# Seasonal Event Information March 2018

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

# **Events Held in Hiroshima City**

#### Sun., March 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. "Hiroshima Harbor Festival" will be held on March 17 & 18 (see below for more information).

#### Sun., March 11

## Memorial Service for the Great East Japan Earthquake in Hiroshima

#### ひがしにほんだいしんさい わす ついとう つど ひろしま 3.11東日本 大震災 を 忘 れない 追悼 の 集 い 広島

**TIME:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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.

**■ 3.11 HANDS IN PRAYER ■** 

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 2:46 pm on March 11.

#### Sat., March 17 & Sun., March 18

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima Harbor Festival 第 6回 広島 みなとフェスタ

**TIME:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**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.



#### Sun., March 18

#### Momo-mi (Peach Blossom-viewing) Tea Ceremony

桃 見 茶会

TIME: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: From Shukkeien-mae Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

FEE: ¥1,500 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

#### Wed., March 21

#### Hiroshima Kanzake (hot sake) Festival

- はなみ しんしゅん ひろしまかんざけ 春 だ!花見 だ! 新春 !広島 燗 酒 フェスティバル

**TIME:** 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

PLACE: Chuo Koen (park) & Hiroshima Caslte (Ni-no-maru), Naka-ku

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

, Take a Hiroshima Meipuru-pu (Hiroshima Sightseeing Loop Bus; Orange route & Lemon route) and get off at Hiroshima-jo (Gokoku-jinja-mae). Walking time to destination is 6 minutes.

TICKETS: **▼** Food is not included in the ticket prices below

Advance: 1,500 (for 6 cups of sake) / At the venue: ¥300 per a cup

You can buy advance tickets online (RCC online ticket: http://www.cnplayguide.com/rcc/). Or, you can also buy the tickets at Ishikawa Liquor Shop (inside Mitsukoshi Department Store of Furue shop).

**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 090-7122-2982 (11 am – 6 pm) E-mail: juntantan88@gmail.com

#### Sat., March 24 & Sun., March 25

# **Setouchi Tabi-guse Festival** せとうち 旅グセ。フェスタ

**TIME:** Mar. 24: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm / Mar. 25: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

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

**ADMISSION FEE:** Free **2** Food and drink will incur extra charges.

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima HOME TV 082-221-4760

© You can enjoy various dishes around Setouchi area.

© Kagura and Awa-odori performances will also be held.

#### Sun., April 8

## Kan-ou (Cherry Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony 観桜芬

TIME: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: From Shukkeien-mae Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

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

school students - ¥100 **2** Fee for the tea ceremony is also required.

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620







#### Fri., April 27 - Sun., May 6

#### Meat Festival with World Beer and Gourmet Stadium 2018

# で、 肉フェス with 世界 のビールとグルメスタジアム 2018

**TIME:** 10:00 am - 9:00 pm **2** Apr. 27 (Fri.), May 1 (Tue.) & 2 (Wed.): 11:00 am - 9:00 pm PLACE: The Open Space of the 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". **2** Food and drink will incur extra charges.

**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee (inside the Hiroshima TV building)

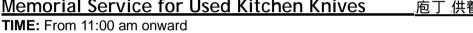
082-249-1218 (Mon. – Fri., 10 am – 6 pm)

- © You can enjoy various meat dishes, and beer from all over the world.
- © 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.

## **Events Held on Miyajima**

#### Thurs., March 8

## Memorial Service for Used Kitchen Knives



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.

#### Tue., March 20

## Kiyomori Shrine Festival

TIME: From 11:00 am 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.

#### Wed., March 21 - Tue., April 3

#### 第 18回 みやじま 雛 めぐり The 18th Miyajima Hina Doll Presentation

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-quchi 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 have been passed down from established families in Miyajima will be on display.

#### Sun., March 25

# The 14<sup>th</sup> Miyajima Kiyomori Festival 第14回春を呼ぶ 宮島清盛まつり

**TIME:** 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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.

#### Sun., April 29 & Mon., April 30

#### Hiroshima Yoqa Peace '18 ひろしまヨガピース '18

**SCHEDULE:** Please check the website below for the schedule.

Apr. 29: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm / Apr. 30: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

**PLACE:** Iwaso Yutenkaku, Outside of Hiramatsu-jaya, Tenshinkaku (café) & Senjokaku, 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:** ¥3,500 for 1 class; ¥9,500 for 3 classes; ¥14,000 for 5 classes; Yoga mat rental: ¥500 / day **TO APPLY:** Applications will be accepted through the website (https://ticketyogap.shop-pro.jp/) (Japanese only).

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Yoga Peace Executive Committee HP: http://www.hiroshima-yogapeace.com © Famous yoga teachers from Japan and abroad will come and teach you yoga from various schools.

## **Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City**

#### Sat., February 10 – Sun., March 25

## Hina Doll Presentation in Takehara 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.

ADMISSION FEE: Some places will require an admission fee.

INQUIRIES: NPO Network Takehara 0846-22-0214

- © March 3<sup>rd</sup> is *Hina Matsuri* (*Hina* Festival), a day to wish girls good health and a long life. Most families with daughters celebrate by displaying *hina* dolls. The dolls are offered sweetened puffed rice (*hina-arare*), white *sake* containing rice malt (*shirozake*), colored lozenge-shaped rice cakes (*hishi-mochi*), etc. (Abstracted from <a href="The Japanese-English Dictionary for Conversation about Japan">The Japanese-English Dictionary for Conversation about Japan</a>, p.578, Obunsha)
- © Antique hina dolls will be on display at this event. Various events will also be held during the event period.

#### Sat., February 17 - Sun., March 18

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Hina Matsuri (Girl's Festival) in Tomo 第16回鞆・町並ひな祭

TIME: Open hours vary according to facilities.

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

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee (Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryo 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 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.

#### Sat., March 10

# <u>Sakagura Walking Tour (Free)</u> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required a week in advance. An English speaking guide is available. Please contact the *Saijo Sakagura-dori* Tourist Information Center in advance.

#### Sun., March 18

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Setoda Lemon Festival 第 2回 せとだレモン 祭

**TIME:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**PLACE:** In front of Kosanji Temple Museum, Jodo-en, Open Space in front of Setoda Shimin Kaikan, etc., Setoda-cho, Onomichi City

ACCESS: • 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.
- k Get on a ferry from Mihara Port or Onomichi Port and get off at Setoda Port. Walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Onomichi City Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0848-36-5495

© Setoda area is a major producer of domestic lemons.



#### Tue., March 20

# Hatsuka-no-ichi Market はっかの 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 24 & Sun., March 25

# Spring Festival in Saizaki-cho, Noji 幸崎町能地春祭り

**TIME:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

#### Sat., March 24 – Sun., April 8

## Sakura (cherry blossom) Festival at Kosanji Temple 耕三寺 桜 まつり

PLACE: Kosanji Temple & Kosanji Temple Museum, Onomichi City

ACCESS: • 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.
- k 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 a photo contest will be held.

#### Sun., March 25

# 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 – 9:30 am / Opening event – 10:30 am / *Kagura* start – From 11:00 am onward **PLACE:** *Kagura Monzen Touji Mura, Kagura* Dome, Akitakata City

ACCESS: • 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).

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

TICKETS: ® Advance: High school students and up-¥1,200

Junior high & elementary school students-¥600

<sup>2</sup> Advance tickets are sold at *Hiroshima Yume Plaza* on the *Hondori* shopping street.

® At the door: High school students and up-¥1,500

Junior high & elementary school students-¥800

INQUIRIES: Kagura Monzen Touji Mura 0826-54-0888

#### Sun., April 1

## Sakura (cherry blossom) Festival in Hatsukaichi はつかいち 桜 まつり

**TIME**: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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 13 minutes.

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

© Parade, stage performances, kiosks, etc.

#### Sat., April 7

## Sakura (cherry blossom) Tea Ceremony

**TIME:** 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

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

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

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



#### Sat., April 28

## Kagura Performance in Yoshiwa

**TIME:** 9:15 am – 6:00 pm (The venue will open at 8:30 am.)

PLACE: Gymnasium inside Mominoki Shinrin Koen (Forest Park), Yoshiwa, Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: From Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Miyajima Line), take a bus bound

for Yoshiwa and get off at Yoshiwa-shisho (a 90 min. bus ride)

TICKETS: ® Advance: High school students and up-¥2,000

Junior high and elementary school students-¥500

2 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 up-¥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 7 & Sun., April 8

# Byakko (white fox) Festival at Yuda Onsen

**TIME:** ® Apr. 7: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm ® Apr. 8: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

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 083-941-5379 (closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

© Various events such as a white fox parade on the 7th and food kiosks & a motor show on the 8th will be held.

