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Calendar Events to be enjoyed in September 2008



A. Tokyo 東京

Sep.6 & Sep.7

Annual Festival of Kitazawa Hachiman Shrine, Daizawa, Setagaya-ku. *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) is performed from around 4 pm to 9 pm on the 6th. Over twenty *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade along the streets around the Shrine from 1 pm to 2:30 pm and *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) is dedicated to the Shrine from 8 pm to 9 pm on the 7th.

Access : (1) Keio Inokashira Line to Ikenoue Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(2) Odakyu Line to Shimokitazawa Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 12 min.

世田谷区代沢 北澤八幡神社
「北澤八幡神社例大祭」

最寄駅: (1) 京王井の頭線池ノ上(うえ)駅より徒歩7分
(2) 小田急線下北沢駅(南口)より徒歩12分

Sep.6 & Sep.7

Annual Festival of Senzokuike Hachimangu Shrine, Ota-ku. *Jindai-kagura* (sacred dance) is performed from 7 pm on the 6th. *Kasai-bayashi* (*Shinto* music and dance) is played from 2 pm, and *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by the Shrine parade around the parishioners' area from 8:30 am and return to the Shrine around 7 pm on the 7th. About 60 open-air stalls are set up on both days.

Access : Tokyu Ikegami Line to Senzokuike Sta., and then walk 5 min.

大田区 洗足池八幡宮(千束八幡神社)
「洗足池八幡宮例大祭」

最寄駅: 東急池上線洗足池駅より徒歩5分

◇ Sep.6 & Sep.7

OH ! E-DO DANCE Matsuri 2008 Festival features dance performances by school children in groups at Tomin Hiroba (Citizens' Plaza at Tokyo City Hall) and on Tocho-dori Ave. from 10 am to 6 pm on both days. An old famous song "Tokyo Rhapsody" which was very popular about 70 years ago is played as the festival music. The highlight of the event is from 11 am to 3 pm on both days.

Access : Subway Toei Oedo Line to Tocho-mae Sta.

東京都 都民広場

「大江戸舞祭2008」

最寄駅: 地下鉄都営大江戸線都庁前駅

◇ Sep.7 & Sep.8

Annual Festival of Hakusan Shrine, Kami-Ogi, Suginami-ku. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrine) carried by townspeople wearing "*Happi* coats" is held from 10:45 am to around 6 pm on the 7th. *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) is performed from 10 am to 9 pm on the 8th.

Access : JR Chuo Line or Subway Marunouchi Line to Ogikubo Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 5 min.

杉並区上荻 白山神社

「荻窪白山神社例大祭」

最寄駅: JR中央線又は丸の内線荻窪駅(西口)より徒歩5分

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◇ Sep.8 & Sep.9

Ninomiya Jinja Shoga Matsuri (or Ginger Root Festival) at Ninomiya Shrine, Akiruno. The event, annually held on the day of the Shrine's autumn festival, features open-air stalls selling fresh ginger roots with leaves to the worshipers, who enjoy hearing stallholders shouting "Protect against evils." or "If you take ginger roots, you'll be free from colds." This year fresh ginger roots are sold on the 9th. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade around the neighboring area from around 11 am to 7 pm and *Kabuki* (traditional Japanese drama) performance by children is held from 7:30 pm on the 9th. *Mikagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) by children is performed from 7 pm on both days.

Access : JR Itsukaichi Line to Higashi-Akiru Sta., and then walk 5 min.

あきる野市 二宮神社

「二宮神社ショウガまつり」

最寄駅: JR五日市線東秋留駅より徒歩5分

Sep.11~Sep.21

Dara-Dara Matsuri Festival at Shiba Daijingu Shrine, Minato-ku. The festival is also known as "Shoga Matsuri" (Ginger Root Festival). It features open-air stalls selling fresh ginger roots from 10 am during the festival period. About five *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by townspeople are carried through the neighboring area. Hours are still to be arranged. It is rather small in scale this year.

Access : (1) Subway Toei Asakusa Line to Daimon Sta., and then walk 3 min.

(2) JR Yamanote Line to Hamamatsucho Sta., and then walk 5 min.

港区芝 大神宮

「だらだらまつり (生姜まつり)」

最寄駅: (1) 都営浅草線大門駅より徒歩3分
(2) JR山手線浜松町駅より徒歩5分

◇ Sep.12 & Sep.13

Annual Festival of Nogi Shrine, Nogizaka, Minato-ku. The *Shinto* rites are held on the 13th. The house of the late General Nogi and the museum where the articles left by him are exhibited in the precincts of the Shrine are open to the public from 9 am to 4 pm on both days, free of charge. About 100 beautiful lanterns with pictures painted by famous painters are also displayed in the daytime on both days.

Access : Subway Chiyoda Line to Nogizaka Sta., and then walk 1 min.

港区 乃木神社

「乃木神社例祭」

最寄駅: 千代田線乃木坂駅より徒歩1分

Sep.12~Sep.14

Annual Festival of Kasai Shrine, Higashi-Kanamachi, Katsushika-ku. Festival music is played by children from 5 pm to 6 pm on the 12th. *Sato-kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) is performed at times from 9 am to 9 pm on the 13th. *Kasai-bayashi* (festival music) is played from 9 am to 9 pm on the 14th. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by the parishioners is scheduled around the neighboring area of the Shrine and open-air stalls are set up from morning to evening on the 13th & the 14th.

Access : Subway Chiyoda Line or JR Joban Line to Kanamachi Sta., and then walk 10 min.

葛飾区 葛西神社

「葛西神社例大祭」

最寄駅: 千代田線又はJR常磐線金町駅より徒歩10分

◎ Sep.13 & Sep.14

Omikoshi-Togyo & Rengo Mikoshi-Togyo (Kichijoji Aki-Matsuri) or Autumn Festival is one of the biggest & hottest events in Kichijoji. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by Musashino Hachimangu Shrine leaves the Shrine at 11 am and proceeds along the streets on the 13th, and starts parading from 1 pm and comes back to the Shrine at 5:30 pm on the 14th. Over ten *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by townspeople parade through the town on both days.

Access : Keio Line or JR Chuo Line to Kichijoji Sta.

吉祥寺駅周辺

「大神輿渡御及び連合神輿渡御(吉祥寺秋まつり)」

最寄駅: 京王線又はJR中央線吉祥寺駅

◎ Sep.14~Sep.28

Grand Sumo Tournament at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall, Sumida-ku. *Dohyo-iri* or the ring-entering ceremony by *Yokozuna* (grand champion) takes place around 4 pm daily. Main tournament by *Rikishi* (sumo wrestlers) belonging to the upper-rank or *Maku-uchi* starts after that. Advance tickets are available at convenience stores, such as LAWSON, Family Mart, Seven-Eleven and Circle-K Sunkus, or a box office such as Ticket Pia (0570-02-9977), or Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall (03-5237-9310). An unreserved chair seat ticket (3rd floor) on the day is sold for ¥2,100 from 8:30 am at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall every day during the tournament period. The number of the tickets is limited to about 400 (on a first-come, first-served basis) daily.

Access : JR Sobu Line or Subway Toei Oedo Line to Ryogoku Sta.

墨田区 両国国技館

「大相撲秋場所」

最寄駅: JR総武線又は地下鉄都営大江戸線両国駅

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Sep.14

Kangen-sai Festival at Hie Shrine, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku. The festival associated with the mid-autumn full moon features a performance of *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) from 6 pm to around 8 pm. Admission is ¥3,000 (unreserved seats only) and tickets are sold from the end of August, and also available on the day.

Access : (1)Subway Ginza Line or Namboku Line to Tameike-Sanno Sta.
(2)Subway Ginza Line or Marunouchi Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta.
(3)Subway Chiyoda Line or Marunouchi Line to Kokkai-Gijidomae Sta.

千代田区永田町 日枝神社
「管絃祭」

最寄駅: (1)銀座線又は南北線溜池山王駅
(2)銀座線又は丸ノ内線赤坂見附駅
(3)千代田線又は丸ノ内線国会議事堂前駅

◎ Sep.19~Sep.21

Heiwajima Antique Fair is held at Tokyo Ryutsu Center, Heiwajima, Ota-ku, from 10 am to 6 pm (or to 5 pm on the last day). About 250 dealers participate in the annual bargain-hunting event. The fair similar in scale is also scheduled from Dec. 19 to Dec. 21 this year.

Access : Tokyo Monorail Line originating at Hamamatsucho Sta. to Ryutsu Center Sta.

大田区平和島東京流通センター
「平和島全国古民具骨董祭り」

最寄駅: 浜松町駅より東京モノレール流通センター駅

Sep.20&Sep.21

Autumn Festival of Kumano Shrine, Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, near Shinjuku Chuo Koen (park). *Ohayashi* (festival music) and entertainments, such as acrobatic feats, a comic chat and a music show, are held and many open-air stalls are set up during the festival period. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by townspeople parade around the neighboring area of the Shrine in the afternoon on both days.

Access : (1)Subway Toei Oedo Line to Tocho-mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.
(2)Take Keio Bus from Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit), and then get off at Juniso Ikeno-shita Bus Stop. (the 2nd stop from Shinjuku Sta.)
(3)JR or Subway Shinjuku Sta., and then walk 10-15 min.

新宿区西新宿 熊野神社
「熊野神社秋祭」

最寄駅: (1)地下鉄都営大江戸線 都庁前駅より徒歩5分
(2)新宿駅西口より京王バスで十二社池の下、下車(新宿から2ツ目のバス停)
(3)新宿駅より徒歩10~15分

◇ Sep.20&Sep.21

Annual Festival of Nezu Shrine, Nezu, Bunkyo-ku. On the 20th, a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by the Shrine and the floats is held from 9 am to 4 pm. On the 21st, *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) and *Sanza-no-mai* (traditional sacred dance) are performed from time to time from 2 pm until sunset. Open-air stalls are set up from 12 noon to 8 pm on both days.

Access : Subway Chiyoda Line to Nezu Sta., and then walk 5 min.

文京区 根津神社

「根津神社大祭」

最寄駅: 千代田線根津駅より徒歩5分

◇ Sep.20&Sep.21

Annual Festival of Hikawa Shrine, Yakumo, Meguro-ku. *Tsurugi-no-mai* (dance using swords) and *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) are performed from 9:30 am to 8 pm on the 20th. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) proceeds along the streets with a visit to the Shrine from around 5:30 pm to 6 pm on the 21st. Open-air stalls are set up on both days.

Access : Tokyu Toyoko Line to Toritsu-Daigaku Sta., and then walk 10 min.

目黒区八雲 氷川神社

「氷川神社大祭」

最寄駅: 東急東横線都立大学駅より徒歩10分

◇ Sep.23

Aiba-no-Hi (horse day) is celebrated at Baji-Koen (park). Only children are allowed to take a ride on ponies on a first-come, first-served basis. Various traditional equestrian events such as some local performing arts associated with horses and *Yabusame* (horseback archery) are scheduled. Hours are still to be arranged. The site is open from 9 am to 5 pm, free of charge.

Access : (1)Tokyu Den'entoshi Line to Sakura Shimmachi Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2) 20 min. by bus for Seijo-Gakuen or Chofu-eki Minami-guchi from Shibuya Sta., and then get off at Nodai-mae Bus Stop.

世田谷区 馬事公苑

「愛馬の日」

最寄駅: (1)東急田園都市線桜新町駅より徒歩15分
(2)渋谷駅より成城学園行又は調布駅南口行バスで20分、農大前下車

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Sep.23~Sep.25

Annual Festival of Naruko Tenjin Shrine, Shinjuku-ku.
A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by townspeople is held from afternoon to evening on the 23rd. *Kagura* (*Shinto* music & dance) is dedicated to the Shrine at times from 10 am to 9 pm on the 24th and the 25th. Open-air stalls are set up during the festival period.

Access : (1)JR Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit), and then walk 10 min.
(2)Subway Marunouchi Line to Nishi-Shinjuku Sta., and then walk 2-3 min.

新宿区西新宿 成子天神
「成子天神大祭」

最寄駅: (1)JR新宿駅(西口)より徒歩10分
(2)丸ノ内線西新宿駅より徒歩2~3分

◇ Sep.25

Ningyo Kuyo (a funeral mass for used dolls) is annually held in the compound of Kiyomizu Kannondo Temple in Ueno Park. People humanize their dolls. When they are not able to keep them any longer, they visit the temple with dolls in order to have a funeral mass for them. After a religious rites to comfort the souls of used dolls, those dolls are burnt as a crematory at 2 pm.

Access :JR Yamanote Line, Subway Ginza or Hibiya Line to Ueno Sta., and then walk 2 min.

台東区 清水観音堂
「人形供養」

最寄駅: JR山手線、地下鉄銀座線又は日比谷線上野駅より徒歩2分

◎ Sep.27 Sep.28 Oct.11 & Oct.12

Fukuro Matsuri, a commercial festival sponsored by the Ikebukuro Trade Association, takes place around the West Exit of JR Ikebukuro Sta. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines), *Matsuri-bayashi* (festival music), *Shishimai* (Lion Dance) and *Taiko* (Japanese drum beating) are carried out from 1 pm to 8:30 pm on the 28th. The major events of the festival are the performance of Japanese folk dances, such as *Tokyo Yosakoi*, *Yassa-Odori* and *Sado-Okesa* from 1 pm on Oct. 11 and *Tokyo Yosakoi* from 11 am on Oct. 12.

Access :JR Yamanote Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (West Exit)

豊島区池袋西口商店街一帯
「ふくろ祭／御獄神社例大祭」

最寄駅: JR山手線池袋駅(西口)

Sep.27 & Sep.28

Annual Festival of Yaho Temmangu Shrine, Kunitachi, on the outskirts of Tokyo. The festival is noted for a parade of *Mando* (poles decorated with pictures), weighing more than 80 kg, carried by one man, leisurely proceeding along the city's main streets, from 1:30 pm on the 27th. In the precincts of the Shrine, *Koshiki-Shishimai* (Lion Dance in ancient times) is dedicated to the Shrine by three men from 3 pm and *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) is performed from 7 pm to 9 pm on the 27th. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by townspeople is held on the 28th. Time has yet to be arranged.

Access :JR Nambu Line to Yaho Sta., and then walk 3 min.

国立市 谷保天満宮
「谷保天満宮例大祭」

最寄駅: JR南武線谷保駅より徒歩3分

Sep.28

Annual Festival of Kaichu Inari Shrine, Hyakunincho, Shinjuku-ku. The parade of Teppo Hyakunincho (100 sharpshooters of the Edo Period) is held every other year. The parade is not held this year. The details of this festival has not been known yet.

Access : (1)JR Yamanote Line to Shin-Okubo Sta., and then walk 2 min. to the Shrine.
(2)JR Chuo Line to Okubo Sta., and then walk 10 min. to the Shrine.

新宿区 皆中稲荷神社
「皆中稲荷神社大祭」

最寄駅: (1) JR山手線新大久保駅より神社へ徒歩2分
(2) JR中央線大久保駅より神社へ徒歩10分

◇ Sep.30~Oct.2

Annual Festival of Igusa Hachimangu Shrine, Sugunami-ku. *Nodate* (open-air tea ceremony) and a performance of *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) dedicated to the Shrine are held on Oct. 1. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and *Odaiko* (Japanese big drum) drummers on the floats starts at 1:10 pm from the Shrine, goes through the parishioner's area and comes back to the Shrine at 3:55 pm on Oct. 2.

Access :JR Chuo Line to Ogikubo Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Hachimangu-ura Bus Stop.

杉並区 井草八幡宮
「井草八幡宮大祭」

最寄駅: JR中央線荻窪駅よりバスで15分、八幡宮裏下車。

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B. KANTO 関東

◇ ◎ Sep.1 & Sep.2

Kashima Go-Jinko-sai Festival of Kashima Jingu Shrine, Kashima, Ibaraki Pref. A sacred fire is kindled in the precincts of the Shrine from 4 pm to 8 pm on the 1st. Worshipers put bamboo branches with hundreds of lighted lanterns into the fire and try to take a scorched lantern out of the flame. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by the Shrine leave the Shrine for *Okariya* (portable shrine storage) at 8:30 pm on the 1st and return to the Shrine around 3:20 pm on the 2nd.

Access : 2 hrs. by bus from Tokyo Sta. (South Exit on Yaesu Side), and then get off at Kashima Jingu-mae Bus Stop.

茨城県鹿嶋市 鹿島神宮
「鹿島御神幸祭」

最寄駅：東京駅八重洲南口よりバスで2時間、鹿島神宮前下車

◇ Sep.13

Kazusa Junisha Matsuri Festival at Tamasaki Shrine, Ichinomiya-machi, Chosei-gun, Chiba Pref. The festival is known as "*Hadaka Matsuri*" (naked festival). A religious rites are held from 10 am in the precincts of the Shrine. Afterwards around 1 pm, two *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) escorted by hundreds of parishioners and some *Shinto* priests set out for Tsurigasaki Beach, where the rest of the *Mikoshi* from twelve Shrines in the area join around 3:30 pm. Then all the *Mikoshi* parade along the shopping arcade in the town from around 6 pm.

Access : JR Sotobo Line to Kazusa-Ichinomiya Sta., and then walk 8 min. to Tamasaki Shrine.

Note : "*Junisya*" means twelve Shrines.

千葉県長生郡一宮町 玉前神社
「上総十二社祭(裸祭)」

最寄駅：玉前神社へはJR外房線上総一ノ宮駅から徒歩8分

◇ ◎ Sep.13~Sep.15

Ishioka Matsuri Festival of Hitachinokuni Soshagu, Ishioka, Ibaraki Pref., is noted for its vigorous lion dances with a history dating back 300 years. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by the Shrine, accompanied by a parade of floats with performers wearing a huge lion's mask, leave the Shrine at 2 pm and arrive at *Okariya* (portable shrine storage) around 4 pm on the 13th. On the 15th, *Mikoshi* leave *Okariya* for the Shrine at 2 pm. There are several events on the 14th such as a parade of *Shishimai* (Lion Dance) from 3 pm, a parade of floats from 6:30 pm, sumo tournaments from 10:30 am and *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) from 1 pm in the precincts of the Shrine.

Access : JR Joban Line to Ishioka Sta., and then walk 10-15 min.

茨城県石岡市 常陸国総社宮
「石岡まつり」

最寄駅：JR常磐線石岡駅より徒歩10~15分

◇ Sep.13~Sep.17

Kangetsu-kai or moon-viewing meeting is held at Sankei-en, Japanese-style stroll garden, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm every day during the meeting period. The performances are as follows: *Koto* (Japanese traditional musical instruments with 13 strings) on the 13th and the 16th, *Gagaku* (Japanese ancient court music) on the 14th, *Kankoku Minzoku Ongaku* (Korean traditional music) on the 15th and *Biwa* (Japanese lutes) on the 17th. Admission is ¥500 for an adult, ¥200 for a child.

Access : (1)JR Keihin Tohoku Line from Tokyo or JR Negishi Line from Yokohama to Negishi Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus to Hommoku Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min.

(2)From JR Yokohama Sta. (East Exit), 30 min. by bus to Hommoku Sankeien-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.

神奈川県横浜市 三溪園
「観月会」

最寄駅：(1)東京からJR京浜東北線、又は横浜からJR根岸線で根岸駅へ、そこからバスで10分、本牧下車、徒歩7分
(2)JR横浜駅(東口)よりバスで30分、本牧三溪園前下車、徒歩3分

◇ ◎ Sep.14~Sep.16

Annual Festival of Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref., a one-hour train ride from Tokyo Sta. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) is scheduled from 1 pm to 3 pm, and a performance of Japanese dances is held at *Maiden* (dancing stage) in the precincts of the Shrine at 6 pm on the 15th. *Yabusame* (horseback archery) held from 1 pm to around 3 pm on the 16th is worth seeing.

Access : JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta., and then walk 10 min.

神奈川県鎌倉市 鶴岡八幡宮
「鶴岡八幡宮例大祭」

最寄駅：JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より徒歩10分

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◇ Sep.18

Menkake Gyoretsu (masked parade) at Goryo Shrine, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref. After the rites held from 12 noon, *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) is performed in the precincts of the Shrine from around 1 pm. A parade of *Menkake-Gyoretsu* (featuring men wearing grotesque and comical masks) accompanied by *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and *Ohayashi* (festival music) starts from the Shrine at around 2 pm, passing through Sakanoshita and returns to the Shrine around 4 pm.

Access :5 min. by Enoden Line from Kamakura Sta. to Hase Sta., and then walk 3 min.

神奈川県鎌倉市 御霊神社

「面掛行列」

最寄駅：鎌倉から江ノ電で5分、長谷駅下車徒歩3分

◇ Sep.18~Sep.20

Ikaho Matsuri Festival at Ikaho Onsen (hot spring) Ikaho-machi, Shibukawa, Gunma Pref., is noted for its parade of *Taru-Mikoshi* (cask-shaped portable shrines) proceeding along the town's main streets to Ikaho Shrine. Those carrying portable shrines jostle with one another when they go up the steps leading to the precincts of the Shrine in the evening on the 19th and the 20th. The festival reaches its climax from 8 pm to 10 pm on both days.

Access :JR Joetsu Line to Shibukawa Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus for Ikaho Onsen, and then get off at Ikaho Onsen Bus Stop.

群馬県渋川市伊香保町

「伊香保まつり」

最寄駅：JR上越線渋川駅伊香保温泉行きバスで30分、伊香保温泉下車

◇ Sep.19 & Sep.20

Annual Festival of Samukawa Shrine, Samukawa-machi, Kanagawa Pref., features *Yabusame* (horseback archery) from 2 pm and a performance of *Hachioji-kuruma-ningyo* (traditional local puppet native to Hachioji) from 4 pm on the 19th. An exhibition of flower arrangements & *Bonsai* (potted plants) and a demonstration of *Kendo* & *Karate* (traditional Japanese martial arts) are scheduled on both days. Hours are still to be arranged.

Access : (1)JR Sagami Line to Miyayama Sta., and then walk 5 min.

(2)20-30 min. by bus from Chigasaki Sta. on JR Tokaido Honsen Line, and then get off at Samukawa Jinja Bus Stop.

神奈川県寒川町 寒川神社

「寒川神社大祭」

最寄駅：(1) JR相模線宮山駅より徒歩5分

(2) JR東海道本線茅ヶ崎駅よりバスで20~30分、寒川神社

下車

◇ ◎ Sep.23 & Sep.24

Ohara Hadaka Matsuri (naked festival) at Ohara Shrine, Ohara, Isumi, Chiba Pref. On the 23rd, eighteen *Mikoshi* (portable shrines), each originally starting from eighteen different places of the town, assemble at Ohara Kaisuiyokujo (beach), where the participants jostle with one another in the sea at 3 pm. This is called "Shiofumi," the climax of the festival. Then eighteen portable shrines assemble at Ohara Elementary School around 5:30 pm and then parade along the shopping malls of the town until 9 pm. On the 24th, *Mikoshi* gather at the shopping malls around 4:30 pm and parade through the town, and come to the Ohara Elementary School again and finally return to each Shrine around 10 pm.

Access :JR Sotobo Line to Ohara Sta., and then walk 20 min. to the school and the beach.

千葉県いすみ市 大原神社

「大原 はだかまつり」

最寄駅：小学校と海岸へはJR外房線大原駅より徒歩20分

Sep.27 & Sep.28

Hadano Tabako Matsuri (tobacco festival), Hadano, Kanagawa Pref. A demonstration of *Taiko* (Japanese drum beating) is held from 8 pm to 8:30 pm on the 27th, and from 1:40 pm to 2:30 pm and from 7:30 pm to 8 pm on the 28th at Honcho Elementary School. A fireworks display is scheduled from 8:10 pm to 8:30 pm on the 28th. When it rains, it will be postponed to Oct. 5.

Access :Odakyu Line to Hadano Sta., and then walk 30 min.

神奈川県秦野市

「秦野たばこ祭り」

最寄駅：小田急線秦野駅より徒歩30分

◇ Sep.29

Yassa Matsuri Festival at Wakamiya Hachimangu Shrine, Minakami-machi, Gunma Pref. Loin-clothed youths snake around the precincts of the Shrine, shouting "Yassa, Yassa," and vie with one another climbing up the rope for the bell attached to the top of the Shrine. The event starts at 7 pm and lasts until 9 pm.

Access :JR Joetsu Line to Gokan Sta., and then walk 20 min. or 5 min. by taxi.

群馬県利根郡みなかみ町 若宮八幡宮

「ヤッサ祭り」

最寄駅：JR上越線後閑駅より徒歩20分、又はタクシーで5分

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C. HOKKAIDO & TOHOKU 北海道・東北

Sep.6

Hinoemata Kabuki-no-Yube (one-night performance of local *Kabuki*) handed down generation to generation in a rustic village called Hinoemata in Fukushima Pref., is performed on the stage located between Chinju Shrine and Hosono Shrine in the village. The performance is held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The guests of accommodations such as *Ryokan* or *Minshuku* (family inn) in the village are invited for free admission. Otherwise, admission is ¥1,000. Admission tickets are available at the Shrines on the day.

Access: Yagan Railway Aizu-Kinugawa Line to Aizu-Kogen Sta. (Oze-guchi Exit). From there, 1 hr. 30 min. by bus to Hinoemata Bus Stop. (3 hrs. by Tobu Railway's Rapid Train & Yagan Railway Aizu Kinugawa Line from Tobu Asakusa Sta. to Aizu Kogen Sta.)

福島県南会津郡檜枝岐村

「檜枝岐歌舞伎の夕べ」

最寄駅: 野岩鉄道会津鬼怒川線会津高原駅(尾瀬口)よりバスで90分、檜枝岐下車(会津高原駅へは浅草駅より東武鉄道および野岩鉄道会津鬼怒川線で3時間)

Sep.12~Sep.14

Hanamaki Matsuri Festival in Hanamaki, Iwate Pref. The festival has a history dating back 400 years and features a parade of *Kagura Gongenmai* (*Shjinto* music and dance wearing lion head) performers from 2:40 pm on the 12th, a parade of *Hanamaki-Bayashi* (dancing to the tune of festival music) starting from 3:10 pm on the 13th, and performances of *Shishi Odori* (local Lion Dance) to the accompaniment of festive music from 3:50 pm on the 14th. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and floats parade every night during the festival period.

Access: (1)JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hanamaki Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Hanamaki Bus Stop.
(2)JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Hananomaki Sta., and then 10 min. walk.

岩手県花巻市

「花巻まつり」

最寄駅: (1)JR東北新幹線新花巻駅よりバスで15分、花巻下車
(2)JR東北本線花巻駅より徒歩10分

Sep.13~Sep.21

The 38th Kakashi Matsuri of All Japan Scarecrow Festival in Kaminoyama, Yamagata Pref. The festival, noted as a rice-growing area in Japan, takes place at Kaminoyama Shimin Koen (park). About 700 scarecrows which reflect current social trends by presenting the heroes of popular cartoons and the like are sure to please the eyes of visitors. A championship match of throwing *Geta* (wooden clogs) is held from 1 pm on the 20th.

Access: JR Tohoku & Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Kaminoyama-Onsen Sta., and then walk 15 min.

山形県上山市 上山市民公園

「第38回かみのやま温泉全国かかし祭」

最寄駅: JR東北(山形)新幹線上山温泉駅より徒歩15分

Sep.13~Sep.15

Yachi Donga Matsuri Festival at Yachi Hachimangu Shrine, Kahoku-cho, Nishi-Murayama-gun, Yamagata Pref. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) owned by the Shrine parade from 8:10 pm on the 13th and from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm on the 14th in the parishioners' area. *Bugaku* (court dance with music) is dedicated to the Shrine from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and *Taiko* (Japanese drum beating) on the float is performed from 6 pm to 9 pm on the 14th in the precincts of the Shrine. The festival is highlighted by a parade of traditional festival floats from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and *Ohayashi* (festival music) on the floats from 7:30 pm to 9 pm on the 15th.

Access: JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta. From there, 1 hr. by bus for Yachi, and then get off at Yachi Bus Stop.

山形県西村山郡河北町

「谷地どんが祭り」

最寄駅: JR山形新幹線山形駅より谷地行バスで1時間、谷地下車

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Sep.14~Sep.16

Morioka Aki Matsuri or **Annual Autumn Festival** of Morioka Hachimangu Shrine, Morioka, Iwate Pref. A parade of ten festival floats is held along the avenues in the city from 1 pm to 2 pm on the 14th, and from 6 pm to 8 pm on the 15th, and each float goes around thier town in the daytime on the 16th. *Yabusame* (horseback archery) is scheduled for 1 pm on the 16th in the precincts of the Shrine.

Access :JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus for Chabatake, and then get off at Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop.

岩手県盛岡市

「盛岡八幡宮例祭(盛岡秋まつり)」

最寄駅: JR東北新幹線盛岡駅より茶畑行バスで15分、八幡宮前下車

Sep.14 & Sep.15

Tono Matsuri Festival in Tono, Iwate Pref. The festival coincides with an annual festival of Tono Hachimangu Shrine. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and floats accompanied by a procession of Japanese folk dances and performing arts native to the Tohoku Region parade along the city's main streets from 12 noon to 4 pm and from 5 pm to 9:20 pm on the 14th. *Yabusame* (horseback archery) is scheduled from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the precincts of Nambu Shrine on the 15th.

Access :1 hr. by JR Kamaishi Line from Shin-Hanamaki Sta. on JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line, and then get off at Tono Sta.

岩手県遠野市

「遠野まつり(遠野八幡宮例祭)」

最寄駅: JR東北新幹線新花巻駅よりJR釜石線で1時間、遠野駅下車

Sep.22~Sep.24

Aizu Aki Matsuri Festival in Aizu-Wakamatsu, Fukushima Pref. A procession of participants with lanterns is held from 7 pm to 9 pm on the 22nd. The festival is highlighted by *Aizu-han Gyoretsu* (a procession of 500 armored warriors) filing out of Tsuruga Castle and parading through the city's main streets from 9:25 am to 4 pm, and *Takigi Noh* (open-air torchlight *Noh* play) is performed at the Castle from 5:30 pm to 8 pm on the 23rd. A parade of *Kotekitai* (fife & drum band) and a procession of children are scheduled from around 10 am to 12 noon on the 24th.

Access :JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Koriyama Sta., and take JR Ban'etsu Saisen Line (Rapid Train) to Aizu-Wakamatsu Sta. From there, 15-20 min. by bus, and then get off at Tsurugajo Kita-guchi Bus Stop to go to the Castle.

福島県会津若松市

「会津秋祭り」

最寄駅: JR東北新幹線郡山駅よりJR磐越西線(快速)で会津若松駅まで行き、そこから鶴ヶ城へはバスで15-20分、鶴ヶ城北口下車

D. CHUBU 中部

Jul.12~Sep.6

Gujo Odori (folk dance party open to all people), Hachiman-cho, Gujo, Gifu Pref. This is one of the most popular folk dances in which thousands of townspeople in *yukata* (cotton *kimono*) join and dance to the accompaniment of festival music. It is held on the following days: July 12, 16, 19, 20, 26-28, 30, Aug. 1-5, 7-20, 23, 24, 30, 31 and Sep. 6 from 8 pm to around 10:30 pm on weekdays and Sundays, and from 8 pm to 11 pm on Saturdays.

Access : (1) Meitetsu Line to Shin-Gifu Sta., and then 1 hr. by bus for Shirotori or for Gujo-Hachiman to Gujo-Hachiman Bus Stop. From there, 10 min. by shuttle bus to the site during the festival period.
(2) Nagaragawa Tetsudo Line to Gujo-Hachiman Sta. From there, 5-10 min. by taxi to the site.

岐阜県郡上市八幡町

「郡上踊り」

最寄駅: (1) 名鉄新岐阜バスターミナルより、郡上八幡行又は白鳥行のバスで1時間、郡上八幡下車、そこから会場へはシャトルバスで10分
(2) 長良川鉄道郡上八幡駅より会場までタクシーで5-10分

Sep.1~Sep.3

Owara Kaze-no-Bon Festival at Yatsuo-machi, Toyama, Toyama Pref. *Owara-machi-nagashi* (parade of Japanese folk dancers) is held on the streets from 3 pm to 11 pm on the 1st & the 2nd, and from 7 pm to 11 pm on the 3rd. Villagers in the area assemble at Yatsuo Elementary School Grounds where *Owara-bushi* (Japanese folk dance) is presented to the tune of *Shamisen* (a banjo-like instrument), flutes and drums from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on the 1st & the 2nd. Admission for a reserved seat is ¥3,000 or ¥2,500 and an unreserved seat is ¥1,500. When it rains, the events will be canceled.

Access :JR Takayama Honsen Line to Etchu Yatsuo Sta.

富山県富山市八尾町

「おわら風の盆」

最寄駅: JR高山本線越中八尾駅

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Sep.2~Sep.4

Tsuruga Matsuri Festival, Tsuruga, Fukui Pref. The festival coincides with an annual festival of Kehi Jingu Shrine. On the 3rd, *Go-horen* or a procession of a sacred palanquin followed by *Shinto* priests in traditional costume on horseback is held from 9 am to 2:30 pm. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade along the streets from 1 pm to 4 pm, and a parade of folk dancers, brass bands and electrical floats is held from 3:30 pm to 9 pm. On the 4th, six floats start from each town at 9:30 am, assemble in front of the Shrine at 12 noon, and leave at 1:30 pm for parading through the city's main streets until 4:30 pm. The performance of local folk dancers in *yukata* (cotton *kimono*) is held from 7 pm to 9 pm on the 4th. When it rains, the events may be postponed.

Access :JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Tsuruga Sta., and then walk 15 min.

福井県敦賀市 氣比神宮

「敦賀まつり」

最寄駅: JR北陸本線敦賀駅下車、徒歩15分

Sep.5

Sugo Jishi (Lion Dance), designated as an Intangible Cultural Property, at Hakusan Shrine and Matsuo Hakusan Shrine in Furukawa-machi, Hida, Gifu Pref. After *Shinto* rites starting from 12 noon at Hakusan Shrine, *Sugo Jishi* (local Lion Dance) is performed from 1 pm, and from 3 pm to 4 pm in the precincts of Matsuo Hakusan Shrine.

Access :JR Takayama Honsen Line to Hida-Furukawa Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus for Kamioka, and then get off at Naka-Sugo Bus Stop.

岐阜県飛騨市古川町数河 白山神社 松尾白山神社

「数河獅子」

最寄駅: JR高山本線飛騨古川駅より神岡行バスで30分、中数河下車

Sep.6&Sep.7

Mitsuke Tenjin Hadaka Matsuri (naked festival) at Mitsuke Tenjin Shrine, Iwata, Shizuoka Pref. On the 6th, about 400 loin-clothed youths, while dancing *Oni-odori* (devil dance), proceed to the Shrine from 9 pm. As soon as they arrive at the Shrine, they rush into the sanctuary of the Shrine trying to be the first in grasping the bell. Afterwards from 11 pm to 0:10 am, all lights are extinguished and the youths jostle each other while proceeding to Omi Kunitama Shrine with *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried on their shoulders and arrive at the Shrine at 1 am on the 7th.

Access :JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Iwata Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Mitsuke Bus Stop.

静岡県磐田市 見付天神

「見付天神裸祭」

最寄駅: JR東海道本線磐田駅よりバスで15分、見付下車

Sep.9&Sep.10

Katakai Matsuri (Fireworks Display), Ojiya, Niigata Pref. A display of *Katakai Hanabi* or fireworks with a 400-year history is held from 7:30 pm to 10:20 pm on both days. A giant fireworks display (one of the world's largest and most spectacular fireworks) can be seen at 10 pm on both days.

Access :JR Shin'etsu Honsen Line to Nagaoka Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus for Katakai, and then get off at Katakai Bus Stop.

新潟県小千谷市

「片貝まつり」

最寄駅: JR信越本線長岡駅より片貝行バスで30分、片貝下車

Sep.13&Sep.14

Setomono Matsuri (ceramic fair) in Seto, Aichi Pref. About 200 open-air stalls are set up along the streets near the Seto River from 9 am to 8 pm on the 13th and from 9 am to 7 pm on the 14th.

Access :Subway Higashiyama Line from Nagoya Sta. to Sakae Sta., and then walk to Sakaemachi Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Seto Line to Owari Seto Sta.

愛知県瀬戸市

「せともの祭」

最寄駅: 名古屋駅から地下鉄東山線で栄駅下車、そこから栄町駅まで歩き、名鉄瀬戸線で尾張瀬戸駅下車

Sep.13&Sep.14

Hozou-e or **Hojo-e Matsuri** Festival of Hachiman Shrine, Obama, Fukui Pref., is noted for *Shishimai* (Lion Dance) which is dedicated to the Shrine on both days. All the floats assemble on Hamakaze-dori Street and proceed to the Shrine from 1 pm to 3 pm on the 14th.

Access :JR Obama Line to Obama Sta., and then walk 10-15 min.

福井県小浜市 八幡神社

「放生会まつり」

最寄駅: JR小浜線小浜駅下車、徒歩10-15分

Sep.13&Sep.14

Mugiya Matsuri Festival at Johana, Nanto, Toyama Pref. *Mugiya-Odori* (Japanese folk dance), designated as an Intangible Cultural Property, is performed on the makeshift stage at Johana Betsuin Zentokuji Temple from 1 pm to 11 pm on the 13th, and from 9 am to 11 pm on the 14th. *Mugiya-Odori* is also performed along the main streets and the old avenues in the town on both days.

Access :JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Takaoka Sta. From there, take JR Johana Line to Johana Sta., and then 10 min. walk.

富山県南砺市 城端別院善徳寺

「むぎや祭」

最寄駅: JR北陸本線高岡駅よりJR城端線で城端駅下車、徒歩10分

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Sep.21

Shimada Mage Matsuri Festival, Shimada, Shizuoka Pref., features a parade of women wearing *Yukata* (cotton *kimono*) with their hair in feudal days coiffure. The parade starts from Hondori-Nanachome around 12 noon, and visits Oi Shrine around 1:45 pm, and then arrives at Udaji Temple at around 3:25 pm.

Access : JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Shimada Sta.

静岡県島田市

「島田まげまつり」

最寄駅: JR東海道本線島田駅

Sep.22 & Sep.23

Koi-koi Matsuri Festival at Yamanaka Onsen (hot spa), Yamanaka-machi, Kaga, Ishikawa Pref. Thousands of people in festival attire parade while dancing *Yamanaka-bushi* (Japanese folk dance) to the tune of *Shamisen* (a banjo-like instrument), flutes and drums from 8 pm to 9:30 pm on both days. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried by town's youths, lacquerware traders and *Geisha* parade through the town from around 12 noon to 3 pm on the 23rd.

Access : JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Kaga Onsen Sta. From there, 20 min. by bus to Yamanaka Onsen Bus Stop.

石川県加賀市山中温泉

「こいこい祭」

最寄駅: JR北陸本線加賀温泉駅よりバスで20分、山中温泉下車

Sep.25 & Sep.26

Kokiriko Matsuri Festival at Kaminashi, Nanto, Toyama Pref., is held in a rustic atmosphere. *Kokiriko* is another name for *Dengaku*, which literally means a field dance performed in the 13th & 14th centuries for the festivities of rice-planting, harvesting and other agricultural events. *Kokiriko* is performed by the villagers dressed in beautiful costume to the tune of *Sasara*, or peculiar bamboo handmade musical instruments used in olden times, on the stage in the precincts of Hakusangu Shrine from 7 pm to 9 pm on both days.

Access : (1) JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Takaoka Sta. From there, take JR Johana Line to Johana Sta., and then 25 min. by taxi.

(2) 30 min. by bus for Ogimachi from JR Johana Sta., and then get off at Kaminashi Bus Stop.

富山県南砺市上梨

「こきりこ祭り」

最寄駅: (1) JR北陸本線高岡駅よりJR城端線で城端駅下車、タクシーで25分

(2) JR城端駅より荻町行バスで30分、上梨下車

E. KINKI 近畿

Sep.13~Sep.15

Kangetsu-no Yube (moon-viewing party) at Daikaku-ji Temple, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto. People can enjoy the night of the mid-autumn full moon on the boats adrift in Osawa Pond to the tune of *Koto* (Japanese harp) music from around 5 pm to 9 pm. Admission is ¥1,200 for boat-riding in the pond with a bowl of Japanese tea, or ¥600 for a bowl of tea without boat-riding. When it rains, the event will be canceled.

Access : 1 hr. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 28 or Kyoto Bus No. 71 & No. 81 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Daikaku-ji Bus Stop.

京都市右京区嵯峨 大覚寺

「観月の夕べ」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 28又は京都バスNo. 71、No. 81で1時間、大覚寺下車

Sep.13 & Sep.14

Danjiri Matsuri Festival, Kishiwada, Osaka Pref., is known as one of the most powerful and exiting festivals in Japan in which men wearing *happi* coats pull about 30 beautifully-bedecked floats through the city's busy streets from 6 am to 5 pm on the 13th and from 9 am to 5 pm on the 14th. Floats lighted with lanterns can be seen from 7 pm to 10 pm on both days.

Access : Nankai Railway to Kishiwada Sta., and then walk 15 min.

大阪府岸和田市

「だんじり祭」

最寄駅: 南海電鉄岸和田駅より徒歩15分

Sep.14

Uneme Matsuri Festival is annually held on the night of the mid-autumn full moon (*Chushu-no-meigetsu*) on Sarusawa Pond, Nara, Nara Pref. A procession of *Miss Uneme* (Beauty Queen) in a *Hanaguruma* (carriage) decorated with flowers and fans, followed by a group of children, departs from JR Nara Sta. around 5 pm and parades through the city's main streets. Around 7 pm, a brightly-decorated sacred boat is rowed out to the middle of the pond.

Access : Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 5 min.

奈良市 猿沢池

「采女まつり」

最寄駅: 近鉄奈良駅より徒歩5分

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Sep.15

Shiba Noh Kansho-kai (performance of *Noh*) takes place on the lawn, which is likened to a *Noh* stage, at Kencho-mae Hiroba, Nara, Nara Pref. *Noh* (classical masked drama) performed from 5 pm to 7 pm under the dim light of lanterns surely makes viewers feel a nostalgic atmosphere of the 8th century of Japan's Nara Period. Admission is free. Reserved seat tickets (¥5,000 for the lecture which starts from 2 pm) are sold, and the number of the seats is limited to 200. For reservations, call 0742-32-2115 (Bunka Jigyobu of the Nara Shimbun Press). When it rains, the performance will be held indoors for the reserved seat ticket holders.

Access : 7 min. by bus (Nara Kotsu Bus) from JR Nara Sta. to Daibutsuden-Kasugataisha-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.

奈良市奈良公園内 登大路園地
「芝鑑賞会」

最寄駅: JR奈良駅から奈良交通バスで7分、大仏殿春日大社前下車、徒歩3分

Sep.17

Waraji Matsuri (great straw sandal festival) is held at Nakiri, Daio-machi, Shima, Mie Pref. Four young men in *happi* coats, carrying huge *Waraji* (Japanese traditional straw-made footwear), leave Nakiri Shrine for Suba Beach at around 3 pm. After the purification ceremony held around 3:30 pm, *Waraji* is thrown into the sea to pray for the fishermen's safety while at sea. A fireworks display is held from 8 pm to 9 pm.

Access : Kintetsu Shima Line to Ugata Sta. From there, 20 min. by bus for Goza, and then get off at Nakiri Shogakko Bus Stop.

三重県志摩市大王町 波切神社
「わらじ祭り」

最寄駅: 近鉄志摩線鵜方(うがた)駅より御座行バスで20分、波切小学校下車

Sep.19

Heian Jingu Shin-en Muryo Kokai (open to the general public at no charge only on this day) is held from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Shin-en Garden attached to Heian Shrine, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto. Fully blooming bush clovers can be seen.

Access : 25 min. by municipal bus (Shibas) No. 5 from Kyoto Sta. to Kyoto Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 6 min.

京都市左京区 平安神宮
「平安神宮神苑無料公開」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 5で25分、京都美術館前下車、徒歩6分

Sep.20~Sep.23

Hagi Matsuri (bush clover festival) at Nashinoki Shrine, Kamigyō-ku, Kyoto. Bush clovers are beautifully planted all over the precincts of the Shrine. The main events during the festival are as follows: *Chakai* (tea ceremony; Fee: ¥800) offering from 10:30 am to 3 pm every day during the festival, *Kyogen* (*Noh* farce) performing from 11 am, *Kyudo* (Japanese archery) demonstrating from 1 pm and *Nihon-Buyo* (Japanese traditional dance with music) dedicating to the Shrine from 1:30 pm on the 21st.

Access : 30 min. by municipal bus (Shibas) No. 4, No. 17 or No. 205 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Furitsu Idai Byoin-mae Bus Stop.

京都市上京区 梨木神社
「萩まつり」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 4, No. 17又はNo. 205で30分、府立医大病院前下車

Sep.20~Nov.25

Toji Homotsu-kan Shuki Tokubetsu-ten (Special Exhibition in Treasure Hall) at Toji Temple, Minami-ku, Kyoto. *Homotsu-kan* (Treasure Hall) of Toji Temple is open to the public from 9 am to 4 pm during the exhibition period. Admission is ¥500.

Access : (1) 15 min. walk from JR Kyoto Sta.
(2) Kintetsu Line to Toji Sta., and then walk 5 min.

京都市南区 東寺
「東寺宝物館秋季特別展」

最寄駅: (1)JR京都駅より徒歩15分
(2)近鉄東寺駅より徒歩5分

Sep.22 & Sep.23

Annual Festival of Seimei Shrine, Kamigyō-ku, Kyoto. A lantern parade and *Kagura* (*Shinto* dance and music) are held from around 7 pm to 8 pm on the 22nd. The main feature of the festival is *Shinko-sai* procession which includes a traditional boys' drums & fifes band, the halberds on the carriages, girls in beautiful attire and decorated horses, marching through nearby streets from 1 pm to 5 pm on the 23rd.

Access : 20 min. by municipal bus (Shibas) No. 9 from Kyoto Sta. to Ichijo-Modoribashi Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.

京都市上京区 晴明神社
「晴明神社例祭」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 9で20分、一条戻り橋下車、徒歩3分

Calendar Events

to be enjoyed in September 2008

Sep.22~Sep.24

Jingu Kagura-sai Festival takes place at the Naiku (Inner Shrine) of Ise Shrine, Ise, Mie Pref. *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) on the makeshift stage in the Naiku premises is dedicated to the Shrine at 11 am & 2 pm every day during the festival period (when it rains, *Bugaku* starting at 2 pm will be canceled.). *Kyogen* (*Noh* farce) from 12 noon on the 22nd, *Noh* (classical masked drama) performance from 10 am and *Syaku-hachi* (Japanese bamboo flute) from 1 pm on the 23rd and *Ohayashi* (festival music) from 10:30 am on the 24th are held. A tea house in the Naiku precincts is open to the public from 11:40 am to 3 pm during the festival period.

Access : (1) 1 hr. 30 min. by Limited Express of Kinki Nippon Railway (Kintetsu) from Nagoya Sta. to Ise-shi Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop.
(2) JR Rapid Train (Kaisoku) "Mie" from Nagoya Sta. to Ise-shi Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop.

三重県伊勢市 伊勢神宮
「神宮神楽祭」

最寄駅: (1)名古屋より近鉄特急で1時間30分、伊勢市駅下車、そこからバスで15分、内宮前下車
(2)名古屋よりJR快速"みえ"で伊勢市駅まで行き、そこからバスで15分、内宮前下車

Sep.22

Kushi Matsuri (Comb Festival) at Yasui Konpiragu Shrine, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto, features a colorful parade of about 30 women wearing various wigs representing coiffures from the ancient times to the present age matching with their clothes of the respective periods. The memorial services for used combs and Japanese dance dedicated to the Shrine are held at around 1 pm. The parade departs from the Shrine at around 2 pm, and goes through Hanami-koji Ave., Gion area, and then return to the Shrine.

Access : 10 min. by taxi from JR Kyoto Sta.

京都市東山区 安井金比羅宮
「櫛祭」

最寄駅: JR京都駅よりタクシーで10分

F. CHUGOKU & SHIKOKU 中国・四国

Sep.1

Hassaku Taisai Festival or **Ushi-tsuki** (bull fighting) takes place on Sayama Ushitsukijo Ground, Tsuma, Okinoshima-cho, Okinoshima Island, Shimane Pref. This is the biggest event on the island. The huge bulls violently butting against each other from 2 pm are a thrilling sight. Admission is free.

Access : JR San'in Honsen Line to Matsue Sta. From there, 1 hr. by bus to Shichirui Bus Stop, and then walk to Shichirui Port. From there, 2 hrs. 30 min. by ferry to Saigo Port, and then 30 min. by taxi to the ground.

島根県隠岐島隠岐島町都万
「八朔大祭(牛突)」

最寄駅: JR山陰本線松江駅よりバスで1時間、七類下車、歩いて七類港へ、そこからフェリーで2時間30分、西郷港下船、会場へはタクシーで30分

Sep.14

Hyoge Matsuri Festival at Asano, Kagawa-cho, Takamatsu, Kagawa Pref. *Hyoge* is a slang word for jesting or clownish. The villagers wearing or having on various props made of agricultural products or implements hand-held parade humorously a distance of 2 km to the tune of bells and drums, while carrying *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) on their shoulders, from 2 pm to 4 pm. The procession starts from Asano Shuraku Kenshu Center and proceeds to Shin-Ike Pond. The festival is highlighted by throwing away *Mikoshi* into the water.

Access : 10 min. by taxi from Takamatsu Airport or 20-30 min. by taxi from JR Takamatsu Sta. to Asano Shuraku-Kenshu Center. (It takes 1 hr. by JR Rapid Train "Marine Liner" from Okayama Sta. to Takamatsu Sta. From there, 20 min. by taxi.)

香川県高松市香川町浅野
「ひょうげまつり」

最寄駅: 浅野集落研修センターまでは高松空港よりタクシーで10分、又はJR高松駅よりタクシーで20-30分(JR岡山駅より急行"マリンライナー"で1時間、高松駅下車、タクシーで20分)

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G. KYUSHU & OKINAWA 九州 沖縄

Sep.12~Sep.18

Hojo-ya (Hojo-e) Festival at Hakozaki Hachimangu Shrine, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Pref. A *Shinto* ceremony is conducted to thank all living things useful to human beings. An array of living creatures including doves and carp is released. The ceremony starts at around 2:30 pm on the 18th. More than 700 open-air stalls are set up along the approaches to the Shrine from 10 am to 11 pm every day during the festival period.

Access : (1)JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Hakozaki Sta., and then 5 min. walk.
(2)Subway Hakozaki Line to Hakozaki-gu Sta., and then 3 min. walk.

福岡市 筥崎(はこざき)八幡宮
「放生会」

最寄駅: (1)JR鹿児島本線箱崎駅より徒歩5分
(2)地下鉄箱崎線箱崎宮駅より徒歩3分

Sep.13~Sep.22

Annual Festival of Fujisaki Hachimangu Shrine, Kumamoto, Kumamoto Pref. *Shishi-kazari-oroshi* (Lion Dance) is performed by about 68 people from around 11 am and *Kagura* (sacred dance) is dedicated to the Shrine from around 3 pm on the 13th. *Noh* (classical masked drama) is performed from 11:30 am to 12 noon on the 15th in the precincts of the Shrine, and from 9 am to 12 noon on the 21st at *Otabisho* (portable shrine storage). **Zuibyo Gyoretsu or Umaoi** (horse chasing) is the main event of the festival and held on the 21st. A parade of three *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) followed by a procession of armored warriors and 68 horses decorated with flowers departs from Fujisaki Hachimangu Shrine at 6 am, and assembles in *Otabisho* at 8:30 am, and then leaves *Otabisho* at 2:30 pm for parading through the city's main streets and returns to the Shrine at 4:10 pm.

Access : JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Kumamoto Sta. From there, 5 min. by Kumamoto Dentetsu bus to Fujisaki Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop.

熊本県熊本市 藤崎八幡宮
「藤崎八幡宮秋季例大祭」

最寄駅: JR鹿児島本線熊本駅より熊本電鉄バス藤崎八幡宮前下車

Sep.14

Itoman Otsuna-hiki Gyoji at Itoman, Okinawa Pref. A parade of 1,500 Japanese folk dancers is held from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. *Otsuna-hiki* (tug of war), the major event, starts from 5 pm to around 6 pm, using a rope about 180 meter long, 1.5 meter in diameter and 10 tons in weight.

Access : 20-30 min. by taxi from Naha Airport to Itoman Port.

沖縄県糸満市
「糸満大綱引き行事」

最寄駅: 那覇空港よりタクシーで20-30分、糸満港

I. Ukai, Cormorant Fishing

May.11~Oct.15

Nagaragawa Ukai, Nagara River, Gifu Pref.

Period of time: May 11 - Oct. 15 (departure time: 6:45 pm & 7:15 pm; lasting for about one hour each).

Charge: ¥3,000 (meals excluded).

Reservation: Call 058-262-0104 (Gifu City Ukai Kanransen Jimusho) in Japanese, or reserve through JTB, travel agency.

Cormorant fishing is an ancient method of catching *Ayu* (sweetfish or trout-like fish) handling trained cormorants. This takes place at night under the light of blazing torches fastened to the prows of fishing boats. It will be held every day during the period except on the night of the full moon or when the water is excessively muddy.

Access : JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Gifu Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Nagaragawa-bashi Bus Stop.

Note : Please come to the pier earlier than the departure time.

岐阜県岐阜市長良川
「長良川鵜飼」

最寄駅: JR東海道本線岐阜駅よりバスで15分、長良川橋下車

May.11~Oct.15

Seki-no-Oze-no-Ukai, Nagara River, Gifu Pref.

Period of time: May 11 - Oct. 15,

May - Jul.(departure time: 6:40 pm),

Aug. (departure time: 6:30 pm),

Sep. (departure time: 6 pm),

Oct. (departure time: 5:50 pm).

Charge: ¥3,150 (meals excluded).

Obento (boxed meal) Charge: ¥2,000 and up.

Reservation (daily from 3 pm): Call 0575-22-2506 (Seki Yusen Jimusho) in Japanese.

Access : Nagaragawa Tetsudo Railway to Seki Sta., and then 10 min. by taxi.

Note : Please come to the pier before the departure time.

岐阜県長良川
「関の小瀬の鵜飼」

最寄駅: 長良川鉄道 関駅よりタクシーで10分

Calendar Events

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May.11~Oct.15

Kisogawa Ukai, Kiso River, Aichi Pref.

Period of time: May 11 - Oct. 15,

May 11 - Aug. 31 (departure time: 7 pm),

Sep. 1 - Oct. 15 (departure time: 6:30 pm).

Charge: ¥2,500 (May 11 - Jun. 30 & Sep. 1 - Oct. 15),

¥2,800 (Jul. 1 - Aug. 31) meals excluded each.

Reservation: Call 0568-61-0057 (Kisogawa Kanko) in Japanese, or reserve through major travel agencies which can also make a hotel reservation, if you would like.

Access : Meitetsu Inuyama Line to Inuyama-Yuen Sta., and then walk 2 min.

Note : Please come to the pier a little earlier than the departure time.

愛知県木曾川

「木曾川鵜飼」

最寄駅: 名鉄犬山線犬山遊園駅より徒歩2分

Jun.14~Sep.28

Ujigawa Ukai, Uji River, Kyoto Pref.

Period of time: Jun. 14 - Sep. 28 (departure time: 6:30

pm - 7 pm)

Charge: ¥1,800 (child: ¥900) meals excluded.

No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat.

Access : (1) Keihan Uji Line to Keihan Uji Sta., and then walk 5 min.

(2) JR Nara Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 10 min.

Note : Please come to the pier before the departure time.

京都府宇治川

「宇治川鵜飼」

最寄駅: (1) 京阪宇治線京阪宇治駅より徒歩5分

(2) JR奈良線宇治駅より徒歩10分

Jul.1~Sep.15

Ukai (cormorant fishing), Oi River (formerly Yodo River near Togetsukyo Bridge), Arashiyama, Kyoto.

Period of time: July 1 - Aug. 31 (departure time: 7 pm and 8 pm),

Sep. 1 - 15 (departure time: 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm)

Charge: ¥1,700 (meals excluded)

Access : Keifuku Arashiyama Line to Arashiyama Sta. or Hankyu Arashiyama Line to Hankyu Arashiyama Sta.

Note : Please come to the pier before the departure time.

京都府大堰川(嵐山渡月橋付近)

「嵐山鵜飼」

最寄駅: 京福嵐山線嵐山駅又は阪急嵐山線阪急嵐山駅