

Seasonal Event Information

June 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

☺ June 7, 14, 21 & 28; July 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

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., 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.

Sun., June 4 & 18

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.

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.

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Sun., June 4**Shoubu (Iris-viewing) Tea Ceremony** しょうぶ ちやかい 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 ちやかい 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.

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Junior high & Elementary school students - ¥100

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620**Sun., June 11****The 22nd Streetcar Festival** だい かい ろめん でんしゃ 第22回 路面電車まつり**TIME:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**PLACE:** Around *Hiroshima Dentetsu*, *Senda Shako* (train depot), Higashi Senda-machi, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** Take a streetcar (no. 1, 3 or 7) and get off at Hiroden Honsha-mae.**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee (*Hiroshima Dentetsu*)
082-242-3551 (Mon. – Fri., 9:00 am – 5:45 pm)**Sun., June 18 – Fri., July 7****Ajisai (Hydrangea) Festival at Kannon-ji Temple** かんのんじ まつ 観音寺 あじさい祭り**TIME:** 8:30 am – 5:00 pm ☀ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on June 18**PLACE:** Kannon-ji Temple, Saeki-ku**ACCESS:** Get on a bus bound for Higashi-kannondai Danchi from Itsukaichi Streetcar Stop or JR Itsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) south exit and get off at Kannondai Iriguchi. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes**INQUIRIES:** Kannon-ji Temple 082-924-1340

▣ 5,000 hydrangeas of 350 varieties will bloom from the middle of June to the beginning of July at Kannon-ji Temple.

▣ On June 18, there will be an opening to public of *nehanzu* (a picture of Buddha entering Nirvana), and serving of *amacha* tea. *Matcha* tea will be served during the event period. *Fūrin*, a wind-bell festival will also be held.

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Thurs., June 29**Nagoshi-sai Festival at Sorasaya Shrine** なごしさい
夏越祭**TIME:** From 6:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Sorasaya Inao Shrine, Honkawa-cho, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** Get off at Honkawa-cho or Teramachi Streetcar Stops. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes**INQUIRIES:** Sorasaya Inao Shrine 082-231-4476

☐ This is a festival to pray for good health during the summer.

Fri., June 30**Nagoshi-no-Oharae at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine** ひろしまごこくじんじや
なごしのおおはらえ
広島護国神社 夏越大祓**TIME:** From 4:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine, Moto-machi, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** From Kamiya-cho Higashi Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 10 minutes. It is located near Hiroshima Castle.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590 HP: <http://www.h-gokoku.or.jp/>

☐ This is a ritual to purify sins which one has unknowingly committed which stain one's mind and body and which may have built up since the beginning of the year 2017. Visitors may purify their mind and body by placing a paper doll with their name and age written on it on their body.

Sun., July 2**Tanabata (star festival) Tea Ceremony** たなばたちやかい
七夕茶会**TIME:** Not finalized**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 school students- ¥100

◇ Fee for the tea ceremony is also required.

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620☐ *Tanabata* is a star festival usually held on July 7 each year.**Events Held on Miyajima****Thurs., June 15****Kobo-Daishi Birth Anniversary Festival** こうぼうだいしこうたん
弘法大師 降誕 いろは さい**TIME:** From 11:00 am onward**PLACE:** Daishoin Temple, Miyajima**ACCESS:** Get off at Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or get off at the Hiroden Miyajima Stop (Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.**INQUIRIES:** Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

☐ Kobo-Daishi (A.D. 774 – A.D. 835), also known as Kukai, is a famous Japanese monk, scholar and calligrapher. He is the founder of the Shingon sect of Buddhism.

☐ *Amacha* tea will be served.**Sat., June 17****Itsukushima Benzaiten Festival** いつくしまべんざいてんたいさい
厳島弁財天大祭**TIME:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**PLACE:** Daiganji 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.

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INQUIRIES: Daiganji Temple 0829-44-0179

☑ *Benzaiten* is the deity of water and music. Daiganji Temple's *Benzaiten* is one of the three major *Benzaiten* statues in Japan and is only open to the public once a year on this festival day.

Fri., July 7

Seven Gods of Fortune Festival しちふくじんじゆふくさい 七福神授福祭

TIME: From 11:00 am 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

☑ Buddhist music service in dedication to *Shichifukujin* (Seven Gods of Fortune) will be held.

Thurs., July 27

Ichitate-sai いちたてさい 市立祭

TIME: From 9:00 am 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

☑ After the ritual ceremony, *bugaku* (traditional Japanese imperial court dance music) will be performed.

Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City

Sat., Sun. & national holidays

Sake Brewery Opening ようこそ じょうかまちさいじょう 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.



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

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◆ 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 かいちゆうごくち ほうせんぱ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

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: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

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▣ *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.

Sat., June 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.

June 9 (Fri.), 10 (Sat.), 11 (Sun.) & 12 (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

Tue., June 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., June 24

Onomichi Gion Festival ぎおんまつり 祇園祭

TIME: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PLACE: *Watashiba-dori* Street, Tsuchido, Onomichi City

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

INQUIRIES: Yasaka Shrine 0848-37-4317

▣ Men will carry three *mikoshi*, portable *shinto* shrines.



Sun., June 25**Innoshima *Suigun* Festival / Island Festival**いんのしますいぐん しま
因島水軍まつり・島まつり**PLACE:** Around Innoshima Suigun Castle, Innoshima, Onomichi City**ACCESS:****Innoshima Suigunjo Castle**

Take a bus bound for Habu-ko (Habu Port) from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Kaname-bashi. Then, change to the bus for Ohama and get off at Suigunjo-iriguchi.

Walking time to destination: 10 minutes

CONTENT: *Shima-matsuri* (island festival) parade, dance and *taiko* performances, etc.**INQUIRIES:** Innoshima *Suigun* Festival Executive Committee 0845-26-6212

☐ Innoshima was one of the fortified trading posts of the Murakami *Suigun* which did trade with Asian countries and held power over the sea around Japan between the Muromachi Era (A.D. 1336 – A.D. 1573) and the Age of The Provincial Wars.

Innoshima *Suigun* Festival consists of three festivals; *Shima-matsuri* (Island Festival) on June 25, *Himatsuri* (Fire Festival) on August 26 and *Umi-matsuri* (Sea Festival) on August 27.

Sat., July 1**Takehara *Tanabata* Festival (Star Festival)**たなばた
たけはら七夕まつり**PLACE:** Around the shopping street in front of JR Takehara Station, Takehara City**ACCESS:** Get off at JR Takehara Station (JR Kure Line).**INQUIRIES:** *Takehara Ekimae Shotengai Shinko Kumiai* 0846-22-5542

☐ *Tanabata* is a star festival usually held on July 7 each year. Stage performances, food kiosks, etc. will be held.

**Sat., July 8****Otebi Festival**てびしんじ
お手火神事**TIME:** From 8:00pm onward**PLACE:** Nunakuma Shrine, Tomo-cho, Fukuyama City**ACCESS:** Take a bus from JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Tomo-no-ura. Walking time to destination: 10 minutes**INQUIRIES:** Nunakuma Shrine 084-982-2050

☐ *Otebi* is a fire festival in which men carry three torches weighing about 150kg and offer them to the shrine. This is a traditional festival which has been held since the Kamakura Period (A.D. 1185 – A.D. 1393). This is designated as a Fukuyama City intangible folklore cultural asset.

Events Held in Yamaguchi Prefecture**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).

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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.

Sat., June 10 & Sun., June 11

Kintaikyo Iris Festival

きんたいきょうはなしょうぶ
錦帯橋 花菖蒲 まつり

TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

PLACE: *Kikko Koen* (park), Iwakuni City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line) and take a bus bound for Kintaikyo Bridge and get off at Kintaikyo (a 20 min. bus ride). Walking time to destination: 10 minutes

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

▣ Various events such as traditional Japanese performing arts will be held on stage.



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