

# Seasonal Event Information

## December 2019 & January 2020

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

### Events Held in Hiroshima City

#### Kagura Performances

##### Hiroshima Kagura

ひろしまけんみんぶんか ひろしまかくら ていきこうえん  
広島県民文化センター「広島神楽」定期公演

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18 & 25,  
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm (Doors will open at 6:00 pm.)

**WHERE:** Hiroshima Prefectural Citizens' Cultural Center (*Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center*), Otemachi, Naka-ku (located near Hondori shopping street)

**ACCESS:** 3 minutes' walk from either Kamiya-cho-nishi or Hondori streetcar stop.

**TICKETS:** ¥1,200 ★ Seats are unassigned.

★ Tickets will be sold from 5:40 pm on the date of each performance at the Center. You must first get a number to buy a ticket. Numbers will be assigned from 4:30 pm at the Center (1F, lobby). There are no advance tickets.

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Prefectural Citizen's Culture Center (*Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center*) 082-245-2311

##### An Evening of Kagura

よかぐらこうえん  
夜神楽公演

**WHEN:** Saturdays, December 14, 21 & 28

◆ Kagura Performance: 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm (venue will open at 6:30 pm.) ◆ Q&A and Photo Session: from 7:45 pm onwards

**WHERE:** YMCA International Cultural Hall (B1), Hatchobori, Naka-ku

**ACCESS:** 5 minutes' walk from Tatemachi streetcar stop.

**TICKETS:** Adults: ¥1,000, Students: ¥500, For groups of 10 or more: ¥800 ★ Admission free for children 3 and under (be seated on a parent or guardian's lap) ★ Tickets are sold at the venue from 6:30 pm on the day of each performance. There are no advance tickets.

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Interpreter & Guide Association 080-3731-4804 (10 am – 5 pm) <http://www.hiroshima-kagura.com>

##### Asaminami Kagura Performance

あさみなみ伝統神楽公演  
でんとうかくらこうえん

**WHEN:** January 19 (Sun.), 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Asaminami Kumin Bunka Center, Asaminami-ku

**ACCESS:** 3 minutes' walk from Astramline Nakasuji Station.

**ADMISSION FEE:** Free

**INQUIRIES:** Asaminami Kumin Bunka Center 082-879-3060

#### Events at Shukkeien Garden

##### Shukkeien Garden

**OPENING HOURS:** 9:00 am – 6:00 pm (April – September) / 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (October – March)

**ACCESS:** 5 minutes' walk from Shukkeien-mae streetcar stop (Hiroden Hakushima Line).

**ADMISSION FEE:** Adults: ¥260, University & high school students: ¥150, Junior high & elementary school students: ¥100

**INQUIRIES:** 082-221-3620

Website: <http://shukkeien.jp/>

##### Obuku Tea Ceremony

おおぶくちやかい  
大福茶会

**WHEN:** Middle of January

**FEE:** ¥1,200 for the tea ceremony

#### Other Events

##### Talk with A-bomb Survivors

「6」のつく日 語り部さんとお話ししよう！  
ひろしま 語り部さんとお話ししよう！

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 6<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**WHEN:** The 6<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of every month, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Story telling: ① 1:00 pm ② 3:00 pm

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

**ACCESS:** 5 minutes' walk from Dobashi-cho streetcar stop.

**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](mailto:hachidorisha@gmail.com)

★ Social Book Café Hachidorisha ★

**OPENING HOURS:** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm; Saturday, Sunday, national holidays: 11:00 am – midnight; The 6<sup>th</sup>, the 16<sup>th</sup> & the 26<sup>th</sup> of every month: Open from 11:00am

**CLOSED:** Mondays & Tuesdays

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**Hiroshima Dreamination 2019****ひろしまドリミネーション2019**

Trees along Peace Boulevard and shopping streets will be decorated with various colored lights.

**WHEN:** Until January 3 (Fri.), 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm

**WHERE:** Peace Boulevard, shopping streets, around JR Hiroshima Station and other places in the center of Hiroshima City

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Light-up Project Executive Committee 082-554-1813

Website: <http://www.dreamination.com/>

**□ Opening Ceremony □**

**WHEN:** November 15 (Fri.)

**WHERE:** In front of the Hiroshima Crystal Plaza Building (Naka-machi, Naka-ku)

**SCHEDULE:** From 5:00 pm onwards: Parade; from 5:50 pm onwards: Ceremony & concert

★ The parade will go along Hondori shopping street.

**Maple Sky (double-decker bus)****Special Course for Hiroshima****Dreamination 2019** めいびるスカイ**ひろしまドリミネーション<sup>しゃぞう</sup>単窓コース**

The double-decker bus Maple Sky will run a special course to mark Hiroshima *Dreamination* 2019. You can enjoy the illuminations along the Peace Boulevard from the bus. ★ This is a special sightseeing bus, so you cannot get off on the way.

**WHEN:** December 1 (Sun.), 7 (Sat.), 8 (Sun.) 14 (Sat.) – 31 (Tue.) & January 1 (Wed.)

**DEPARTURE TIME:** ◆ 6:10 pm from JR Hiroshima Station (Shinkansen exit) ◆ 6:40 pm from Hiroshima Bus Center

**FARE:** Adults (age 12 or above): ¥1,500, Children (age 4 – 11): ¥750 ★ Children age 3 or under cannot get on this bus for safety purposes.

**INQUIRIES:** Chugoku JR Bus Reservation Center 0570-666-012 (9:30 am – 6 pm)

**Hiroshima Minato Marché****ひろしまみなとマルシェ**

You can buy and taste locally-grown fresh vegetables and other food products at this market.

**WHEN:** Sundays, December 1 & 15; January 5 & 19, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Open space between East and West Terminals of Hiroshima Port (Minami-ku)

**ACCESS:** Get off at Hiroshima Port streetcar stop.

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Minato Marché Office 082-255-6646

**German-style Christmas Market in Hiroshima 2019** ひろしま・ドイツクリスマス**スマスママーケット2019**

You can buy German Christmas food, drinks and goods, enjoy music, learn about German culture and more.

**WHEN:** December 13 (Fri.) – 15 (Sun.), noon – 8:30 pm ★ noon – 7:00 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup>

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

**ACCESS:** 1 minute's walk from Shukkeien-mae streetcar stop or 8 minutes' walk from Hatchobori streetcar stop.

**INQUIRIES:** Hiroshima Christmas Market Executive Committee 080-5237-2257

**Gishisai (tea-offering Ceremony)****ぎしさい けんぢやちかい**  
**義士祭 献茶茶会**

Tea will be offered to the temple to commemorate 47 loyal samurai warriors (*akô-rôshi*) who lost their lives for their lord in the Edo Period.

**WHEN:** December 14 (Sat.), from 10:30 am onwards

**WHERE:** Kokutai-ji Temple, Koie, Nishi-ku

**ACCESS:** From JR Nishi Hiroshima Station, take a bus bound for Satsukigaoka-danchi and get off at Koi-tôge Kokutaiji.

**INQUIRIES:** Ueda-ryû wafû-dô 082-271-5307

**Senshō Salon (Tea Ceremony)****せんしやうさろん**  
**十鐘茶論**

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19 and March 18, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Senshō-tei, Hiroshima Electric Railway Co., Senda-machi, Naka-ku

**ACCESS:** Get off at Hiroden Honsha-mae streetcar stop.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** ¥1,000 (including green tea and a sweet)

**RESERVATIONS:** Please make a reservation by phone (TEL: 080-6306-5269). Participation limited to the first 20 people.

**INQUIRIES:** Tatsujin Club 080-6306-5269

**Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body****からだのひみつ<sup>だいぼうけん</sup>大冒険 in Hiroshima**

**WHEN:** December 27 (Fri.) – January 9 (Thurs.), 10:00 am – 5:00 pm ★ Entry allowed up to 4:30 pm.

**WHERE:** Hiroshima City Exhibition Hall (*Chûshô Kigyô Kaikan*), Nishi-ku

**ACCESS:** 10 minutes' walk from JR Shin-Inokuchi Station or Shoko Center-iriguchi streetcar stop.

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**TICKETS:** ♦ Advance: Junior high school students and above: ¥1,200, elementary school students and children aged over 2: ¥800 ♦ At the door: Junior high school students and above: ¥1,400, elementary school students and children aged over 2: ¥1,000

★ Advance tickets will be available until Dec. 26.

**TICKET OFFICES:** For advance tickets: 7-Eleven, Lawson, Ticket PIA, e+, EDION Hiroshima (East Bldg., 9F); For tickets at the door: Exhibition Hall, 7-Eleven, Lawson, Ticket PIA, e+

**INQUIRIES:** Chugoku Shimbun 082-236-2244 (9:30 am – 5:30 pm on weekdays)

## Emperor's Cup: The 25<sup>th</sup> Inter Prefectural Men's Ekiden

### Hiroshima (Relay Road Race) 天皇盃

第25回全国都道府県対抗男子駅伝競走大会

**WHEN:** January 19 (Sun.), starting at 12:30 pm in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

**START & FINISHING LINE:** Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Naka-ku

**ACCESS:** Get off at Genbaku Dome-mae streetcar stop.

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

## Events Held on Miyajima

◆ Please check the Miyajima Tourist Association's website for more information.

Website: <http://www.miyajima.or.jp/english>

◆ **Access to Miyajima:** Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or Miyajima streetcar stop (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

◆ **Itsukushima Shrine Admission Fee:** Adults & university students: ¥300, High school students: ¥200, Junior high & elementary school students: ¥100

### Chinka-sai Festival 鎮火祭

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.

**WHEN:** December 31 (Tue.), from 6:00 pm onwards

**WHERE:** Mikasa-hama Beach

**INQUIRIES:** Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

## New Year's Ceremonies & Bugaku Performances on Miyajima

宮島初詣&舞楽

*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.

**WHEN:** January 1 (Wed.), 2 (Thurs.), 3 (Fri.) & 5 (Sun.)

**WHERE:** Itsukushima Shrine

**FEE:** Admission fee for Itsukushima Shrine

**INQUIRIES:** Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

**SCHEDULE:**

❖ **January 1 (Wed.)**

*Goshin-i-kenjo-shiki Ceremony*

**WHEN:** from midnight onwards

*Saitan-sai Festival*

**WHEN:** from 5:00 am onwards ★ A ritual and *bugaku* will be performed.

❖ **January 2 (Thurs.)**

*Futsuka-sai Festival*

**WHEN:** from 8:30 am onwards ★ After a ritual, followed by *bugaku* from 1:00 pm.

*Noh Performance*

**WHEN:** from 11:00 am onwards

❖ **January 3 (Fri.)**

*Genshi-sai Festival*

**WHEN:** from 9:00 am onwards ★ A ritual and *bugaku* will be performed from 1:00 pm.

❖ **January 5 (Sun.)**

*Chikyu-sai Festival*

**WHEN:** from 5:30 am onwards ★ A ritual and *bugaku* will be performed.

### *Momote-sai Festival* もちてさい 白手祭

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.

**WHEN:** January 20 (Mon.), from 11:00 am onwards

**WHERE:** Ohmoto Shrine

**INQUIRIES:** Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

### *Setsubun-e Festival in Miyajima*

せつぶんえ 福豆まき

There will be a ritual & *mame-maki* (bean-throwing) for good luck.

**WHEN:** February 3 (Mon.), from 11:00 am onwards

**WHERE:** Daishoin Temple

**INQUIRIES:** Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

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## Hoshi Matsuri at Daiganji Temple in Miyajima (ritual) ほしまつり 星祭り

**WHEN:** February 3 (Mon.), from 6:30 pm onwards  
**WHERE:** Daiganji Temple  
**INQUIRIES:** Daiganji Temple 0829-44-0179

## The 36<sup>th</sup> Miyajima Oyster Festival

だい かいみやじま まつり  
第36回宮島かき祭り

Stage performances such as *taiko* (traditional Japanese drums) will be held at the venue. A ritual and *kagami-biraki* will also be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>. *Kagami-biraki* is cutting a *kagami-mochi*, a traditional Japanese new year's ornament consisting of two round rice cakes.

**WHERE:** February 8 (Sat.) & 9 (Sun.), 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** In front of Miyajima Pier

**INQUIRIES:** Miyajima Tourist Association 0829-44-2011

## Ju-san-mairi Kodomo Mame-maki (Bean-throwing) じゅうさんまいり こどもまめ 十三参り子供豆まき

2020 is the year of the mouse. 12-year-old children who were born in the year of the mouse will throw beans in a "*mame-maki*" ritual to pray for happiness throughout the year.

**WHEN:** February 9 (Sun.), from 11:00 am onwards

**WHERE:** Daishoin Temple

**INQUIRIES:** Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

### Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City

## Winter Illumination at Bihoku

**Kyuryo Park 2019** びほく  
備北イルミ2019

Various events will be held during the illumination period.

**WHEN:** Until January 5 (Sun.), 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm (entry allowed up to 8:00 pm.)

**WHERE:** Kokuei Bihoku Kyuryo Park, Shobara City  
**PARK OPENING HOURS:** 9:30 am – 9:00 pm (2:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Mondays, November 11, 18 & 25; December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30)

**ACCESS:** From Hiroshima Bus Center, take an express bus bound for Shobara and get off at Shobara Bus Center. It is 5 minutes by taxi from there.

**ADMISSION FEE:** High school students and above: ¥450, age 65 and over: ¥210, Junior high school students and under-Free ★ Identification showing your date of birth is required.

**CLOSED:** December 31 & January 1

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

## Saito-goma (Fire Walking Ceremony)

さいとうごま ひわたりしんじ  
柴燈護摩(火渡り神事)

**WHEN:** January 8 (Wed.), 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**WHERE:** Saikokuji Temple, Onomichi City

**ACCESS:** ① 20 minutes' walk from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line). ② From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a bus going east and get off at Saikokuji-shita. 5 minutes' walk from there.

**FEE FOR FIRE WALKING:** ¥1,500 (*hachimaki* headband and good-luck charm included.)

**INQUIRIES:** Saikokuji Temple 0848-37-0321

## Oyumi-shinji (Ritual) at Momoshima Hachiman Shrine

ゆみしんじ  
お弓神事

This is a ritual to pray for good health and fortune throughout the year by shooting an arrow at a target.

**WHEN:** January 19 (Sun.), 9:00 am – 11:00 am

**WHERE:** Momoshima Hachiman Shrine, Momoshima-cho, Onomichi City

**ACCESS:** From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walk to the pier. Then get on a ferry bound for Tsuneishi and get off at Fukuda. 10 minutes' walk from there.

**INQUIRIES:** Onomichi City Hall, Momoshima Branch 0848-73-2701

## 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  
吉備津彦神社(一宮神社)

せつぶんさい  
節分祭

**WHEN:** February 3 (Mon.)

From 7:30 pm onward: Ritual

8:00 pm – 8:30 pm: *mame-maki* (bean-throwing)

**WHERE:** Kibitsu-hiko Shrine (Ikkyu Shrine), Onomichi City

**ACCESS:** 10 minutes' walk from JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line).

**INQUIRIES:** Kibitsu-hiko Shrine 0848-22-5545

## Grand Tour Setouchi 2020 (cycling event) グラン・ツール・せとうち2020

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 offering drinks and light meals.

**WHERE:** Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, Onomichi & Imabari City

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**START & FINISH LINE:****170km, 140km, 110km & 70km course:**

Mukaishima Undo Park, Onomichi City

**40km course:**

Manda Hakkô Company, Onomichi City

**ACCESS:****Mukaishima Undo Park:**

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

**Manda Hakkou Company:**

① 10 minutes' driving from Innoshima-kita I.C. on the Shimanamikaido Expressway. ② From Onomichi Port, get on a ferry and get off at Innoshima Shigei Higashi Port. It takes 20 minutes by bicycle from there.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** You can register online until March 8 (Sun.).

★ Registration will be closed when all 2,200 spots are full.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:**

People who (a) are elementary school-aged or older and (b) can complete the course within the time limit. Participants are all required to agree to the event rules. Please check the website below for more information.

- For the 170km course, people of junior high school age or older may take part.
- Elementary and junior high school students should be accompanied by a parent or guardian (parents and guardians are also required to take part.)

**COURSES & PARTICIPATION FEE:**

- Shimanami Extra Course (170km): ¥9,000 (Max. 100 people)
- Shimanami Master Course (145km): ¥9,000 (Max. 900 people)
- Shimanami Middle Course (110km): ¥8,000 (Max. 500 people)
- Shimanami Short Course (70km): ¥7,000 (Max. 500 people)
- Shimanami Happy Course (40km): ¥5,500 (Max. 200 people)

**INQUIRIES:** Grand Tour Setouchi Office (inside Hiroshima TV) 082-567-2500 (10 am – 6 pm on weekdays)

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



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