

Seasonal Event Information

February 2019

★ 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.

Saturday, February 2 & Sunday, February 3

Hiroshima Food Stadium & Oyster Festival 2019

ひろしまフードスタジアム ^{ふゆ} ^{じん} 冬の陣 2019 ^{ひろしまだい} ^{かきまつ} 【広島大牡蠣祭り】

TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

PLACE: The open space of the former municipal baseball stadium, Motomachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City

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

ADMISSION FEE: Free

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee (RCC Broadcasting) 082-222-1133 (weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm)

☐ You can enjoy Hiroshima's winter food specialties at this festival. Oyster *nabe* (hot pot dish) will be sold at ¥200 per serving. Oyster *nabe* sets with sushi rolls will be sold at ¥500 as well.

Sunday, February 3

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

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

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

Sunday, February 3

Etajima Oyster Festival ^{えたじまし} ^{まつり} 江田島市カキ祭

TIME: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

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

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0823-43-1644

Sunday, February 3

Ondo Oyster Festival ^{おんど} ^{まつり} 音戸かき祭り

TIME: From 9:00 am onward

PLACE: In front of *Ondo Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai*, Ondo-cho, Kure City

DIRECTION: 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

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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****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**DIRECTION:** From JR Miyajimaguchi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to the venue is 3 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** *Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association), Ohno Branch 0829-30-3533**Sunday, February 10****Tahara Oyster Festival** たはら まつ
田原 かき祭り**TIME:** From 9:00 am onward**PLACE:** In front of *Tahara Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai*, Tahara, Onodo-cho, Kure City**DIRECTION:** 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**Monday, February 11****2019 Kure Suisan Festival** くれすいさんまつ
2019 呉 水産祭り**TIME:** From 10:00 am onward**PLACE:** *Kure-shi Chuo Koen* (Kure Central Park), Kure City**DIRECTION:** From JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to the venue is 10 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0823-25-3319**Sunday, February 17****Takarajima Kurahashi Festival** たからじま
宝島 くらしフェスティバル**TIME:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**PLACE:** Around *Katsurahama Onsen Kan*, Kurahashi-cho, Kure City**DIRECTION:** 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**Sunday, February 17****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**DIRECTION:** From JR Saka Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to the venue is 3 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** *Saka-cho Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 082-885-0009

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Sunday, February 24**The 29th Hiroshima City *Suisan* Festival** だい かいひろしましすいさん
第29回 広島市水産まつり**TIME:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**PLACE:** Marina Hop, Kanon-shin-machi, Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City**DIRECTION:** 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)**Sunday, February 24****Hayase Oyster Festival** はやせ まつり
早瀬かき祭り**TIME:** From 8:30 am onward**PLACE:** Open space in front of the former *Hayase Shogakko* (elementary school), Ondo-cho, Kure City**DIRECTION:** Take a bus from JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at Hayase Hoikusho-mae (a 45 min. bus ride).**INQUIRIES:** *Hayase Gyogyo Kyodo Kumiai* (Fisheries Cooperative Association) 0823-56-0470**Events Held in Hiroshima City****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 1:00 pm ② 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 ✧ 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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Sundays, February 3 & 17**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.

Sunday, 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ゃ 節分祭 (広島護国神社)

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TIME: Ritual: From 3:30 pm onward; *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing): From 4:00 pm onward**PLACE:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine, Motomachi, Naka-ku**DIRECTION:** From *Astramline* Kencho-mae Station, walking time to the venue is 8 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590☑ There will be a ritual, arrow shooting & *mamemaki* (bean-throwing) for good luck.**Sunday, February 3****Setsubun-sai Festival (Yaikagashi Shinji) at Sumiyoshi Shrine**

せつぶんさい やい か しんじ すみよしじんじゃ 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**DIRECTIONS:**

① Take the No. 24 bus and get off at Sumiyoshi-cho. Walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.

② Take the No. 3, 6, or 10 bus and get off at Kako-machi. Walking time to the venue 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.**Sunday, 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ゃ 節分祭 (空鞘稻生神社)**TIME:** From 5:00 pm onward (tentative)**PLACE:** Sorasaya Inao Shrine, Honkawa-cho, Naka-ku**DIRECTION:** From Honkawa-cho streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 5 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Sorasaya Inao Shrine 082-231-4476**Friday, February 8 – Sunday, April 7****teamLab: Digitized Hiroshima Castle** チームラボ ひろしまじょうひかり まつり 広島城光の祭**TIME:** 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm (entry allowed up to 9:00 pm.)**PLACE:** Hiroshima Castle, Motomachi, Naka-ku**DIRECTION:** From Kamiya-cho Higashi or Kamiya-cho Nishi streetcar stop, walking time to the venue is 8 minutes.**TICKETS:** ♦ Advance: 16 years old and above: ¥800

Junior high & elementary school students-¥500

♦ At the door: 16 years old and above: ¥1,000

Junior high & elementary school students-¥700

◇ Advance tickets are sold at Lawson, Seven-Eleven, Ticket PIA, EDION (SUNMALL, 1F) &

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Fukuya Department Store (JR Hiroshima Station store).

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee (RCC Broadcasting) 082-222-1133 (weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm)

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: ◆ Kagura Performance: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm (The venue will open at 5:30 pm.)

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

VENUE: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center, Otomachi, 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-¥800

◇ Admission free for children 3 and under (they should be seated on a parent or guardian's lap.)

◇ 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 Center 090-7131-8055 (10 am – 6 pm)

HP: <http://www.hiroshima-kagura.com>

Sunday, February 24

Umemi (Plum Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony at Shukkeien Garden うめみ 梅見

ちやかい
茶会

TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

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

FEE: ¥800 (*Matcha*, green powdered tea) / ¥600 (*Amazake*, Japanese sweet sake)

◇ 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.

Fridays, March 1 & 22

OSAKE ~ Shall we drink "sake" in Hiroshima? ~

TIME: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm ◇ 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.

MUSEUM ADMISSION: Adults-¥1,300 University & high school students-¥1,000

Junior high & elementary school students-¥600

EVENTS & PARTICIPATION FEE:

◇ Japanese Culture Experience:

◆ *Kyudo* (Japanese art of archery) on March 1: ¥500

◆ *Koto* (traditional Japanese harp) on March 22: ¥1,000

◇ Tasting of Japanese *sake*: ¥1,000 / 3 cups ◇ 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

Thursday, March 21 – Sunday, April 7

Space Battleship Yamato 2202 World in Hiroshima Marina Hop

うちゅうせんかん
宇宙戦艦ヤマト2202ワールド in ひろしま
広島マリーナホップ

TIME: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (entry allowed up to 5:30 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

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Marina Hop.

- TICKETS:** ♦ Advance: 18 years old and above: ¥900
 Senior high, junior high & elementary school students-¥500
 ♦ At the door: 18 years old and above: ¥1,000
 Senior high, junior high & elementary school students-¥600
 ✧ Admission free for preschoolers (they should be accompanied by their guardians).
 ✧ Advance tickets are sold at Lawson, Seven-Eleven, Ticket PIA and *Soramikan* (inside Hiroshima Marina Hop) until Wednesday, March 20.
- INQUIRIES:** Space Battleship Yamato Hiroshima Event Office
 070-5599-5629 (weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm)
- ▣ “Space Battleship Yamato” is a Japanese science fiction anime series.

Events Held on Miyajima

Sunday, February 3

Setsubun-sai Festival in Miyajima せつぶんえ ふくまめ 節 分会 ・ 福豆 まき

TIME: From 11:00 am onward

PLACE: Daishoin Temple, Miyajima

DIRECTION: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or 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

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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

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- ☐ 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.

Friday, 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

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

- ☐ This is a ritual to show gratitude for well-used kitchen knives.

Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City

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: ① From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to the venue is 20 minutes.

② 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.

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 ほら吹きしんじ
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

Friday, February 8 – Sunday, February 10

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

TIME: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

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

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

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

☐ This is a festival with a history of 440 years. Stalls selling things such as plants and *daruma* (Dharma dolls) will be set up.

Sunday, February 10

Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Nunakuma Shrine ぬなくまじんじや 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-noura (a 30 min. bus ride). Walking 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 9 & Sunday, February 10

Umemi (Plum Blossoms-viewing) Tea Ceremony at Shotoen しょうとうえん うめみ 松濤園 梅見

ちやかい
茶会

TIME: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

PLACE: Shotoen, Shimokamagari-cho, Kure City

DIRECTION: Take a bus bound for Kamagari from JR Hiro Station (JR Kure Line) and get off at San-nose. Walking time to the venue is 3 minutes.

FEE: Free for the tea ceremony ☆ 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 9th.

Saturday, February 9 – Sunday, March 24

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

TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (some places will open until 5:00 pm.)

PLACE: Around the Special Directory of Historical Buildings Area in Takehara City

DIRECTION: From JR Takehara Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to the venue is 15 minutes.

ADMISSION FEE: Some places will require an admission fee.

INQUIRIES: NPO Network Takehara 0846-22-0214

☐ 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. Various events will also be held during the event period.

Sunday, February 10

The 16th International Exchange Festival in Kure

だい かいこくさいこうりゅう
第16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

DIRECTION: From JR Kure Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to the venue is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Kure International Exchange Association 0823-25-5607

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The 16th Hina Matsuri (Girls' 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.

◇ Tomo-no-ura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryo 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 ◇ 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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Saturday, February 16 – Sunday, March 17**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**DIRECTION:** From JR Joge Station (JR Fukuen Line), walking time to the venue is 3 minutes.**INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee 0847-62-3999

☐ 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). Hina dolls will be on display at this event.

☐ A market area, "Deko-ichi", will be held on March 2 & 3.

☐ Kodawari-ichi market will be held on March 16 & 17.

Wednesday, February 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**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:**

- ◆ 145 km, 110 km & 70 km course: Mukaishima Undo Koen (park), Onomichi City
- ◆ 40 km course: Manda Hakkou Company, Onomichi City

DIRECTIONS:**Mukaishima Undo Koen:**

- ① From Mukaishima I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to the venue is 5 minutes.
- ② From Onomichi Port (in front of JR Onomichi Station), get on a ferry to Mukaishima.

Manda Hakkou Company:

- ① From Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway, driving time to destination is 10 minutes.
- ② 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 until Sunday, March 3.

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◇ 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 ◆ 1,000 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Middle Course (110 km): ¥8,000 ◆ 500 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Short Course (70 km): ¥7,000 ◆ 500 people will be accepted.
- Shimanami Happy Course (40 km): ¥5,500 ◆ 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.



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