

Seasonal Event Information

Winter 2018 – 2019

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

Events Held in Hiroshima City

December 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



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

PLACE: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center, Otemachi, Naka-ku (located near Hondori Shopping Street)

DIRECTION: From Kamiya-cho-nishi or Hondori streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 3 minutes.

TICKETS: ¥1,000 ² Non-reserved seats only

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

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center 082-245-2311

Mondays

Movies on Monday

TIME: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (English language programming suitable for children)

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (English language television shows and movies suitable for teens)

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm (English language television shows and movies suitable for adults)

PLACE: Peace Café, Kamihatchobori, Naka-ku

DIRECTION: From Jogakuin-mae streetcar stop (Hiroden Hakushima Line), walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.

ADMISSION FEE: ¥500 (includes your choice of soft drink)

INQUIRIES: Peace Café 082-225-7284 Email: johnmensing@gmail.com

© Watch cartoons and more on Monday afternoons.

The 6th, 16th & 26th of Every Month

Talk with A-bomb Survivors

「6」のつく日 語り部さんとお話ししよう!

TIME: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Story telling: • 1:00 pm , 3:00 pm

PLACE: Social Book Café Hachidori-sha, Dobashi-cho, Naka-ku

DIRECTION: From Dobashi-cho streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.

FEE: Free admission ² You need to order at least one drink per person.

INQUIRIES: Social Book Café Hachidorisha 082-576-4368 E-mail: hachidorisha@gmail.com

© This is not like a lecture, but a casual talk with A-bomb survivors. You can talk with A-bomb survivors in English on the 6th of every month.

Ⓔ **Social Book Café Hachidorisha** Ⓔ

OPEN HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Saturday, Sunday, national holidays: 11:00 am – midnight

The 6th, the 16th & the 26th of every month: Open from 11:00am

CLOSED: Mondays & Tuesdays



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Until Thursday, January 3, 2019**Hiroshima Dreamination 2018** ひろしまドリミネーション 2018**TIME:** 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm**PLACE:** *Heiwa-odori* and shopping streets in the center of Hiroshima City**DIRECTION:** Take a streetcar or bus for the center of Hiroshima City.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Light-up Project Executive Committee082-554-1813 HP: <http://www.dreamination.com/>© Trees along *Heiwa-odori* and shopping streets will be decorated with various colored lights.**Until Tuesday, December 25****Exhibition: Venomous Creatures** どくどくどくどくどくどくどくどくどくどく (もうどく展) **TIME:** 10:00 am – 8:30 pm ² Entry permitted up to 8:00 pm.² Exhibition will be closed at 6:00 pm on December 25**PLACE:** Hiroshima PARCO *Honkan*, 6F, PARCO Factory, Hondori, Naka-ku**DIRECTION:** From Hatchobori Streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.**TICKETS:** ¥800 (Free admission for 3 years old and under)**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 052-243-8600

© Various venomous creatures such as the emperor scorpion and the blue-ringed octopus are on display.

Sunday, December 2 & 16, 2018; Sunday, January 6 & 20, 2019**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 the East and West Terminals of Hiroshima Port, Minami-ku**DIRECTION:** 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.

December 8 (Sat.); January 5 (Sat.) & 20 (Sun.); February 10 (Sun.) & 16 (Sat.); March 30 (Sat.)**An Evening of Kagura** よかぐらこうえん 夜神楽公演**TIME:** ① *Kagura* Performance: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm (The venue will open at 5:30 pm.)

② Q&A and Photo Session: From 6:45 pm onward

VENUE: *Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center*, Otemachi, Naka-ku (located near *Hondori* Shopping Street)**DIRECTION:** From Kamiya-cho-nishi or Hondori streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 3 minutes.**TICKETS:** Adults-¥1,000 Students-¥500 For groups of 10 or more-¥800² Admission free for children 3 and under (they should be seated on a parent or guardian's lap.)² Tickets will be sold from 5:30 pm on the day of performance at the center. There are no advance tickets.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Orizuru Tower Tourist Information Center090-7131-8055 (10 am – 6 pm ² Except December 31, January 15 & 16)HP: <http://www.hiroshima-kagura.com>**Friday, December 14****OSAKE ~ Shall we drink "sake" in Hiroshima? ~****TIME:** 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm ² Reception will be closed at 6:30 pm.**PLACE:** Hiroshima Museum of Art, Motomachi, Naka-ku**DIRECTION:** From Kamiya-cho-higashi streetcar stop, walking time to the museum is 5 minutes.

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MUSEUM ADMISSION: Adults-¥1,400 University & high school students-¥1,000
Junior high & elementary school students-¥600

- EVENTS:**
- Japanese Culture Experience: *Origata* (paper folding) & *Mizuhiki* (colored paper strings): ¥1,000
 - Tasting of Japanese *sake*: ¥1,000 / 3 cups
 ² Soft drinks will also be prepared for minors.
 - Wearing *kimono*: Adults-¥2,000 Children-¥1,000

INQUIRIES: Chugoku Shimbun 082-236-2244 E-mail: osake_hiroshima@c-kikaku.co.jp



Friday, December 14 – Sunday, December 16

German-style Christmas Market in Hiroshima

ひろしま・ドイツクリスマスマーケット

TIME: Noon – 8:30 pm ² Noon – 7:00 pm on the 16th

VENUE: Open space in front of Urban View Grand Tower, Kami-hatchobori, Naka-ku

DIRECTION: From Shukkeien-mae streetcar stop (Hiroden Hakushima Line), walking time to the venue is 1 minute.

CONTENTS: Selling of German Christmas food, drinks and goods, concerts (from 3 pm onward), exhibition to introduce German culture, etc.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 080-5237-2257 Fax. 082-298-8278

Saturday, December 22, 2018 – Sunday, January 6, 2019

Sanrio Carnival in Hiroshima Marina Hop サンリオカーニバル in ^{ひろしま}広島マリーナホップ

TIME: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (entry allowed up to 4:30 pm.)

PLACE: Hiroshima Marina Hop, Mermaid Space, Kanon-shin-machi, Nishi-ku

DIRECTION: Take the No. 3 (from JR Hiroshima Station) or the No. 8 (from JR Yokogawa Station) bus bound for Kanon Marina Hop / Hiroshima Heliport and get off at the last stop, Kanon Marina Hop.

TICKETS: w Advance: 3 years old and above: ¥500

Family tickets: ¥1,800 ² Family tickets are sold at Seven Tickets only.

w At the door: 3 years old and above: ¥600

² Admission free for children who are 2 years old and under

² Advance tickets are sold at Lawson, Seven-Eleven, Ticket PIA and *Soramikan* (inside Hiroshima Marina Hop) until Friday, December 21.

INQUIRIES: Sanrio Carnival in Hiroshima Marina Hop Office

070-5599-5629 (weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm)

² Inquiries will be accepted every day from 10 am to 5 pm during the event period.

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

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

◎ Tuesday, January 1: *Miko-mai* Dance & *Saitan-sai* Festival

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

From 10:00 am onward *Saitan-sai* Festival

From 10:30 am onward *Gin-ei** Performance

**Gin-ei* is a recitation of Chinese or Japanese poems.



◎ Wednesday, January 2: *Futsuka-sai* Festival

TIME: From 10:00 am onward Ritual

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

◎ Thursday, January 3: *Genshi-sai* Festival

TIME: From 10:00 am onward Ritual

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

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

PLACE: Hiroshima Gogoku Shrine, Motomachi, Naka-ku

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DIRECTION: From Kamiya-cho-higashi streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590 HP: <https://www.h-gokoku.or.jp/>

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

Tuesday, January 15

Tondo-matsuri at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine ひろしまごこくじんじゃ 広島護国神社 とんどまつり

TIME: From 10:00 am onward

PLACE: Hiroshima Gogoku Shrine, Motomachi, Naka-ku

DIRECTION: From Kamiya-cho-higashi streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590 HP: <https://www.h-gokoku.or.jp/>

© *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.

Sunday, January 20

Emperor's Cup: The 24th Inter Prefectural Men's Ekiden Hiroshima

(Relay Road Race) てんのうはい だい かいぜんこくと どうぶ 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24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

DIRECTION: Get off at Genbaku Dome-mae streetcar stop.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 082-292-0601 HP: <http://www.hiroshima-ekiden.com/>

Sunday, January 27

Ofuku Tea Ceremony おおぶくちゃがい 大福茶会

TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

DIRECTIONS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. Walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.

FEE: ¥1,200 for the tea ceremony ² 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

Sunday, December 23

Tencho-sai Festival てんちょうさい 天長祭

TIME: From 9:00 am onward

PLACE: Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

DIRECTION: 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

© *Tencho-sai* is a festival to celebrate Emperor Akihito's birthday. *Bugaku*, musical court dancing, will be performed after the ritual.



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Monday, December 31**Chinka-sai Festival** ちんかさい
鎮火祭**TIME:** From 6:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Mikasa-hama Beach, Miyajima**DIRECTION:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima streetcar stop (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 (Tue.), 2 (Wed.), 3 (Thurs.) & 5 (Sat.)**New Year's Ceremonies & Bugaku Performances on Miyajima**みやじまはつもうで
宮島 初詣 & 舞楽 ぶがく◎ **Tuesday, January 1: Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki Ceremony & Saitan-sai Festival****TIME:** From midnight onward *Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki* CeremonyFrom 5:00 am onward *Saitan-sai* Festival w After the ritual, *bugaku* will be performed.◎ **Wednesday, January 2: Futsuka-sai Festival****TIME:** From 9:00 am onward RitualFrom 11:00 am onward *Noh* performanceFrom 1:00 pm onward *Bugaku* performance◎ **Thursday, January 3: Genshi-sai Festival****TIME:** From 9:00 am onward RitualFrom 1:00 pm onward *Bugaku* performance◎ **Saturday, January 5: Chikyu-sai Festival****TIME:** From 5:30 am onward Ritual w After the ritual, *bugaku* will be performed.**PLACE:** Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima**DIRECTION:** 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.

**Sunday, January 20****Momote-sai Festival** ももてさい
百手祭**TIME:** From 11:00 am onward**PLACE:** Ohmoto Shrine, Miyajima**DIRECTION:** 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.

Sunday, February 3**Setsubun-sai Festival in Miyajima** せつぶんえ
節分会・福豆まき ふくまめ**TIME:** From 11:00 am onward**PLACE:** Daishoin Temple, Miyajima

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DIRECTION: 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.

Sunday, 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

DIRECTION: 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

Saturday, February 9 & Sunday, February 10

The 35th Miyajima Oyster Festival だい かいみやじま まつ 第35回 宮島 かき 祭り

TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

PLACE: In front of Miyajima Pier, Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi City

DIRECTION: 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 9th.

Sunday, February 10

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

DIRECTION: 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 boar (which is also 2019 in the Chinese zodiac) will throw beans in a "*Mame-maki*" ritual to pray for happiness throughout the year.

Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City



<Notice> Train Status Information (As of November 17)

- Suspended sections:
- JR Kure Line between Yasuura Station and Mihara Station
 - JR Fukuen Line between Fuchu Station and Joge Station
 - JR Geibi Line between Karuga Station and Miyoshi Station, Bingo-shobara and Bingo-ochiai Station

Until Monday, January 14

Winter Illumination at Bihoku Kyuryo Koen 2018

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 2018

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

² Daytime park hours: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm (November – February)

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

DIRECTIONS: j From Shobara I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, driving time to the venue is 10 minutes.

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↳ From Miyoshi Higashi I.C. on the Chugoku Oudan Expressway, driving time to the venue is 15 minutes.

ADMISSION FEE: High school students and above-¥450, Junior school students and under-Free, 65 years old and above-¥210 (Identification showing your date of birth is required.)

CLOSED: December 31 & January 1

INQUIRIES: *Bihoku Koen Kanri Center* 0824-72-7000 HP: <http://www.bihoku-park.go.jp/>

© Various events will be held during the illumination period.

Thursday, December 20 & Sunday, January 20

Hatsuka-no-ichi Market はつか いち 廿日の市

TIME: 8:00 am – 11:30 am

PLACE: In front of Hatsukaichi City Hall, Hatsukaichi City

DIRECTION: From Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.

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

Tuesday, 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

DIRECTIONS: j From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to the venue is 20 minutes.

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

Sunday, January 20

Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Momoshima Hachiman Shrine おゆみしんじ

TIME: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

PLACE: Momoshima Hachiman Shrine, Momoshima-cho, Onomichi City

DIRECTION: 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 the venue 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.

Sunday, 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

DIRECTIONS: j From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to the venue is 20 minutes.

↳ From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus going east and get off at Saikokuji-shita. Walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Saikokuji Temple 0848-37-0321

© There will be a ritual, a *taiko* (traditional Japanese drum) performance and *mame-maki* (bean-throwing) for good luck.



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Sunday, February 3**Setsubun-sai at Kibitsu Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine)** きびつひこじんじゃ いっきゅうじんじゃ せつぶん 吉備津彦神社 (一宮神社) 節分さい
祭**TIME:** From 7:30 pm onward Ritual
From 8:00 pm onward *Mame-maki* (bean-throwing):**PLACE:** Kibitsu Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine), Onomichi City**DIRECTION:** From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to the venue is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Kibitsu Shrine 0848-22-5545**Sunday, February 3****Setsubun-sai & Horafuki-shinji at Bingo-ichinomiya Kibitsu Shrine**びんごいちのみや きびつじんじゃ せつぶんさい ぶらふきしんじ 備後一宮・吉備津神社 節分祭・ほら吹き神事**TIME:** From 7:00 pm onward *Setsubun-sai* (bean-throwing)
From 8:00 pm onward *Horafuki-shinji* (big talker competition)**PLACE:** Bingo-ichinomiya Kibitsu Shrine, Fukuyama City**DIRECTION:** 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**Sunday, February 10****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**DIRECTION:** 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 the shrine is 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.

Saturday, February 16 – Sunday, March 17**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**DIRECTION:** 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**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee (*Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryō Kan*) 080-5614-2778© March 3rd 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*), and other things. (Abstracted from The Japanese-English Dictionary for Conversation about Japan, p.578, Obunsha)© Antique *hina* dolls will be on display at this event**Sunday, April 14****Grand Tour Setouchi 2019 (cycling event)** グラン・ツール・せとうち 2019**PLACE:** *Setouchi Shimanami Kaido*, Onomichi & Imabari City**START & FINISH LINE:**w 145 km, 110 km & 70 km course: *Mukaishima Undo Koen* (park), Onomichi City

w 40 km course: Manda Hakkou Company, Onomichi City

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DIRECTIONS:***Mukaishima Undo Koen:***

- j From Mukaishima I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to the venue is 5 minutes.
- k From Onomichi Port (in front of JR Onomichi Station), get on a ferry to Mukaishima.

Manda Hakkou Company:

- j From Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes.
- k From Onomichi Port (in front of JR Onomichi Station), get on a ferry and get off at Innoshima Shigei Higashi Port. It takes 20 minutes by bicycle from there.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Enrollment will be accepted online from Saturday, December 1, 2018 to Sunday, March 3, 2019.

² Enrollment will be closed when all 2,200 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.

COURSES & PARTICIPATION FEE:

- ◎ Shimanami Master Course (145 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 200 people will be accepted.

INQUIRIES: Grand Tour Setouchi Office (inside Hiroshima TV)

082-567-2500 (weekdays, 10 am – 6 pm) E-mail: cycle@htv.jp

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

- ◎ 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

**Sunday, December 2 & 23****Shooting Practice with Iwakuni-han Teppo-tai (Iwakuni Clan Gunmen)**

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TIME: From 11:20 am onward

PLACE: Riverside under the Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni City

DIRECTION: 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

- ◎ The Iwakuni Clan Gunmen will hold a shooting demonstration with *hinawaju* (arquebus) guns.

Tuesday, January 1**New Year's First Shot by Iwakuni-han Teppo-tai (Iwakuni Clan Gunmen)**

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TIME: From 1:30 pm onward

PLACE: Riverside under the Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture

DIRECTION: 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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