**ACCESS:** From JR Hagi Station (JR Sanin Line), walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**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.**Wed., May 3****The 15th Iwakuni Kusunoki Fireworks Festival**だい かいいわくに はなび
第15回 岩国くすのき花火フェスティバル**TIME:** Festival – 11:00 am – 8:30 pm / Fireworks Festival – From 7:30 pm onward**PLACE:** Around *Kusunoki Hiroba*, Kusunoki-cho, Iwakuni City**ACCESS:** From JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line), time to destination by bus is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 090-8992-8006

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Fri., May 5**The 41st Anniversary JMSDF/MCAS Iwakuni Friendship Day 2017**

だい かいかいじょうじえいたい べいかいへいたいいわくにこうくう きち
 第41回 海上自衛隊 / 米海兵隊 岩国航空基地 フレンドシップデー2017

TIME: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm (entry allowed up to 2:00 pm ✧ The entrance gate open hours: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm)

✧ Air Show: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

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 0827-79-6227 or 0827-79-5551

HP: <http://www.marines.mil/> Event HP: <http://friendship-day.net/>

Kankou Shinkou Ka, Iwakuni City Hall 0827-29-5116

- ▣ This is the annual opening of the Iwakuni Base. 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 with a photo (e.g. driver's license, passport, resident card (for foreign nationals), etc.)

Thurs., June 1 – Sun., September 10**Cormorant Fishing in Iwakuni**

きんたいきょう うかい
 錦帯橋の鵜飼

TIME: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PLACE: Nishiki-gawa River & Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line) and take a bus bound for Kintaikyo Bridge. Get off at Kintaikyo (a 20 min. bus ride).

PASSENGER FARE: Adults-¥2,000 Children-¥1,000

✧ The fare will be temporarily changed on August 5, the day of the fireworks festival.

RESERVATIONS & INQUIRIES: Kintaikyo Ukai Office 0827-28-2877

- ▣ Originating about 400 years ago, cormorant fishing under lit lanterns is a summer tradition in Iwakuni.



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