

Seasonal Event Information

February 2018

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



Oyster Festivals



○ Hiroshima is well known as the largest producer of oysters in Japan. Winter is the best season for oysters, so many oyster festivals are held at various places in Hiroshima every February. You can buy fresh oysters and also taste various oyster dishes at the festival venues. Most events will end when the oysters are sold out.

Sat., February 3 & Sun., February 4

Hiroshima Food Stadium & Oyster Festival ひろしまフードスタジアム 冬の

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TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

PLACE: The Open Space of the Former Municipal Baseball Stadium, Motomachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City

ACCESS: Get off at Kamiya-cho-nishi or Genbaku Dome-mae streetcar stop.

ADMISSION FEE: Free

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee (RCC Broadcasting) 082-222-1133 (weekdays, 10 am – 4 pm)

◎ You can enjoy Hiroshima's winter food specialties at this festival. Oyster *nabe* (hot pot dish) will be sold at ¥200 per serving.

Sun., February 4

Hiroshima Oyster Charity Bazaar ひろしま 広島 かきチャリティバザール

TIME: From 9:00 am onward

PLACE: River bank in front of the JR Hiroshima Station (south exit) (south side of "Big Front Hiroshima"), Minami-ku, Hiroshima City

ACCESS: From the south exit of JR Hiroshima Station, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

INQUIRIES: *Hiroshima-shi Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 082-251-5221

Sun., February 4

Etajima Oyster Festival えたじまし 江田島市 カキ 祭り

TIME: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

PLACE: *Koyo Minato Koen* (park), Etajima City

ACCESS: Get on a ferry at Hiroshima Port and get off at Koyo Port (a 20 min. ferry ride). Walking time to destination is 3 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0823-43-1644

Sun., February 4

Ondo Oyster Festival おんど 音戸 かきまつり

TIME: From 9:00 am onward

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PLACE: In front of *Ondo Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association), Ondo-cho, Kure City

ACCESS: Take a bus from JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at Ondo Sanbashi (a 20 min. bus ride).

INQUIRIES: *Ondo Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 0823-52-2561

Sun., February 11

Ohno Oyster Festival おおの 大野 かきフェスティバル

TIME: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

PLACE: Boat Race Miyajima (motorboat racetracks), Miyajima-guchi, Hatsukaichi City

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

INQUIRIES: *Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association), Ohno Branch 0829-30-3533

Sun., February 11

Kure Suisan Festival くれすいさんまつ 呉水産祭り

TIME: From 10:00 am onward

PLACE: *Kure-shi Chuo Koen* (Kure Central Park), Kure City

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

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0823-25-3319

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.

Sun., February 11

Tahara Oyster Festival たはら 田原 かきまつり

TIME: From 9:00 am onward

PLACE: In front of *Tahara Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association), Tahara, Ondo-cho, Kure City

ACCESS: Take a bus from JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at Tahara (a 40 min. bus ride).

INQUIRIES: *Tahara Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 0823-52-2900

Sun., February 18

The 20th Takarajima Kurahashi Festival だい かいたからじま 第20回 宝島 くらはしフェスティバル

TIME: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

PLACE: Around *Katsurahama Onsen Kan*, Kurahashi-cho, Kure City

ACCESS: Take a bus from JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at Katsurahama Onsen Kan (a 60 min. bus ride).

INQUIRIES: *Kurahashi Shimin Center* 0823-53-1111



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Sun., February 18**Saka-cho Suisan Festival** さかちょうぎょきょうすいさん
坂町 漁協 水産まつりチャリティバザール**TIME:** From 9:00 am onward**PLACE:** Palty Fuji Saka (Shopping Mall), Heisei-gahama, Saka-cho, Aki-gun**ACCESS:** From JR Saka Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to destination is 3 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Saka-cho Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 082-885-0009**Sun., February 25****The 28th Hiroshima City Suisan Festival** だい かいひろしましすいさん
第28回 広島市 水産まつり**TIME:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**PLACE:** Marina Hop, Kanon-shin-machi, Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City**ACCESS:** From JR Hiroshima Station, take the No. 3 bus and get off at Kanon Marina Hop (a 37 min. bus ride).**INQUIRIES:** Suisan Ka, Hiroshima City Hall 082-504-2252 (weekdays only)**Sun., February 25****Hayase Oyster Festival** はやせ
早瀬 かきまつり**TIME:** From 8:30 am onward**PLACE:** Open Space in front of the former Hayase Shogakko (elementary school), Ondo-cho, Kure City**ACCESS:** Take a bus from JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at Hayase Hoikusho-mae (a 35 min. bus ride).**INQUIRIES:** Hayase Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 0823-56-0470**Sun., February 25****Yasuura Oyster Festival** やすうらむてんか まつ
安浦 無添加 カキ 祭り**TIME:** From 10:00 am onward**PLACE:** Greenpia Setouchi, Yasuura-cho, Kure City**ACCESS:** From JR Yasuura Station (JR Kure Line), driving time to destination is 8 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Kaneda Suisan 0823-84-5392**Events Held in Hiroshima City****Sat., February 3****Setsubun-sai Festival at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine** せつぶんさい ひろしまごこくじんじや
節分祭 (広島 護国 神社)**TIME:** Ritual: From 3:30 pm onward; Mamemaki (bean-throwing): From 4:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine, Motomachi, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** j From Kamiya-cho-higashi Streetcar Stop or the Hiroshima Bus Center, walking time to destination is 8 minutes.

k From JR Shin-Hakushima Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 15 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590

© There will be a ritual, arrow shooting & mamemaki (bean-throwing) for good luck.

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Sat., February 3**Setsubun-sai Festival (Yaikagashi Shinji) at Sumiyoshi Shrine**せつぶんさい やい か しんじ すみよしじんじや
節分祭 (焼 嗅 がし 神事) (住吉 神社)**TIME:** From 2:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Sumiyoshi Shrine, Sumiyoshi-cho, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** j Take the No. 24 bus and get off at Sumiyoshi-cho. Walking time to destination is 5 minutes.
k Take the No. 3, 6, or 10 bus and get off at Kako-machi. Walking time to destination is 3 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Sumiyoshi Shrine 082-241-0104

© This is a traditional ritual on *Setsubun* day (February 3); *miko*, female attendants of the shrine, will grill one thousand sardine heads and fan smoke with a large paper fan to drive away evil spirits. After the ritual, you can take home a grilled sardine's head on a holly branch, which is a *Setsubun* lucky charm. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing) will also be held.

Sat., February 3**Setsubun-sai Festival at Sorasaya Inao Shrine**せつぶんさい そらさやいなおじんじや
節分祭 (空 鞆 稻 生 神社)**TIME:** From 5:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Sorasaya Inao Shrine, Honkawa-cho, Naka-ku**ACCESS:** From Honkawa-cho streetcar stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Sorasaya Inao Shrine 082-231-4476**Sun., February 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 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.

Sun., February 18**Umemi (Plum Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony at Shukkeien Garden** うめ見ちゃかい
茶会**TIME:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**PLACE:** Shukkeien Garden**ACCESS:** From Shukkeien-mae streetcar stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.**FEE:** ¥800 (*Matcha*, green powdered tea) / ¥600 (*Amazake*, Japanese sweet sake)² 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© *Amazake* is an alcoholic drink, so please refrain from driving if you drink any.

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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 かつ祭り**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.**Thurs., March 8****Memorial Service for Used Kitchen Knives** ほうちょうくよう
庖丁 供養**TIME:** From 11:00 am 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.

Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City**Sat., Sun. & national holidays**

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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 (10:00 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.

Sat., February 3**Setsubun-e at Saikoji Temple** 西國寺 節分会 さいこくじ せつぶんえ**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 Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine)** 吉備津彦神社 (一宮神社) 節分 きびつひこじんじや いっきゅうじんじや せつぶんさい
祭**TIME:** Ritual: From 7:30 pm onward / *Mame-maki* (bean-throwing): From 8:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Kibitsu Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine), Onomichi City**ACCESS:** From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Kibitsu Shrine 0848-22-5545**Sat., February 3****Setsubun-sai at Oyama Shrine** 大山神社 節分 厄祓大祭 おおやまじんじや せつぶんやくはらえたいさい**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**Sat., February 3 & Sun., February 4****Umemi (Plum Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony at Shotoen** 松濤園 梅見 しょうとうえん うめみちゃがい
茶会**TIME:** 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

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PLACE: Shotoen, Shimokamagari-cho, Kure City

ACCESS: Take a bus bound for Kamagari from JR Hiro Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at San-no-se.
Walking time to destination is 3 minutes.

FEE: Free for the tea ceremony ² Admission fee for Shotoen is required.

(Adults & University students - ¥800, High school students - ¥480
Junior high & Elementary school students - ¥320)

INQUIRIES: *Shotoen* 0823-65-2900

© A tea-making demonstration will only be held on the 3rd.

Sun., February 4

The 15th International Exchange Festival in Kure

だい かいこくさいこうりゅう
第15回 国際交流フェスタ in くれ

TIME: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

PLACE: Kure City Hall, 1F, Kure City

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

INQUIRIES: Kure International Exchange Association 0823-25-5607

Sun., February 4

Onabe Festival at Kure Portpia Park くれ おおなべ 呉ポ-大鍋まつり

TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

PLACE: Kure Portpia Park, Kure City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Kure-Portpia Station (JR Kure Line).

INQUIRIES: *Kure Portpia Park Tomo no Kai* 0823-38-0560

© *Nabemono* (hot pot dish) is eaten from a large pot and is a typical winter food in Japan. You can taste various kinds of *nabemono* at the festival.

Fri., February 9 – Sun., February 11

Mihara Shinmei-ichi Market みはらしんめいいち 三原神明市

TIME: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

PLACE: Around the north area of JR Mihara Station, Mihara City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Mihara Station (JR Sanyo Line).

INQUIRIES: *Ukishiro Lobby* Tourist Information Center 0848-67-5877

© This is a festival with a history of 440 years. Stalls selling plants, *daruma* (Dharma dolls), etc. will be set up.



Sat., February 10

Sakagura Walking Tour (Free) さかくら 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.

Sat., February 10 – Sun., March 25

Hina Doll Presentation in Takehara まちな ひな たけはら 町並み雛めぐり

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 is 15 minutes.

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ADMISSION FEE: Some places will require an admission fee.

INQUIRIES: NPO Network Takehara 0846-22-0214

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

Sun., February 11

Shinmeisai Festival at Futamado ふたまたど しんめいさい
二窓の神明祭

TIME: From 2:00 pm onward

² “*Shinmei-san*” is an object 20 meters high made with bamboo and wood. It will be lit on fire at 5:30 pm.

PLACE: Former *Tadanoumi Higashi Shogakko* (elementary school), Takehara City

ACCESS: From JR Tadanoumi Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to destination is 20 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Komarui Shrine 0846-26-0227

© This is a fire festival with more than 400 years of tradition.

Sun., February 11

Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Nunakuma Shrine ぬなくまじんじゃ ゆみしんじ
沼名前神社 お弓神事

TIME: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

PLACE: Nunakuma Shrine, 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). 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.

Sat., February 17

Ofuku Biraki-sai & Hadaka Matsuri at Kui Inari Shrine

く い いなりじんじや おふくびらきさい まつ
久井稲荷神社 御福開祭・はだか祭り

TIME: *Ofuku Biraki-sai* (ritual) – From 7:00 pm onward / *Hadaka Matsuri* – From 9:00 pm onward

PLACE: Kui Inari Shrine, Mihara City

ACCESS: j From JR Mihara Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus bound for Kozan and get off at Kui Shinryojo-mae (a 30 min. bus ride). Waking time to destination is 5 minutes.

k From Mihara Kui I.C. on the Sanyo Expressway, driving time to destination is 15 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Kui Inari Shrine 0847-32-6029

© *Hadaka Matsuri* is a festival where a group of young men wearing only loincloths rush into the temple after purifying their bodies in the river. Then, they scramble for a pair of *shingi* or *fukugi* (sacred wands) thrown down into the darkness by a temple priest from the upper floor of the temple. The person who catches a sacred wand is assured happiness throughout the year.

© *Hadaka Matsuri* is a traditional Japanese festival. It is held in various areas of Japan during this season. *Hadaka Matsuri* at Kui Inari Shrine is the only *Hadaka Matsuri* held in Hiroshima Prefecture.

Sat., February 17 – Sun., March 18

The 16th Hina Matsuri (Girl’s Festival) in Tomo だい かいとも まちなみ まつり
第16回鞆・町並ひな祭

TIME: Open hours vary according to facilities.

² *Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryō Kan* (museum): 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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).

ADMISSION FEE: Free ² Admission Fee for *Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryō Kan* is required: Adults & University students-¥150, High school students and under-Free



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INQUIRIES: Executive Committee (*Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryō Kan*) 080-5614-2778

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

Sat., February 17 – Sun., March 25

Hina Matsuri (girl's festival) in Joge-cho てんりょうじょうげ 天領上下ひなまつり

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. 3 & 4.

© *Tezukuri-ichi* (handicrafts market) will be held on Mar. 17 & 18.

Tue., February 20

Hatsuka-no-ichi Market はつが 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., March 3

Mimi (ear) Festival & Memorial Service for Dolls みみまつ 耳祭り にんぎょうくようさい 人形供養祭

TIME: From 1:30 pm 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.

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.

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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.

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