

Calendar of Events
August 2024



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Glossary :

Bon-Odori	Japanese folk dance
Kagura	Shinto dance with music
Matsuri	Festival, Event
Mikoshi	Portable shrine
Otabisho	Portable shrine resting place
Taiko	Japanese drum
Toro-nagashi	Floating lighted lanterns
Yukata	Cotton Kimono

Special Remarks:
Dates and Times are shown as follows which is common in Japan.
Dates : M/D April 3 ⇒ 4/3
Time : 24 hours system 8:00am ⇒ 8:00
8:00pm ⇒ 20:00

Obon お盆
Obon is a Buddhist event held in July (if following the lunar calendar) or August 13-15. Ancestral spirits are invited into the home to be honored. *Bon-Odori* (folk dance) are also held, with people in *Yukata* - summer *Kimono*, dancing in a circle. Many people take summer vacations during this time and return to their hometowns to visit family homes.

Ukai 鵜飼
Cormorant fishing, an ancient method of catching *Ayu* (sweetfish or trout-like fish), handling cormorants.
This usually takes place at night under the blazing torches fastened to the prows of fishing boats from May until October.

<<<All event information is subject to change. Please be sure to check the latest information in advance.>>>

Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access		URL
Hokkaido 北海道	7/19 ~ 8/16	Hokkaido 北海道	Sapporo 札幌市	O-dori Park and others 大通公園ほか	Sapporo Natsu Matsuri さっぽろ夏まつり	Summary: Summer Festival in the city. Schedule & Key events: ● 7/19-8/14 12:00-21:00 Open-air beer halls set up in O-dori Park ● 8/11-8/16 18:00-21:00 <i>Bon Odori</i> in the O-dori Park 2-chome area	JR Chitose Line to Sapporo Sta., and then take Namboku or Toho Subway Line to O- dori Sta.	JR千歳線札幌駅より地下鉄南北線 又は東豊線で大通駅下車	https://www.sapporo.travel/summerfes/

