

Calendar of Events
February 2025



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Glossary :

Matsuri	Festival, Event
Geisha	Professional female entertainers

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

Setsubun 節分

Traditional ceremony to dispel demons. According to the lunar calendar, "Setsubun" marks the last day of winter. People throng temples and shrines to vie with another for lucky beans which are thrown by priests, monks or famous figures who shout "Fuku-wa-uchi, Oni-wa-soto!" (Fortune in, Devils out!) to drive away imaginary devils.

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Hokkaido 北海道	2/1 ~ 2/24	Hokkaido 北海道	Chitose 千歳市	Lake Shikotsu 支笏湖	Chitose-Shikotsuko Hyoto Matsuri 千歳・支笏湖 氷濤まつり	Summary: Ice Festival. Many ice sculptures exhibited on the shore are lit up. Admission is 1,000JPY. Advance tickets are sold on the website. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 16:30-20:00 Ice sculptures lighting up	From Shin-Chitose Airport, take bus to Shikotsuko Bus Stop (55 min.)	新千歳空港よりバスで55分支笏湖下車	https://hyouto-u-special.asia
Hokkaido 北海道	2/4 ~ 2/11	Hokkaido 北海道	Sapporo 札幌市	Odori Site, Susukino Site, Tsudome Site 大通会場、 すすきの会場、 つどーむ会場	75th Sapporo Yuki Matsuri 第75回 さっぽろ雪まつり	Summary: Snow Festival. The festival, the biggest in scale of this kind, started in 1950, and has become one of the most popular events in winter for now. Approximately 200 snow creations and ice sculptures are exhibited at three sites, mainly at Odori site with enormous snow creations and many attractions, at Susukino site with fantastic ice sculptures, and at Tsudome site with the huge playground where children and adults can play in snow. Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-22:00 Ice sculptures lighting up at Odori site sunset-23:00 (-22:00 on 2/11) Ice sculptures lighting up at Susukino site	JR Chitose Line to Sapporo Sta. From there, take Namboku Subway Line to (1) Odori Site: Odori Sta. (2) Susukino Site: Susukino Sta.	JR千歳線札幌駅より地下鉄南北線で (1) 大通会場: 大通駅下車 (2) すすきの会場: すすきの下車	http://www.sn-owfes.com/english/index.html

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Hokkaido 北海道	2/6 ~ 2/11	Hokkaido 北海道	Asahikawa 旭川市	Asahibashi-Kahan, Heiwa-dori Kaimono Park and others 旭橋河畔、平和通貫物公園ほか	Asahikawa Fuyu Matsuri 旭川冬まつり	Summary: Winter Festival. Many snow creations and ice statues are exhibited at Asahibashi-kahan site (on the riversides of Ishikari River), and on Heiwa-dori Kaimono Park where about 40 ice sculptures are to be judged in competition. Many attractive events and a long sliding way are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 9:00-21:00 (-20:00 on 2/11) ● 2/8 & 11 19:30- Fireworks display	Asahibashi-Kahan: JR Hakodate Honsen Line to Asahikawa Sta., and then (1) walk 25 min. (2) take bus to Tokiwa Koenmae Bus Stop (20 min.) (3) take free shuttle bus※ (4) take taxi (15 min.) ※ only available on 2/8,9,11 every 30 min. from Asahikawa Sta. (10:00-18:00), from Festival site (10:30-18:30)	旭橋河畔： JR函館本線旭川駅より (1)徒歩25分 (2)バスで20分常盤公園前下車 (3)無料のシャトルバス※ (4)タクシーで15分 ※2/8,9,11のみ運行 30分間隔で運行 旭川駅発 (10:00 -18:00)、 まつり会場発 (10:30-18:30)	https://asahikawa-winterfes.jp/
Hokkaido 北海道	2/8 ~ 2/9	Hokkaido 北海道	Abashiri 網走市	Abashiri Port 網走商港埠頭	Abashiri-Okhotsk Ryuhyo Matsuri あばしりオホーツク流氷まつり	Summary: Winter Festival. Snow creations and ice sculptures are exhibited. Many events such as a popular song-show, games and performances are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/8 10:00-20:00 ● 2/9 10:00-16:00	JR Sekihoku Honsen Line to Abashiri Sta. From there, take bus to "Michi-no-eki Ryuhyo Kaido Abashiri Saihyo-sen Noriba" Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 15 min.	JR石北本線網走駅よりバスで10分”道の駅流氷街道網走砕氷船のりば”下車、徒歩15分	https://visit-abashiri.jp/event/b9b5c81d6a90669b636d2b1511eafef4416fbcc5.html
Tohoku 東北	12/27 ~ 2/23	Yamagata 山形県	Yamagata 山形市	along Zao Ropeway Sancho Line, around Jizo Sancho Sta. 蔵王ロープウェイ山頂線沿線および地藏山頂駅周辺	Zao Juhyo Light-up 蔵王樹氷ライトアップ	Summary: Festival featuring the lighting up <i>Juhyo</i> , known as "Snow Monster", trees covered with frost. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/1-3, 7-10, 14-17, 21-23 17:00-21:00 <i>Juhyo</i> lighting up	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta., and then take bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop (45 min.) From there, walk to Zao Sanroku Sta. (15 min.), and then take ropeway to Jizo Sancho Sta. (17 min.)	JR山形新幹線山形駅よりバスで45分蔵王温泉下車、徒歩15分の蔵王山麓駅よりロープウェイで17分地藏山頂駅下車	https://zaoropeway.co.jp/winter/juhyo.php

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Tohoku 東北	2/7 ~ 2/9	Akita 秋田県	Oga 男鹿市	Shinzan-jinja Shrine 真山神社	Namahage Sedo Matsuri なまはげ柴灯まつり	Summary: Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties and registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, features <i>Namahage</i> (men wearing devil masks) dancing wildly, drumming vigorously, running around and then serving <i>Mochi</i> (rice cakes) to people thronged in the precincts of the shrine. Admission is 1,000JPY. Reservation is required on the website. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-20:30	JR Oga Line to Oga Sta., and then take temporary bus (30 min.)	JR男鹿線男鹿駅より臨時バスで30分	https://oganavi.com/sedo/
Tohoku 東北	2/7 ~ 2/11	Aomori 青森県	Hirosaki 弘前市	Hirosaki Park 弘前公園	Hirosaki-jo Yukidoro Matsuri 弘前城雪燈籠まつり	Summary: Snow Lantern Festival. About 150 snow lanterns and about 300 <i>Mini-Kamakura</i> (miniature huts made of snow) are lit up, which creates fantastic atmosphere in Hirosaki Park during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily sunset-21:00(-20:00 on 2/11) <i>Mini-Kamakura</i> lighting up	JR Ou Honsen Line to Hirosaki Sta. From there, walk 30 min. or take Konan 100 yen bus to Shiyakushomae Bus Stop (15 min.), and then walk 4 min.	JR奥羽本線弘前駅より徒歩30分又は弘前市内循環100円バス【弘南バス】で15分市役所前下車、徒歩4分	https://www.hirosaki-kanko.or.jp/web/edit.html?id=cat02_winter_yuki
Tohoku 東北	2/8 ~ 2/9	Yamagata 山形県	Yonezawa 米沢市	Uesugi-jinja Shrine, Matsugasaki Park 上杉神社、松が岬公園	Uesugi Yukidoro Matsuri 上杉雪灯籠まつり	Summary: Snow Lantern Festival. About 200 <i>Yuki-doro</i> (big snow lanterns) and about 1,000 <i>Yuki-bonbori</i> (small snow lanterns) at Uesugi-jinja Shrine and at Matsugasaki Park are lit up. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 17:30- <i>Yuki-doro</i> lighting up	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yonezawa Sta. From there, take City Cyclic bus to Uesugi Jinja-mae Bus Stop or shuttle bus	JR山形新幹線米沢駅より市街循環バスで上杉神社前下車又はシャトルバス	https://yukidourou.yonezawa-matsuri.jp

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Tohoku 東北	2/10	Akita 秋田県	Daisen 大仙市	Omachi-dori Street 刈和野大町通り	Kariwano-no Otsuna-hiki 刈和野の大綱引き	Summary: Tug of war, featuring a giant straw-rope (80 centimeters in diameter and over 200 meters long). The festival with a 500-year history is held to pray for a rich harvest of this year, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Schedule & Key events: 19:10-20:05 Townspeople lay out a straw-rope for a fight 21:00- Tug of war is held on Omachi-dori Street	JR Ou Honsen Line to Kariwano Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR奥羽本線刈和野駅より徒歩10分	https://akita-fun.jp/spots/30
Tohoku 東北	2/11	Iwate 岩手県	Daito-cho, Ichinoseki 一関市大東町	Ohara Hachiman-jinja Shrine and others 大原八幡神社ほか	Daito Ohara Mizu-kake Matsuri 大東大原 水かけ祭り	Summary: Water Pouring Festival for a prevention of fire with a 360-year history, featuring a parade of floats, <i>Taiko</i> drumming, local performing arts and firefighters. Schedule & Key events: 10:10- Local people make a new giant <i>Shimenawa</i> (sacred straw festoon) fixed to Ohara Hachiman-jinja Shrine 12:40- Floats parade through the town 14:35- Ritual pray is held at the shrine 15:00-15:45 About 250 half-naked men rush on the streets in the town, while townspeople dash cold water over them	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Ichinoseki Sta. From there, take JR Ofunato Line to Surisawa Sta., and then take bus to Daito Bus Center Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東北新幹線一ノ関駅よりJR大船渡線で摺沢駅下車、バスで20分大東バスセンター下車	https://www.ic-hitabi.jp/event/data.php?p=156
Tohoku 東北	2/15 ~ 2/16	Akita 秋田県	Yokote 横手市	Around Yokote City Hall and others 横手市役所周辺ほか	Yokote Kamakura 横手かまくら	Summary: Snow Huts Exhibition. Playing in snow huts is a popular pastime in winter for children living in the heavy snowfall areas. They make snow huts called "<i>Kamakura</i>" in which they play games and eat traditional delicacies. Snow huts and a number of snow creations are built in the city. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-21:00	Yokote City Hall : JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.	横手市役所 : JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分	https://www.yokotekamakura.com/2025/01/06/yukimaturi-2025/

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Tohoku 東北	2/15 & 2/17	Yamagata 山形県	Kuromori, Sakata 酒田市黒森	Hie-jinja Shrine 日枝神社	Kuromori Kabuki 黒森歌舞伎	Summary: Local <i>Kabuki</i> (traditional play by men) <i>and Kyogen</i> (traditional comic drama) Play with a more than 280-year tradition is performed on the makeshift stage set up in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/15 & 17 10:00- <i>Shonen-Taiko</i> (Japanese drumming performed by boys) 12:00- <i>Kodomo Kabuki</i> (<i>Kabuki</i> play by boys) performance 13:30-15:30 <i>Kyogen</i> performance	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Sakata Sta., and then take taxi (20 min.)	JR羽越本線酒田駅よりタクシーで20分	https://sakata-kankou.com/event/30719
Tohoku 東北	2/16 & 2/17	Akita 秋田県	Yokote 横手市	Yokote City Hall, Asahiokayama-jinja Shrine and others 横手市役所、旭岡山神社ほか	Bonden ぼんでん	Summary: Dozens of <i>Bonden</i> (sacred bamboo baskets decorated with colorful cloth and streamers, 30kg in weight and 5 meters in length each) are carried by villagers who vie with each other to be the first in dedicating <i>Bonden</i> to the shrines. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/16 9:30-12:00 Bonden Workmanship Contest is held at the festival site in front of Yokote City Hall ● 2/17 9:00-12:00 Local young men carrying about 25 <i>Bonden</i> leave Yokote City Hall for Asahiokayama-jinja Shrine to dedicate <i>Bonden</i>	Yokote City Hall : JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.	横手市役所 : JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分	https://www.yokotekamakura.com/2025/01/06/yukimaturi-2025/
Tohoku 東北	2/17 ~ 2/20	Aomori 青森県	Hachinohe 八戸市	Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine, Shimin Hiroba and others 長者山新羅神社、市民広場ほか	Hachinohe Emburi 八戸えんぶり	Summary: This is a unique harvest festival native to Hachinohe and its vicinities, with a 800-year history, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is <i>Emburi</i> (local dances) performance under the flickering torchlights. Schedule & Key events: ● daily 18:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba in the city hall ● 2/17 7:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine 10:00-10:40 Parade of over 30 grouped villagers in fancy costumes, from Chojasan Shinra-jinja Shrine to downtown Hachinoe 10:40-11:20 <i>Emburi</i> in downtown Hachinoe 12:15- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba in the city hall ● 2/19 & 20 13:00- & 14:00- <i>Emburi</i> at Shimin Hiroba in the city hall	Shimin Hiroba: JR Hachinohe Line to Hon-Hachinohe Sta., and then walk 10 min.	市民広場: JR八戸線本八戸駅より徒歩10分	https://visithachinohe.com/stories/enburi_schedule/

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Chubu 中部	1/11 ~ 3/2	Shizuoka 静岡県	Atami 熱海市	Atami Baien Garden 熱海梅園	Atami Baien Ume Matsuri 熱海梅園梅まつり	Summary: Japanese Apricot Festival. There are about 470 Japanese apricot trees of 60 species in the garden and they begin to bloom usually from the middle of January. Various entertainments are scheduled during the festival period. Admission is 300JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 8:30-16:00 ●2/2 10:30-11:00 & 13:30-14:00 <i>Kenbu</i> (sword dance) ●2/11 & 24 10:30-11:00 & 13:30-14:00 <i>Geisha</i> dance	(1) JR Ito Line to Kinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta. From there, take bus (for Ainohara-Danchi or Baien) to Baien Bus Stop (15 min.)	(1) JR伊東線来宮駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR東海道新幹線熱海駅よりバス相の原団地行又は梅園行で15分 梅園下車	https://www.ataminews.gr.jp/event/355/
Chubu 中部	2/1 ~ 2/28	Shizuoka 静岡県	Kawazu-cho 河津町	Kawazu River 河津川	Kawazu-zakura Matsuri 河津桜まつり	Summary: Cherry Blossom Festival. Rich pink blossoms are distinctive of <i>Kawazu-zakura</i> which come into bloom in February. You can enjoy seeing the cherry blossoms along Kawazu River, even at night since the blossoms are lit up. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:00-21:00 Cherry blossoms lighting up	From JR Tokyo Sta., take JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Kawazu Sta.	JR東京駅よりJR特急"踊り子"で河津駅下車	https://www.kawazuzakura.jp/
Chubu 中部	2/10 ~ 2/11	Aichi 愛知県	Toyohashi 豊橋市	Akumikanbe Shinmeisha Shrine 安久美神戸神明社	Toyohashi Oni Matsuri 豊橋鬼祭	Summary: Devil Festival, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. It features several kinds of <i>Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) dedicated to the shrine to dispel evil spirits, and <i>Ame-maki</i> (candy-throwing ceremony) to pray for a good harvest of the year. The festival is highlighted by " <i>Tengu to Aka-oni no Karakai</i> " in which <i>Tengu</i> (a long-nosed goblin) defeats red devils. Schedule & Key events: ●daily <i>Kagura</i> performance at several times ●2/11 14:00- <i>Tengu to Aka-oni no Karakai</i> with <i>Ame-maki</i> and <i>Kagura</i> performance	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Toyohashi Sta. From there, take streetcar to Toyohashi Koen-mae (10 min), and then walk 3 min.	JR東海道新幹線豊橋駅より市電で10分豊橋公園前下車、徒歩3分	https://www.aichinow.jp/spots/detail/152/
Hokuriku 北陸	2/15	Niigata 新潟県	Shibata 新発田市	Kamiakatani- chinjuzan-jinja Shrine 上赤谷鎮守山神社	Akatani Dontsuki Matsuri 赤谷どんつき祭	Summary: The festival has an over 700-year history. Local men dressed in only loincloths jostle one another in the precincts of the shrine to pray for a good harvest and good health throughout the year. Schedule & Key events: 19:00-20:30	JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Shibata Sta., and then take taxi (30 min.)	JR羽越本線新発田駅よりタクシーで30分	https://shibata-info.jp/

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Hokuriku 北陸	2/22 ~ 2/23	Fukui 福井県	Katsuyama 勝山市	Kuzuryu River and others 九頭竜川ほか	Katsuyama Sagicho 勝山左義長	Summary: The festival with a 300-year history is to pray for a good harvest for this year. This festival features local performing arts to the tune of Japanese music and drumming on a dozen of <i>Yagura</i> (wooden high stages), and <i>Dondo-yaki</i> (setting fire to New Year's decorations and ornaments). Schedule & Key events: ● 2/22 13:00-21:00 Local performing arts demonstration in the city ● 2/23 9:00-21:00 Local performing arts demonstration in the city 20:00- <i>Dondo-yaki</i> on the riverbank of Kuzuryu River	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Fukui Sta. From there, take Echizen Railway Katsuyama-Eiheiji Line to Katsuyama Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR北陸新幹線福井駅よりえちぜん鉄道勝山永平寺線で勝山駅下車、徒歩10分	https://fukui-iro.jp/event/detail_11182.html
Kinki 近畿	1/29 ~ 2/2	Hyogo 兵庫県	Kobe 神戸市	Nankin-machi Hiroba square in Chinatown and others 南京町広場ほか	Shunsetsu-sai 春節祭	Summary: Chinese New Year's Day, according to the lunar calendar. Various and colorful events including <i>Shishimai</i> (lion dance) and Chinese traditional performing arts are demonstrated daily during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/1 11:00-19:30 Stage events at Nankin-machi Hiroba square 11:30- & 18:00- Parade of <i>Shishimai</i> in Nankin-machi area 13:30- Parade of <i>Shishimai</i> in Sannomiya Center Gai Shopping Street 15:00- Parade of <i>Shishimai</i> in Kobe Motomachi Shopping Street ● 2/2 11:00-19:00 Stage events at Nankin-machi Hiroba square 11:30- & 18:00- Parade of <i>Shishimai</i> in Nankin-machi area 15:00- Parade of <i>Shishimai</i> in Kobe Motomachi Shopping Street	JR Kobe Line or Hanshin Honsen Line to Motomachi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR神戸線又は阪神本線元町駅より徒歩5分	https://www.nankinmachi.or.jp/

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Kinki 近畿	2/1 ~ 2/5	Mie 三重県	Owase 尾鷲市	Owase-jinja Shrine, old Kumano road and others 尾鷲神社、熊野古道ほか	Ya Ya Matsuri ヤーヤ祭り	Summary: The festival with a 300-year tradition is known as a "quarreling" festival, featuring <i>Kori-kaki</i> , men purifying themselves in icy water. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/2-4 19:30- Men shove and jostle one another at two places in the city 20:00- <i>Kori-kaki</i> takes place ● 2/5 12:00- Procession of feudal lord and local dancing parades on the old Kumano road to Owase-jinja Shrine 19:00- Japanese archery is demonstrated in the precincts of the shrine 20:40- <i>Shishimai</i> lion dance is demonstrated in the precincts of the shrine	JR Kisei Honsen Line to Owase Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR紀勢本線尾鷲駅より徒歩10分	https://owasekankou.com/event/ya-ya-matsuri/
Kinki 近畿	2/2	Nara 奈良県	Nara 奈良市	Kasuga Taisha Shrine 春日大社	Setsubun Mantoro 節分万燈籠	Summary: Lantern Festival. About 3,000 stone and bronze lanterns in the precincts of the shrine which had been dedicated by people in the Heian period (794-1185) up to now are lit up. Schedule & Key events: 17:30- <i>Bugaku</i> (ancient court dance with music) performance 18:00-20:30 Stone and bronze lanterns lighting up	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Kasuga Taisha Honden Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR奈良線奈良駅又は近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より奈良交通バスで15分春日大社本殿下車	https://narashikanko.or.jp/event/setsubunmantourou_kasugataisya/
Kinki 近畿	2/3	Nara 奈良県	Ikaruga-cho 斑鳩町	Horyu-ji Temple 法隆寺	Tsuina-e (Oni-oi-shiki) 追儺会(鬼追い式)	Summary: Rites of driving away devils. The rites including Buddhist sermon are conducted at the temple listed as the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Schedule & Key events: 19:00- Rites	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. From there, take JR Kansai Honsen Line to Horyuji Sta., and then walk 20 min. or take bus (for Horyu-ji Sando) to Horyu-ji Sando Bus Stop.	JR奈良駅よりJR関西本線で法隆寺駅下車、徒歩20分又はバス法隆寺参道行きで法隆寺参道下車	https://www.horyuji.or.jp/

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Kinki 近畿	2/23	Kyoto 京都府	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 京都市伏見区	Daigo-ji Temple 醍醐寺	Daigoji Godai-rikison Ninno-e 醍醐寺五大力尊仁王会	Summary: A contest, in which young men and women show their strength by lifting <i>Mochi</i> (rice cakes), weighing some 150 kilograms (for men) and 90 kilograms (for women), is held in front of Kondo Hall of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-17:00	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take Keihan Bus to Daigoji Bus Stop (30 min.) (2) Tozai Subway Line to Daigo Sta. (Exit 2), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京都駅より京阪バスで30分 醍醐寺下車 (2) 地下鉄東西線醍醐駅 (2番出口) より徒歩10分	https://www.daigoji.or.jp/event/detail1.html
Kinki 近畿	2/24	Kyoto 京都府	Kita-ku, Kyoto 京都市北区	Kamigamo-jinja Shrine 上賀茂神社	Kamigamo Sanyare-sai 上賀茂さんやれ祭	Summary: A group of boys who have become the age of 15, solemnly go up the steps in line to the shrine for their <i>Genpuku</i> , the traditional initiation ceremony of coming-of-age. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- The line with <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) and festival music to the shrine	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 to Kamigamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4で上賀茂神社前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=7476
Kinki 近畿	2/25	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市上京区	Kitano Tenmangu Shrine 北野天満宮	Baika-sai 梅花祭	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Blossom Festival. There are 1,500 apricot trees of 50 species in the garden which is open to the public from the beginning of February to the middle of March, depending on the flowering. Admission to the garden is ¥1,200. Fee for <i>Nodate</i> (open-air tea ceremony) is ¥3,000 per person. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-20:00 Apricot garden is open (sunset-20:00 Lighting up) 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i>	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 to Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50で北野天満宮前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2595
Chugoku 中国	2/1	Tottori 鳥取県	Chizu-cho 智頭町	Chizu-cho 智頭町	Chizu-Shuku Yuki Matsuri 智頭宿雪まつり	Summary: Snow Festival featuring hundreds of <i>Yuki Toro</i> or lanterns made of snow displayed on the both sides of streets. When all the lanterns are lit up, a magical atmosphere is created throughout this old post town. Some other events are scheduled in daytime. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-20:00	JR Inbi Line to Chizu Sta.	JR因美線智頭駅下車	https://chizukankou-kurashiya.jp/news/u751/

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Chugoku 中国	2/15	Okayama 岡山県	Okayama 岡山市	Saidai-ji Temple 西大寺	Saidaiji Eyo (Hadaka Matsuri) 西大寺会陽 (はだか祭り)	Summary: Naked Festival. This festival is the largest in scale of this kind. Some 9,000 young men wearing only loincloth vigorously purify themselves by pouring cold water over their bodies in Yoshii River. Then they vie with each other to get a pair of <i>Shingi</i> (amulets) which are thrown over the throng by the priest in the compound of the temple. The gallery tickets are sold at the temple on the day. Schedule & Key events: 18:30- & 19:30- <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) performance 19:00-19:30 Fireworks display 21:00- Men gather at the temple 22:00-midnight <i>Shingi</i> are thrown in the compound	(1) JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Okayama Sta., and then take temporary bus (40 min.) (2) JR Ako Line to Saidaiji Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR山陽新幹線岡山駅より臨時バスで40分 (2) JR赤穂線西大寺駅より徒歩10分	https://www.saidaiji.jp/
Shikoku 四国	2/11	Kochi 高知県	Niyodoga wa-cho 仁淀川町	Akiba-jinja Shrine, Iwaya-jinja Shrine and others 秋葉神社、 岩屋神社ほか	Akiba Matsuri 秋葉まつり	Summary: Festival with an over 200-year history, featuring a pageant of 200 townspeople wearing traditional costumes following <i>Mikoshi</i> (portable shrine), along the mountain paths stopping by three major sites where they perform local performing arts to the tune of music. Schedule & Key events: 8:30-15:30 Parade from Iwaya-jinja Shrine to Akiba-jinja Shrine	JR Dosan Line to Sakawa Sta., and then take taxi (50 min.)	JR土讃線佐川駅よりタクシーで50分	https://www.niyodogawa.tv/
Kyushu 九州	1/29 ~ 2/12	Nagasaki 長崎県	Nagasaki 長崎市	Chinatown, Chuo Park, Koshi-byo and others 新地中華街、 中央公園、 孔子廟ほか	2025 Nagasaki Lantern Festival 2025 長崎ランタン フェスティバル	Summary: Lantern Festival, a picturesque Chinese event featuring 15,000 lanterns in the shape of various creatures along the streets lit up daily during the festival period. The highlight of this festival is <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> (a parade of Chinese emperor) and <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> (a parade of the goddess of voyage). Chinese dragon dances and some other performing arts are also daily demonstrated at Chinatown, Chuo Park, Koshi-byo and other sites. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●2/1 14:00-16:30 <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Minato Park ●2/2 13:00-16:05 <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> from Koshi-byo to Chuo Park ●2/8 14:00-16:30 <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Minato Park ●2/9 13:15-16:20 <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Koshi-byo	Chinatown : JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta. From there, take streetcar to Shinchi-Chukagai, and then walk 1 min.	新地中華街 : JR長崎本線長崎駅より市電で新地中華街下車、徒歩1分	https://www.at-nagasaki.jp/lantern-festival

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Kyushu 九州	2/11 ~ 4/3	Fukuoka 福岡県	Yanagawa 柳川市	Yanagawa 柳川市	Yanagawa Hina Matsuri Sagemon Meguri 柳川雛祭り さげもんめぐり	Summary: Girl's Festival. <i>Sagemon</i> are handsewn ornaments which are displayed all over the city for this festival. When a baby girl is born, her mother and grandmothers sew <i>Sagemon</i> stitch by stitch wishing her to grow up healthy, and decorate them at both sides of <i>Hina Ningyo</i> (traditional Japanese dolls) to celebrate her first Girl's Festival. This festival features a procession of girls and adults in <i>Hina Ningyo</i> attire, and floats adorned with colorful Sagemon. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●2/11 10:00- Procession after ritual pray at Hiyoshi-jinja Shrine	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, (1) Fukuoka Subway Airport Line to Tenjin sta., and walk 5 min to Nishitetsu Fukuoka (Tenjin) Sta., then take Nishitetsu Tenjin-Omuta Line to Nishitetsu Yanagawa Sta. (50 min.) (2) JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Chikugofunagoya Sta., and change to JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Setaka Sta., and then take bus to Nishitetsu Yanagawa Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より (1) 福岡地下鉄空港線で天神駅下車、徒歩5分の西鉄福岡(天神)駅から西鉄天神大牟田線で50分西鉄柳川駅下車 (2) JR九州新幹線で筑後船小屋駅にてJR鹿児島本線に乗り換え瀬高駅下車、バスで15分西鉄柳川下車	https://www.city.yanagawa.fukuoka.jp/kanko/meisho/2144.html
Kyushu 九州	2/15 ~ 3/31	Oita 大分県	Hita 日田市	Mameda-machi, Kuma-machi and others 豆田町、隈町ほか	Tenryo Hita Ohina Matsuri 天領日田 おひなまつり	Summary: Girl's Festival. The Hita area prospered under the reign of <i>Tenryo</i> (Tokugawa Shogunate dependency) in the time of the Edo period. <i>Hina Ningyo</i> (traditional Japanese dolls) which have been handed down for generations, have been well preserved, and are displayed at about 17 houses in the city, where everybody can visit and enjoy to view them. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-16:00	JR Kyudai Honsen Line to Hita Sta.	JR久大本線日田駅下車	https://oidehita.com/archive/s/61293

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Glossary :

Koto	Japanese harp
Matsuri	Festival, Event
Mikoshi	Portable shrine
Nodate	Open air tea ceremony
Taiko	Japanese drum

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Dates : M/D April 3 ⇒ 4/3
Time : 24 hours system 8:00am ⇒ 8:00
 8:00pm ⇒ 20:00

Setsubun 節分
Traditional ceremony to dispel demons. According to the lunar calendar, "Setsubun" marks the last day of winter. People throng temples and shrines to vie with another for lucky beans which are thrown by priests, monks or famous figures who shout "Fuku-wa-uchi, Oni-wa-soto!" (Fortune in, Devils out!) to drive away imaginary devils.

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Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Hie-jinja Shrine 日枝神社	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: Setsubun ceremony at the shrine. Mamemaki - lucky beans are thrown by Shinto priests and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:30- Tsuina-shinji (ritual to get rid of demon) 12:00- Mamemaki	(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Akasaka Sta. (C06)(Exit 2), and then walk 3 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Ginza or Namboku Line to Tameike-Sanno Sta. (G06, N06)(Exit 7), and then walk 3 min.	(1) 東京メトロ千代田線赤坂駅 (2番出口) より徒歩3分 (2) 東京メトロ銀座線又は南北線溜池山王駅 (7番出口) より徒歩3分	https://www.hiejinja.net/events/
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Torikoe-jinja Shrine 鳥越神社	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: Setsubun ceremony at the shrine. Mamemaki - lucky beans are thrown by Shinto priests - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 16:00- Mamemaki	(1) Toei Asakusa Line to Kuramae Sta. (A17), and then walk 6 min. (2) JR Sobu Line to Asakusabashi Sta., and then walk 8 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄浅草線蔵前駅より徒歩6分 (2) JR総武線浅草橋駅より徒歩8分	https://www.facebook.com/torikoej/?locale=ja_JP

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Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区	Toyokawa Inari Betsuin Temple 豊川稲荷別院	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Rites pray & <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Tokyo Metro Marunouchi or Ginza Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta. (M13, G05)(Exit B), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho, Hanzomon or Namboku Line to Nagatacho Sta. (Y16, Z04, N07)(Exit 7), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ丸ノ内線又は銀座線赤坂見附駅 (B出口) より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ有楽町線、半蔵門線又は南北線永田町駅 (7番出口) より徒歩5分	http://www.toyokawainari-tokyo.jp/index.html
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社	Setsubun Tsuina-sai 節分追儺祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted after <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons). Schedule & Key events: 17:30- <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> and <i>Mamemaki</i>	JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta.(North Exit), and then walk 15 min.	JR総武線亀戸駅 (北口) より徒歩15分	http://kameidotenjin.or.jp/category/cate_02/
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Katsushika-ku 葛飾区	Shibamata Taishakuten Temple (Daikyo-ji Temple) 柴又帝釈天 (題経寺)	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- & 15:00-	Keisei Kanamachi Line to Shibamata Sta., and then walk 3 min.	京成金町線柴又駅より徒歩3分	http://www.taishakuten.or.jp/setsubun-2025.html
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区	Zojo-ji Temple 増上寺	Setsubun Tsuina-shiki 節分追儺式	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:30- Procession and Rites pray 12:20- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Toei Mita Subway Line to Onarimon Sta. (I06) or Shibakoen Sta. (I05), and then walk 3 min. (2) Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta. (A09, E20), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 都営地下鉄三田線御成門駅又は芝公園駅より徒歩3分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線又は大江戸線大門駅より徒歩5分	https://www.zojoji.or.jp/event/event_setsubun.html
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Ikegami Honmon-ji Temple and others 池上本門寺ほか	Setsubun Tsuina-e 節分追儺会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted, following procession of beans throwers and rites pray. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Procession from Tokumochi Kaikan Hall 14:00- Rites pray 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ikegami Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nishi-Magome Sta. (A01)(South Exit), and then walk 12 min.	(1) 東急池上線池上駅より徒歩10分 (2) 都営地下鉄浅草線西馬込駅 (南口)より徒歩12分	https://honmonji.jp/news/schedule.html

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Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Gokoku-ji Temple 護国寺	Setsubun-e Mamemaki-shiki 節分会 豆まき式	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>	Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line to Gokokuji Sta. (Y11)	東京メトロ有楽町線護国寺駅下車	https://www.gokokuji.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by people applied in advance and famous figures - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:30- & 13:30- <i>Mamemaki</i> by people applied in advance 12:30- & 14:30- <i>Fukuju-no-Mai</i> (dance of Seven Deities of Good Luck) 16:00-, 16:20-, 16:40- & 17:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> by famous figures	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18) (Exit A4), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄 浅草線浅草駅(A4出口)より徒歩5 分	https://www.senso-ji.jp/annual_event/05.html
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku 足立区	Nishiarai Daishi Temple 西新井大師	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 15:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>	Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi- mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.	東武大師線大師前駅より徒歩5分	https://www.nishiaraidaishi.or.jp/event/yearly.html
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Hino 日野市	Takahata Fudoson Temple 高幡不動尊	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. Open-air stalls selling <i>Dharma</i> dolls are set up in and around the compound of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 10:00-, 11:00-, 13:00-, 15:00- & 16:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>	Keio Line to Takahata-Fudo Sta., and then walk 5 min.	京王線高幡不動駅より徒歩5分	https://www.takahatafudoson.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	2/2	Tokyo 東京都	Nakano-ku 中野区	Hosen-ji Temple and others 宝仙寺ほか	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 15:30- <i>Sohei-gyoretsu</i> (Precession of monk soldiers) from Meitoku Inari-jinja Shrine to Hosen-ji Temple 16:00- <i>Saito-ogomaku</i> (Fire ritual) 16:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>	Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Nakano-Sakaue Sta. (M06, E30), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ丸ノ内線又は都営地下鉄 大江戸線中野坂上駅より徒歩5分	http://www.housen.org/news/250106.html

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Tokyo 東京	2/2 ~ 3/16	Tokyo 東京都	Oshima-machi 大島町	Oshima-machi 大島町	Tsubaki Matsuri 椿まつり	Summary: Camellia Festival. Various species of camellia are usually in bloom during the festival period in Oshima Island. Camellia Garden in Oshima Park is open from 8:30 to 16:30 every day during the event. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-15:00 Various kinds of exhibitions, markets and workshops at Motomachi Port Passenger Waiting Room ●2/2 morning Opening ceremony <i>Mikoshi</i> and <i>Anko</i> girls (Oshima local girls) parade around Oshima Town Hall ●2/2, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 22, 23 & 24 10:00-15:00 Camellia petal dyeing experience class and sales at Motomachi Port Passenger Waiting Room ●2/14, 15, 21, 22 & 28 19:00-20:30 Flowers are lit up at Tsubakihana Garden (If it rains, it will be cancelled)	(1) Yurikamome Monorail Line to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk to Takeshiba Pier. From there, take Tokai Kisen ferryboat (6 hrs.) or hydrofoil boat (1 hr. 45 min.) to Oshima Island (2) From Chofu Airport, take airplane (25 min.)	(1) ゆりかもめ竹芝駅よりすぐの竹芝 栈橋から東海汽船フェリーで6時間又は 高速船で1時間45分大島下船 (2) 調布飛行場より飛行機で25分	https://www.tokaikisen.co.jp/tsubaki_festival/
Tokyo 東京	2/3	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Rites pray 14:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit, Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12)(Exit B1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR中央線又は東京メトロ丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅（聖橋口、1番出口）より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線新御茶ノ水駅（B1出口）より徒歩5分 (3) JR山手線、京浜東北線又は総武線秋葉原駅（電気街口）より徒歩7分	https://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	2/6 & 2/18	Tokyo 東京都	Kita-ku 北区	Oji Inari-jinja Shrine 王子稲荷神社	Tako Ichi 蛸市	Summary: Kite Fair. Kites, regarded as a talisman for preventing fire, are sold at some stalls among many other open-air stalls, which are set up in the precincts and along the approach to the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●2/6 & 2/18 10:00-	JR Keihin Tohoku Line or Tokyo Metro Namboku Line to Oji Sta. (N16), and then walk 7 min.	JR京浜東北線又は東京メトロ南北線王子駅より徒歩7分	http://www.kanako.city.kita.tokyo.jp/event/593-2/

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Tokyo 東京	2/8	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Hari-kuyo-e 針供養会	Summary: <i>Hari-kuyo</i> memorial service for broken needles at the temple. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- Memorial service	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19, A18)(Exit A4), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅草線浅草駅(A4出口)より徒歩5分	https://www.city.taito.lg.jp/event/kanko/hariku-yo.html
Tokyo 東京	2/8 ~ 3/2	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-ku 世田谷区	Hanegi Park 羽根木公園	Setagaya Ume Matsuri 世田谷梅まつり	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese Apricot) Flower Festival. There are nearly 650 apricot trees in the park. <i>Matcha</i> (powdered green tea) is served in Seishin-do tea ceremony house during the festival period. Free tea tickets are distributed twice from 9:30 and 11:30 at Seishin-do on each day, also free tickets for <i>Mochi</i> pounding are distributed three times from 10:00, 12:00 and 13:30 at Kyugi-Hiroba on 2/23, on a first-come, first-served basis. Schedule & Key events: ●2/8 10:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●2/8, 15 & 22 10:00- <i>Matcha</i> service (7 times a day) ●2/15 13:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●2/16 11:30- & 14:00- <i>Amazake</i> (a sweet drink made from fermented rice) service ●2/23 10:00- <i>Matcha Nodate</i> (8 times a day) 10:30- <i>Mochi</i> pounding (3 times a day)	Odakyu Line to Umeagaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.	小田急線梅ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分	https://setagaya-umematsuri.com/
Tokyo 東京	2/8 ~ 3/8	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Yushima Tenjin Shrine 湯島天神	Yushima Tenjin Ume Matsuri 湯島天神梅まつり	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. <i>Taiko</i> performance and other entertainments are scheduled on Saturday, Sunday and national holidays during the festival period. Tea ticket for <i>Nodate</i> is 1,000JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 8:00-19:30 ●2/8 12:00- <i>Edo Sato-Kagura</i> (<i>Shinto</i> dance with music) ●2/8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 22, 23 & 24 12:00- Various entertainments 15:00- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●2/9, 16 & 23 10:00- <i>Nodate</i> (10 times a day) ●2/22 11:00- & 13:00- <i>Koto</i> & <i>Shakuhachi</i> (Bamboo flute) ●2/23 13:00-15:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> parade	(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Yushima Sta. (C13), and then walk 2 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Ueno-hirokoji Sta.(G15), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ千代田線湯島駅より徒歩2分 (2) 東京メトロ銀座線上野広小路駅より徒歩5分	https://www.yushimatenjin.or.jp/pc/ume/2025/index.htm

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Tokyo 東京	2/11	Tokyo 東京都	Itabashi-ku 板橋区	Tokumaru Kitano-jinja Shrine 徳丸北野神社	Ta-asobi 田遊び	Summary: Rice field work pantomime to pray for a rich harvest of the year, designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. People in traditional attire pantomime the process of rice cultivation on the plank stage representing a paddy field. Schedule & Key events: 18:00-	(1)Tobu Tojo Line to Tobu Nerima Sta., and then, walk 15 min. (2) Toei Mita Subway Line to Takashimadaira Sta.(I25), and then walk 15 min.	(1)東武東上線東武練馬駅より徒歩15分 (2)都営地下鉄三田線高島平駅より徒歩15分	https://tokumaruutenjin-kitanojinja.jimdofree.com/
Tokyo 東京	2/11	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区	Omote-Sando crossing, Meiji-jingu Shrine and others 表参道交差点、明治神宮ほか	Kenkoku Kinen-no-hi Hoshuku Parade 建国記念の日奉祝パレード	Summary: Celebration on National Foundation Day. The parade of a brass band from Omote-Sando crossing and <i>Mikoshi</i> from Yoyogi Koen-Dori Street starts to Meiji-jingu Shrine. Music performance is also conducted at the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 9:50- The parade of brass band starts from Omote-Sando crossing 10:30- <i>Mikoshi</i> starts from Yoyogi Koen-Dori Street 11:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> arrives at Meiji-jingu Shrine 11:30- Music performance at Meiji-jingu Shrine	(1) Omote-sando crossing : Tokyo Metro Hanzomon or Ginza or Chiyoda Line to Omote-sando Sta. (Z02, G02, C04) (Exit A3) (2) Meiji-jingu Shrine : JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta. or Tokyo Metro Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C03, F15), and then walk 1 min.	(1) 表参道交差点 : 東京メトロ半蔵門線又は銀座線又は千代田線表参道駅 (A3出口) (2) 明治神宮 : JR山手線原宿駅又は東京メトロ千代田線又は副都心線明治神宮前駅より徒歩1分	http://kenkoku.web.fc2.com/parade.htm
Tokyo 東京	2/13	Tokyo 東京都	Itabashi-ku 板橋区	Akatsuka Suwa-jinja Shrine 赤塚諏訪神社	Ta-asobi 田遊び	Summary: Rice field work pantomime to pray for a rich harvest of the year, designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. <i>Shishi-mai</i> lion dance and <i>Tengumai</i> dance by men with long red-nosed masks are performed after <i>Mikoshi</i> is carried onto the ground in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 19:00-	Toei Mita Subway Line to Shin-Takashimadaira Sta. (I26), and then walk 15 min.	都営地下鉄三田線新高島平駅より徒歩15分	https://www.city.itabashi.tokyo.jp/bunka/bunkazai/1004839.html
Tokyo 東京	2/16	Tokyo 東京都	Ome 青梅市	Higashi Ome 4-chome area and others 東青梅4丁目ほか	Ome Marathon 青梅マラソン	Summary: Marathon from Higashi Ome 4-chome area. Schedule & Key events: 9:30-10:50 10km Road Race 11:30-15:30 30km Road Race	JR Ome Line to Kabe Sta. or Higashi Ome Sta.	JR青梅線河辺駅又は東青梅駅下車	https://www.ohme-marathon.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	2/23	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	Imperial Palace 皇居	Tenno Tanjyo-bi (Kokyo Ippan Sanga) 天皇誕生日 (皇居一般参賀)	Summary: Emperor's Birthday (National Holiday). The public is permitted to enter the Imperial Palace grounds which are usually closed, via Nijubashi Bridge, to offer their congratulations to the Emperor and His Family annually. The Imperial Family will appear on the balcony to acknowledge the crowd. Schedule & Key events: 10:20-, 11:00- & 11:40-	Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Nijubashi-mae Sta. (C10)(Exit 6), and then walk 10 min.	東京メトロ千代田線二重橋前駅（6番出口）より徒歩10分	https://www.kunaicho.go.jp/event/sanga/sanga02.html
Tokyo 東京	2/23	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Azumabashi Shinsui Terrace and Sumida Park 吾妻橋親水テラス, 隅田公園	Edo Nagashibina 江戸流しびな	Summary: Event of floating paper dolls on Sumida River, wishing safety and good health of children. Anyone who purchases a floating paper doll (1,000JPY) at this site is able to take part in this event. The application will be finished at 12:30 or in the case of floating papaer dolls are sold out. Schedule & Key events: 11:30-13:00	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Asakusa Sta. (G19), and then walk 2 min.	東京メトロ銀座線浅草駅より徒歩2分	http://hina-ko.jp/sumida/
Kanto 関東	1/29 ~ 2/12	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Chinatown 横浜中華街	2025 Shunsetsu 春節	Summary: Chinese New Year's Day, 1/29, according to the lunar calendar. Schedule & Key events: ● 2/1 & 2/2 13:00-14:00, 14:30-15:30 & 16:00-17:00 Many Chinese performing arts such as dance, <i>Shishi-mai</i> lion dance at Yamashita-cho Park ● 2/11 16:30- Parade throughout Chinatown ● 2/12 17:30-19:00 Lantern festival at Yokohama Mazu Miao	(1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta., and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Ishikawacho Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東急東横線又は横浜みなとみらい線元町・中華街駅より徒歩1分 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線石川町駅より徒歩5分	https://www.chinatown.or.jp/event/celebration/shunsetu2025/

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Kanto 関東	2/1 ~ 2/24	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Odawara 小田原市	Odawara Joshi Park, Soga Bairin (Bessho sites) 小田原城址公園、 曾我梅林 (別所会場)	Odawara Ume Matsuri 小田原梅まつり	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival in Odawara. There are about 35,000 apricot trees in Soga Bairin and about 250 trees in Odawara Joshi Park. If it rains, events will be cancelled. Schedule & Key events: ●2/2, 9, 11, 16, 23 & 24 13:00- & 15:00- <i>Kotobuki-Shishimai</i> (lion dance) ●2/15 & 22 13:00- & 15:00- <i>Matsuri-Bayashi</i> (festival music)	(1) Odawara Joshi Park : JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Soga Bairin : JR Gotemba Line to Shimo-Soga Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 小田原城址公園 : JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅より徒歩10分 (2) 曾我梅林 : JR御殿場線下曽我駅より徒歩15分	https://www.city.odawara.kanagawa.jp/kanko/event/FEB/umematuri_52.html
Kanto 関東	2/1 ~ 3/9	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yugawara-machi 湯河原町	Makuyama Park 幕山公園	Yugawara-bairin "Ume-no-Utage" 湯河原梅林「梅の宴」	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. Visitors can enjoy viewing about 4,000 Japanese apricot trees in blossom. Admission is 200JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●2/1 12:00- Opening ceremony & <i>Geiko-no-mai</i> (Japanese classical dance performed by professional entertainers) ●2/2 14:00- <i>Bairin Kyogen</i> (traditional comic drama) ●2/8 13:30- <i>Koto</i> performance ●2/11 11:00- & 13:30- <i>Taiko</i> performance ●2/16 13:00- <i>Jomo-no-mai</i> (classical Japanese dance) ●2/22 13:00- <i>Yugawara Odori-zoshi</i> (Japanese dance) ●2/23 & 24 13:00- <i>Minyo</i> (Japanese folk song) & <i>Tsugaru Shamisen</i> (banjo-like instrument)	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Yugawara Sta. From there, take direct bus to Makuyama Koen Bus Stop	JR東海道本線湯河原駅より直通バスで幕山公園下車	https://www.yugawara.or.jp/sightseeing/953/
Kanto 関東	2/2	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kawasaki 川崎市	Kawasaki Daishi Temple 川崎大師	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and 50 people applied in advance for each time - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:30-, 14:00- & 16:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>	Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta., and then walk 8 min.	京急大師線川崎大師駅より徒歩8分	https://www.kawasakidaishi.com/event/feb/setsubune/

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Kanto 関東	2/2	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Hakone-machi 箱根町	Hakone-jinja Shrine, Lake Ashinoko and others 箱根神社, 芦ノ湖ほか	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony, featuring <i>Kojo-Onioi</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons who ski on the water). Schedule & Key events: 11:30- <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons) 12:15- Procession from the shrine 12:30- <i>Kojo-Onioi</i> at Lake Ashinoko	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Odakyu Odawara Line to Odawara Sta. From there, take bus to Moto-Hakone Bus Stop (75 min.), and then walk 10 min.	JR東海道新幹線又は小田急小田原線小田原駅よりバスで75分元箱根下車、徒歩10分	https://hakonejinja.or.jp/hakone/setsubun.html
Kanto 関東	2/2	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted. As the number of visitors is limited, numbered tickets are distributed in the precincts of the shrine from 11:30. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Rites pray and <i>Mamemaki</i>	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 10 min.	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅(東口)より徒歩10分	https://www.hachimangu.or.jp/
Kanto 関東	2/2	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Kamakura-gu Shrine 鎌倉宮	Setsubun-sai 節分祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted after <i>Oni-yarai</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons). Schedule & Key events: 15:00- Rites pray 15:40- <i>Mamemaki</i>	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. From there, take Keikyu bus (for Kamakura-gu) to Kamakura-gu Bus Stop	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より京急バス(鎌倉宮行)で鎌倉宮下車	https://www.kamakuraguu.jp/
Kanto 関東	2/2	Chiba 千葉県	Narita 成田市	Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple 成田山新勝寺	Tokubetsu Tsuina Mamemaki-shiki 特別追儺豆まき式	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks, famous figures and sumo wrestlers - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 11:00-, 13:30- & 16:00- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) JR Sobu Honsen Line Rapid Train (for Narita Airport) to Narita Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Keisei Line to Keisei-Narita Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR総武本線快速(成田空港行)で成田駅下車、徒歩10分 (2) 京成線京成成田駅より徒歩10分	https://www.naritasan.or.jp/lp/setsubun-e/
Kanto 関東	2/2	Saitama 埼玉県	Chichibu 秩父市	Chichibu-jinja Shrine 秩父神社	Setsubun Tsuina-sai 節分追儺祭	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the shrine. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by <i>Shinto</i> priests - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 10:30-, 11:30-, 14:00- & 15:00- <i>Mamemaki</i> 19:30- Ritual & <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, take Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Chichibu Sta., and then walk 3 min. (2) Seibu Chichibu Line to Seibu-Chichibu Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道線で秩父駅下車、徒歩3分 (2) 西武秩父線西武秩父駅より徒歩15分	https://navi.city.chichibu.lg.jp/p_festival/1002/

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Kanto 関東	2/2	Saitama 埼玉県	Kawagoe 川越市	Kawagoe Daishi Temple 川越大師	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks - is conducted. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Rites pray 13:20- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoe-shi Sta., and then walk 18 min. (3) JR Kawagoe Line to Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) 西武新宿線本川越駅より徒歩15分 (2) 東武東上線川越市駅より徒歩18分 (3) JR川越線川越駅より徒歩20分	https://kitain.net/information/annual-events/03-feb/
Kanto 関東	2/2	Tochigi 栃木県	Ashikaga 足利市	Banna-ji Temple, Orihime Kominkan and others 鏝阿寺、織姫公民館ほか	Setsubun Yoroï Toshikoshi 節分鎧年越	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> , featuring <i>Yoroï-gyoretsu</i> , a procession of about 200 people clad in armored warriors along O-dori Ave. from Orihime Kominkan Public Hall to the temple. Schedule & Key events: 17:00-18:00 Procession 18:00-18:30 <i>Mamemaki</i> at Banna-ji Temple	Banna-ji Temple: (1) JR Ryomo Line to Ashikaga Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 10 min. (2) Tobu Isesaki Line to Ashikaga-shi Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 10 min. Orihime Kominkan: JR Ryomo Line to Ashikaga Sta. (North Exit) or Tobu Isesaki Line to Ashikaga-shi Sta.(North Exit) and then walk 20 min.	鏝阿寺: (1)JR両毛線足利駅(北口)より徒歩10分 (2) 東武伊勢崎線足利市駅(北口)より徒歩10分 織姫公民館: JR両毛線足利駅(北口)又は東武伊勢崎線足利市駅(北口)より徒歩20分	https://www.as-hikagayoroigyoutetu.jp/
Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Hase-dera Temple 長谷寺	Setsubun-e 節分会	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures- is conducted. Admission is 400JPY. Schedule & Key events: 11:00- <i>Tsuina-shiki</i> (Ritual to get rid of demons) 11:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>	JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. From there, take Enoshima Dentetsu (Enoden) Line to Hase Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より江ノ島電鉄線(江ノ電)で長谷駅下車、徒歩5分	https://www.hasedera.jp/2025/01/17643/
Kanto 関東	2/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Soji-ji Temple 総持寺	Setsubun Tsuina-shiki 節分追儺式	Summary: <i>Setsubun</i> ceremony at the temple. <i>Mamemaki</i> - lucky beans are thrown by Buddhist monks and famous figures - is conducted. As the number of visitors is limited, it might be better to come to the temple early. The gate will open at 10:00 for this event. Schedule & Key events: 12:00- Rites pray 12:30- <i>Mamemaki</i>	(1) JR Keihin Tohoku Line to Tsurumi Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 5 min. (2) Keikyu Line to Keikyu Tsurumi Sta., and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR京浜東北線鶴見駅(西口)より徒歩5分 (2) 京急線京急鶴見駅より徒歩7分	https://www.soji-ji.jp/

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Kanto 関東	2/9 ~ 3/3	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市	Sankei-en 三溪園	Sankei-en Kanbai-kai 三溪園観梅会	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 500 Japanese apricot trees. Admission to the garden is 900JPY. Please enter by 16:30. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 9:00-17:00 ●2/9, 11, 15, 16, 22, 23 & 24 10:00-15:30 <i>Mugicha</i> (barley tea) service at Hatsune-chaya ●2/9, 10, 11, 15, 22 & 24 10:00-15:30 Monkey Show	(1) JR Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido Line or Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. From there, take bus to Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop (40 min.), and then walk 5 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Negishi Sta. From there, take bus to Honmoku Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京浜東北線、東海道線又は東急東横線横浜駅よりバスで40分三溪園入口下車、徒歩5分 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線根岸駅よりバスで10分本牧下車、徒歩10分	https://www.sankeien.or.jp/event/8495/
Kanto 関東	2/11 ~ 3/20	Ibaraki 茨城県	Mito 水戸市	Kairaku-en, Kodo-kan and others 偕楽園、弘道館ほか	Mito-no-Ume Matsuri 水戸の梅まつり	Summary: <i>Ume</i> (Japanese apricot) Flower Festival. There are more than 3,000 of around 100 varieties of apricot trees in Kairaku-en. Various events are scheduled during the festival period. Admission to Kairaku-en is 320JPY. Kodo-kan is also another site and admission is 420 JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●2/15, 16, 22, 23 & 24 18:00-20:30 Light event at Kairaku-en (Admission fee is 500 JPY) ●2/16 10:00-11:30 <i>Taya-no-Bojyutsu</i> (stick fighting performance) at Kodo-kan ●2/22 17:00-20:00 Light event at Mito Castle Ruin ●2/23 10:00-15:00 <i>Nodate</i> at Kairaku-en (500JPY)	Kairaku-en: (1) JR Joban Line to Kairakuen Rinji (temporary) Sta. (This station is available only for trains bound for Kairakuen Rinji Sta. on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays during 2/11-3/20) (2) JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit). From there, take bus to Kairakuen Bus Stop (20 min.) Kodo-kan: JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 8 min.	偕楽園： (1) JR常磐線偕楽園臨時駅 (2/11-3/20 土日祝・下り線のみ) 下車 (2) JR常磐線水戸駅（北口）よりバスで20分偕楽園下車 弘道館： JR常磐線水戸駅（北口）より徒歩8分	https://mitokoumon.com/ume/
Kanto 関東	2/25	Chiba 千葉県	Yotsukaido 四街道市	Warabigaoka Park, Mimusubi-jinja Shrine 和良比ヶ丘公園、皇産霊神社	Warabi Hadaka Matsuri 和良比はだか祭り	Summary: Hadaka Matsuri, literally "naked festival". which is a traditional event of Mimusubi-jinja Shrine. Local young men in loincloth holding infants in their arms step into the sacred muddy rice paddy and put a pinch of mud on their infants' faces. It is believed to protect babies from harm. And then, the young men play cavalry battles in the muddy rice paddy to pray for a good harvest of the year. Schedule & Key events: 13:00-15:00	JR Sobu Honsen Line to Yotsukaido Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 12 min.	JR総武本線四街道駅（南口）より徒歩12分	https://www.city.yotsukaido.chiba.jp/miryoku/smile/kanko/matsuri_geinou/ysaogyowarabihadaka.html