

Seasonal Event Information

Winter 2017 – 2018

Ⓔ 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

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Hiroshima Kagura ひろしまけんみんぶんか センター「ひろしまがくら 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.)

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 ² All non-reserved seats

² Tickets will be sold at the center from 5:00 pm on the day of the performance.
There are no advance tickets.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center 082-245-2311

Fri., November 17, 2017 – Wed., January 3, 2018

Hiroshima Dreamination 2017 ひろしまドリミネーション 2017

TIME: 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm

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 3 & 17, 2017; Sun., January 7 & 21, 2018

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 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 market.

Sat., December 9

Istyle presents TGC Hiroshima 2017 by Tokyo Girls Collection

とうきょう ガールズコレクション ひろしま 2017

TIME: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm ² Doors will open at noon.

VENUES: Hiroshima Green Arena, Motomachi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: From Kamiya-cho-nishi or Kamiya-cho-higashi, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

TICKETS: Reserved seats-¥10,500 Non-reserved seats-¥8,500

TICKET GO ON SALE DATE: Now on sale

TICKET OFFICES: Lawson, Ticket PIA, e+, EDION Hiroshima (SUNMALL, 1F)

INQUIRIES: Candy Promotion Hiroshima 082-249-8334 Official HP: <http://tgc.st/hiroshima/>

Please feel free to contact the International Exchange Lounge at 082-247-9715.

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© Tokyo Girls Collection (TGC) is a fashion festival which is mainly held near the Tokyo area and some local cities. As well as fashion shows, live performances will be held. You can see the Tokyo's latest new-generation girls' culture at this event.

January 1 (Mon.), 2 (Tue.) & 3 (Wed.)

New Year's Ceremonies at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine

ひろしまごこくじんじやはつもうで
広島護国神社 初詣

◎ Mon., Jan. 1: *Miko-mai* Dance & *Saitan-sai* Festival

TIME: *Miko-mai* Dance Performance – From midnight onward

Saitan-sai Festival – From 10:00 am onward

*Ginei** Performance – From 10:30 am onward **Ginei* is a recitation of Chinese or Japanese poems.

◎ Tue., Jan. 2: *Futsuka-sai* Festival

TIME: Ritual – From 10:00 am onward

*Shakuhachi** performance – From 1:00 pm onward **Shakuhachi* is a traditional Japanese bamboo flute.

◎ Wed., Jan. 3: *Genshi-sai* Festival

TIME: Ritual – From 10:00 am onward

*Kyudo** performance – From 10:30 am onward **Kyudo* is the Japanese martial art of archery.

*Youkyoku** performance – From 11:00 am onward **Youkyoku* is a recitation in *Noh* performance.

PLACE: Hiroshima Gogoku Shrine, Motomachi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: From Kamiya-cho-higashi streetcar stop, walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590

© *Omiki*, sacred sake will also be served.



Mon., January 15

Tondo-matsuri at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine

ひろしまごこくじんじやまつり
広島護国神社 とんど祭

TIME: From 10:00 am onward

PLACE: Hiroshima Gogoku Shrine, Motomachi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: From Kamiya-cho-higashi streetcar stop, walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590

© *Tondo* Festival is a fire festival held on January 15. It is said that you will avoid illness all year long if you eat *mochi*, rice cakes baked on the *tondo* fire. *Mochi* will be served at this festival.

Sun., January 21

Emperor's Cup: The 23rd Inter Prefectural Men's Ekiden Hiroshima

(Relay Road Race) てんのうはい だい かいぜんこくと どう ふ けんたいこうだん し えきでんきょうそうたいかい
天皇盃 第23回全国都道府県対抗男子駅伝競走大会

TIME: Starting at 12:30 pm from Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

PLACE: Start & Goal = Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Naka-ku

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

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 082-292-0601

Events Held on Miyajima

Sat., December 23

Tencho-sai Festival てんちょうさい 天長祭

TIME: From 9:30 am 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 }
{ Junior high & Elementary school students-¥100 }

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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.

Sun., December 31

Chinka-sai Festival ちんかさい
鎮火祭

TIME: From 6:00 pm 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 (Mon.), 2 (Tue.), 3 (Wed.) & 5 (Fri.)

New Year's Ceremonies & Bugaku Performances on Miyajima

みやじまはつもうで ぶがく
宮島 初詣 & 舞楽

© **Mon., Jan. 1: Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki Ceremony & Saitan-sai Festival**

TIME: *Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki* Ceremony – From midnight onward

Saitan-sai Festival – From 5:00 am onward w After the ritual, *bugaku* will be performed.

© **Tue., Jan. 2: Futsuka-sai Festival**

TIME: Ritual – From 9:00 am onward / *Noh* performance – From 11:00 am onward

Bugaku performance – From 1:00 pm onward

© **Wed., Jan. 3: Genshi-sai Festival**

TIME: Ritual – From 9:00 am onward / *Bugaku* performance – From 1:00 pm onward

© **Fri., Jan. 5: Chikyu-sai Festival**

TIME: Ritual – From 5:30 am onward w 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.

Sat., January 20

Momote-sai Festival ももてさい
百手祭

TIME: From 11:00 am 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 to mark the first use of a bow and arrow in the new year, wishing for a bright and happy 12 months.

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**Sat., February 3****Setsubun-sai Festival in Miyajima**せつぶんさい
節分祭**TIME:** From 11:00 am 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.**Sat., February 3****Hoshi Matsuri at Daiganji Temple in Miyajima (Ritual)**ほしまつ
星祭り**TIME:** From 6:30 pm 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**Mon., February 5****Ju-san-mairi Kodomo Mame-maki (Bean-throwing)**じゅうさんまい こどもまめまき
十三参り 子供豆まき**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© 12-year-old-children who were born in the year of the dog (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 10 & Sun., February 11****The 34th Miyajima Oyster Festival**だい かいみやじま まつ
第34回 宮島 かき 祭り**TIME:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**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 10th.**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 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm, closed on Mondays)

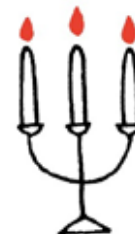
© Some sake breweries open to the public on Sat., Sun. & national holidays. Signboards with the words

“ようこそ 醸 華 町 西 条” (“*Yokoso Jokamachi Saijo*”) will be placed in front of the opened breweries.

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Sat., November 11, 2017 – Mon., January 8, 2018

Winter Illumination at Bihoku Kyuryo Koen 2017

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 2017

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

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

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

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

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

l From Shobara I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes.

m From Miyoshi Higashi I.C. on the Chugoku Oudan 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: December 31

INQUIRIES: Bihoku Koen Kanri Center 0824-72-7000

© Various events will be held during the illumination period.]

Sun., December 10, 2017 & Wed., January 10, 2018

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 10:00 am and 11:00 am.

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. Reservations are required a week in advance. An English speaking guide is available. Please contact the Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center in advance.

Wed., December 20, 2017 & Sat., January 20, 2018

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

Mon., January 8

Saito-goma (Fire Walking Ceremony) さいとうごま ひわた しんじ 柴燈護摩 (火渡り神事)

TIME: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

PLACE: Saikokuji Temple, Onomichi City

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

k From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus going east and get off at Saikokuji-shita. Walking time to destination is 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

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Sun., January 21**Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Momoshima Hachiman Shrine** お弓神社**TIME:** 9:00 am – 11:00 am**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 is 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.

**Sat., February 3****Setsubun-e at Saikoji Temple** さいこくじ せつぶんえ 西國寺 節分会**TIME:** 11:00 am – 12:30 pm(Ritual: From 11:00 am onward / *Mame-maki* (bean-throwing): From 11:30 am onward)**PLACE:** Saikokuji Temple, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** j From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 20 minutes.

k From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus going east and get off at Saikokuji-shita. Walking time to destination is 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.**Sat., February 3****Setsubun-sai at Kibitsu-hiko Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine)** きびつひこじんじや いっきゅうじんじや せつぶん 吉備津彦神社 (一宮神社) 節分さい 祭**TIME:** Ritual: From 7:30 pm onward / *Mame-maki* (bean-throwing): From 8:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Kibitsu-hiko Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine), Onomichi City**ACCESS:** From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Kibitsu-hiko Shrine 0848-22-5545**Sat., February 3****Setsubun-sai at Oyama Shrine** おおやまじんじやせつぶんやくほらえたいさい 大山神社 節分 厄祓大祭**TIME:** 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**PLACE:** Oyama Shrine, Innoshima-habu-cho, Onomichi City**ACCESS:** From *Shimanami Kaido* Innoshima-kita I.C., driving time to destination is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Oyama Shrine 0845-22-0827**Sat., February 3****Setsubun-sai & Horafuki-shinji at Bingo-ichinomiya Kibitsu Shrine**びんごいちのみや きびつじんじや せつぶんさい ぶ しんじ 備後一宮・吉備津神社 節分祭・ほら吹き神事**TIME:** *Setsubun-sai* (bean-throwing) – From 7:00 pm onward*Horafuki-shinji* (big talker competition) – From 8:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Bingo-ichinomiya Kibitsu Shrine, Fukuyama City**ACCESS:** From JR Shinichi Station (JR Fukuen Line), take a bus bound for 金丸 (Kanemaru) and get off at Ichinomiya (a 5 min. bus ride).**INQUIRIES:** Bingo-ichinomiya Kibitsu Shrine 0847-51-3395**Sun., February 11****Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Nunakuma Shrine** ぬなくまじんじや お弓神社 沼名前神社**TIME:** 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**PLACE:** Nunakuma Shrine, Tomo-cho, Fukuyama City

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ACCESS: Take a Tomotetsu bus from JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line) and get off at Tomo-no-ura (a 30 min. bus ride). Waking time to destination: 10 minutes

INQUIRIES: Nunakuma Shrine 084-982-2050

© This is a ritual to pray for good health and fortune throughout the year by shooting an arrow at a target. This ritual is designated as one of Fukuyama City's intangible folklore cultural assets.

Sun., April 15 μ A pre-event will be held on April 14.

Grand Tour Setouchi 2018 (cycling event) グラン・ツール・せとうち 2018

SCHEDULE: Apr. 14: Pre-event & Registration (10:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Apr. 15: Opening Ceremony & Cycling

PLACE: Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, Onomichi City

START & GOAL:

w 140km, 110km & 70km course: *Mukaishima Undo Koen* (park), Onomichi City

w 40km course: Manda Hakkou Company, Onomichi City

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 Fri., December 1, 2017 to Sun., March 4, 2018.

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Those who are elementary school students and above.
- 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 by April 14. R *Registration will NOT be accepted after April 14.*

PLACE: Paul Bell Square, in front of JR Onomichi Station

TIME: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

COURSE & PARTICIPATION FEE:

- Shimanami Master Course (140 km): ¥9,000 w 1,000 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Middle Course (110 km): ¥8,000 w 500 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Short Course (70 km): ¥7,000 w 500 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Happy Course (40 km): ¥5,500 w 300 people will be accepted.

INQUIRIES: Grand Tour Setouchi Office (inside Hiroshima TV)

082-249-1218 (Mon. – Fri., 10 am – 6 pm) E-mail: cycle@htv.jp

HP: <http://www.htv.jp/grandtour/>

© 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



Mon., January 1

New Year's First Shot by Iwakuni-han Teppo-tai (Armed Army of the Iwakuni Clan)

いわくにはんてっぼうたいはつはな
岩国藩 鉄砲隊 初放し

TIME: From 1:30 pm 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

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

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