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## Calendar Events to be enjoyed in January 2014



### HOKKAIDO & TOHOKU 北海道・東北

Date Dec. 28 ~ Mar. 2

**Zao Juhyo Light-up** at Zao Onsen Ski Ground, Yamagata, Yamagata Pref., features the lights lit over *Juhyo* known as "Ice Monster", trees covered with frost, along the Zao Ropeway Sancho Line and around Jizo Sancho Sta., from 5 pm to 9 pm daily on the following days; Dec. 28th–Jan. 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th–Mar. 2nd. On Feb. 1st, an event in which skiers and snowboarders holding torchlights descend on the Uwanodai ski slope under a fireworks display is held from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Access The JR Ou Honsen Line or JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta. From there, 45 min. by bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop, and then walk 15 min. to Uwanodai Gelande Ropeway Sta.

URL [http://www.zaoropeway.co.jp/w\\_season02.html](http://www.zaoropeway.co.jp/w_season02.html)

所在地 山形県 山形市 蔵王温泉

蔵王樹氷ライトアップ

最寄駅 JR奥羽本線又はJR山形新幹線山形駅より、バスで45分蔵王温泉下車、上ノ台ゲレンデ ロープウェイ駅へ徒歩15分

Date Jan. 2

**Dainichido Bugaku**, an ancient court dance with music at O-hirumenomuchi Shrine, Kazuno, Akita Pref. This *Bugaku* with a 1,300-year history is handed down through generations in the village and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The performance of *Bugaku* is dedicated to the Shrine from around 8 am to 12 noon.

Access The JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, the IGR Iwate Ginga Tetsudo Line and the JR Hanawa Line to Hachimantai Sta., and then walk 2 min.

URL <http://dainichido.p1.bindsite.jp/bugaku/>

所在地 秋田県 鹿角市八幡平 大日霊貴神社

大日堂舞楽

最寄駅 JR東北新幹線盛岡駅よりIGRいわて銀河鉄道とJR花輪線で八幡平駅下車、徒歩2分

Date Jan. 17



**Miyoshi Bonden-sai**, Festival at Miyoshi Shrine, Akita, Akita Pref., features *Bonden*, sacred bamboo baskets covered with brightly colored cloth and streamers, being carried by villagers to the Shrine. The highlight will be from around 10 am to 12 noon, when about 80 groups of local young men carrying their own *Bonden*, compete with one another to be the first in dedicating *Bonden* to the Shrine .

Access (1) The JR Akita Shinkansen or Ou Line to Akita Sta., and the walk 30 min.  
(2) 10 min. by bus for Ohira from JR Akita Sta., and then get off at Miyoshi Jinja-Iriguchi Bus Stop.

URL <http://www.miyoshi.or.jp/festival/bondensai.html>

所在地 秋田市 三吉神社

梵天祭

最寄駅 (1) JR秋田新幹線、奥羽本線 秋田駅より徒歩30分  
(2) JR秋田駅より大平行バスで10分、三吉神社入口下車

**Date** Jan. 19  
◇ **Hadaka-mairi**, shrine homage paid by half-naked youths, at Shinzan Shrine, Yurihonjo, Akita Pref. After being purified by cold water, about 300 local young men who carry the offerings on their shoulders, dash up the 2-km approach with 103 stairs to the Shrine on the mountain from around 9 am to 11 am.

**Access** The JR Uetsu Line to Ugo-Honjo Sta. From there, by bus to Sangencho Bus Stop, and then walk 25 min. to the Shrine. (It takes about 3 hrs. by JR Limited Express "Inaho" from Niigata to Ugo-Honjo Sta.)

**URL** [http://en.yurihonjo-kanko.jp/modules/pico4/index.php?content\\_id=1](http://en.yurihonjo-kanko.jp/modules/pico4/index.php?content_id=1)

**所在地** 秋田県 由利本荘市 新山神社  
裸まいり

**最寄駅** JR羽越線羽後本荘駅よりバスで三軒町停留所下車、徒歩25分で新山神社(新潟より羽後本荘駅までJR特急"いなほ"で約3時間)

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## CHUBU 中部

**Date** Jan. 6  
◇ **Muika Matsuri** or **Hana-bai Matsuri** Festival at Nagataki Hakusan Shrine, Shirotori-cho, Gujo, Gifu Pref. The ritual starts from 1 pm, and then *Ennen-no-mai* (ancient dance with music for longevity, which is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties) is dedicated to the Shrine from 1:45 pm to 2:30 pm. And then *Hana-bai*, in which youths scramble to grab five big artificial flowers hung from the ceiling (6 meters in height) of the main hall of the Shrine, is scheduled from 2:30 pm to around 3 pm.

**Access** The JR Takayama Line to Mino-Ota Sta. From there, the Nagaragawa Railway to Hakusan-Nagataki Sta., and then walk 5 min.

**URL** <http://shirotori.gujo.to/html/6maturi.htm>

**所在地** 岐阜県 郡上市 白鳥町 長滝白山神社  
六日祭り(花奪いまつり)

**最寄駅** JR高山線美濃太田駅より長良川鉄道で白山長滝駅下車、徒歩5分

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**Date** Jan. 11 ~ Mar. 9  
**Atami Baien Ume Matsuri**, Japanese Apricot Festival at Atami Baien (Japanese apricot garden), Atami, Shizuoka Pref. There are about 450 Japanese apricot trees of 60 species in the garden and they begin to bloom usually from the middle of January. Various events are scheduled during the period. The garden is open from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Admission is ¥300.

**Access** (1) The JR Ito Line to Kinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.  
(2) The JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Atami Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus bound for Ainohara-Danchi or Baien, and then get off at Baien-mae Bus Stop.

**URL** <http://www.ataminews.gr.jp/ume/>

**所在地** 静岡県 熱海市 熱海梅園  
熱海梅園梅まつり

**最寄駅** (1) JR伊東線来宮駅より徒歩10分  
(2) JR東海道新幹線又は東海道本線熱海駅より相ノ原団地行バス又は梅園行バスで15分、梅園前下車

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**Date** Jan. 14 ~ Jan. 15  
◇ **Niino-no-Yuki-Matsuri**, Snow Festival wishing for a rich harvest, at Izu Shrine, Anan-cho, Shimoina-gun, Nagano Pref., features performances of 14 kinds of local performing arts throughout the night. It is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. On the 14th, *Onobori*, a procession of people in traditional attire, starts from Suwa Shrine at 4 pm heading for Izu Shrine, arriving there at around 6 pm. Thereafter, a big torch is prepared from 9 pm and set afire at 1 am on the 15th. And then, a demonstration of local performing arts is continually conducted from 1 am to around 8 am.

**Access** (1) The JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line or Tokaido Honsen Line to Toyohashi Sta., and then take the JR Iida Line to Nukuta Sta. From there, 40 min. by bus for Urugi, and then get off at Densho Center-mae Bus Stop.  
(2) Chuo Kosoku (Highway) Bus leaving Shinjuku Highway Bus Terminal for Iida. From there, take a bus for Urugi (only two bus services a day, leaving Iida Sta. at 12:13 and 14:14), and get off at Densho Center-mae Bus Stop.

**URL** <http://www.town.anan.nagano.jp/kankouguides/yukimaturi.html>

**所在地** 長野県 下伊那郡 阿南町 諏訪神社 伊豆神社  
新野の雪まつり

**最寄駅** (1) JR東海道新幹線又は東海道線 豊橋駅よりJR飯田線で温田(ぬくた)駅下車、そこから売木行きバスで40分、伝承センター前下車  
(2) 新宿ハイウェイバスターミナルから飯田行きの中央高速バスで飯田へ、そこから売木行きバス(飯田駅発12:13発と14:14発の二便のみ)で伝承センター前下車

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Date Jan. 15



**Doso-jin Matsuri** or **Hi Matsuri**, Fire Festival at Babanohara in Nozawa Onsen-mura, Nagano Pref., is held from around 7 pm to 10 pm. A big bonfire shaped like a shrine pavilion prepared in advance on the ground is set afire at around 8:30 pm praying for driving away the evil spirits and for the prosperity of babies plenty. This is the largest festival in this kind in this region, and is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.

Access The JR Iiyama Line from JR Nagano Sta. to Togari-Nozawa Onsen Sta. From there, 20 min. by bus to Nozawa Onsen Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. to Babanohara.

URL <http://www.nozawakanko.jp/spot/dousozin.php>

所在地 長野県 下高井戸郡 野沢温泉村 馬場の原  
道祖神まつり(火まつり)

最寄駅 JR長野駅よりJR飯山線戸狩野沢温泉駅まで行き、そこからバスで20分野沢温泉下車、馬場の原まで徒歩5分

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## KINKI 近畿

Date Dec. 1 ~ Mar. 8

**Gion Corner Winter Tokubetsu Koen**, or Winter Special Performance at Gion Corner, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto. The demonstration of several kinds of traditional Japanese entertainments and arts is staged twice a day from 6 pm and from 7 pm, every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and national holidays during the period (except from Dec. 29th to Jan. 3rd). Admission is ¥3,150, (¥2,500 for foreigners). For further information, call 075-561-1119 (in English).

Access 25 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 100 and No. 206 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Gion Bus Stop.

URL <http://www.kyoto-gioncorner.com/performance/index.html>

所在地 京都市 東山区 祇園 ヤサカ会館内 京都ギオンコーナー  
ギオンコーナー冬季特別公演

最寄駅 京都駅より市バスNo. 100、No. 206で約25分、祇園下車

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Date Jan. 4



**Kemari Hajime**, the year's first game of Japanese ancient ball-kicking in the precincts of Shimogamo Shrine, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, is held from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. *Kemari* is an elegant ball game played by the nobles in the Heian period (794-1192). The players in ancient costumes make a big circle and gently kick a ball to each other.

Access 35 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 4 or No. 205 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Shimogamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop.

URL <http://www.shimogamo-jinja.or.jp/pg150.html>

所在地 京都市 左京区 下鴨神社  
けまり初め

最寄駅 京都駅より市バスNo. 4又はNo. 205で35分 下鴨神社前下車

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Date Jan. 8 ~ Jan. 12



**Toka Ebisu** or **Hatsu Ebisu**, the first fete day for Ebisu (the god of wealth) at Ebisu Shrine, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto. The festival draws a big crowd of people, especially of merchants who pray for prosperity in their businesses. *Hoekago* palanquins in which *geisha* (female entertainers) and famous figures sit, are carried to the Shrine from 10 am to around 11am on the 8th & the 9th. The stalls are set up in the precincts of the Shrine, and vendors sell bamboo branches, a symbol of good luck, shouting loudly to visitors, "Buy bamboo branches, and your business will prosper!" from the 9th through the 11th.

Access (1) 15 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 17 or No. 205 from Kyoto Sta. to Kawaramachi Matsubara Bus Stop, and then walk 8 min.

(2) Walk 6 min. from Gion Shijo Sta. on the Keihan Railway.

URL <http://www.kyoto-ebisu.jp/>

所在地 京都市 東山区 恵美須神社  
十日ゑびす(初ゑびす)

最寄駅 (1) 京都駅より市バス No. 17、又は No.205で15分、河原町松原下車、徒歩8分  
(2) 京阪電車祇園四条駅より 徒歩6分

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Date Jan. 9~Jan.11



**Toka Ebisu**, the first fete day for Ebisu (the god of wealth) at Imamiya Ebisu Shrine, Naniwa-ku, Osaka, is the biggest festival of this kind in scale and feature, in the Kansai region. The festival draws a big crowd of people, especially of merchants who pray for prosperity in their businesses. On the 10th, a procession of *Hoekago* palanquins in which *geisha* (female entertainers) and famous figures sit, carried by men, starts from Dotonbori at 10 am, and arrives at the Shrine around 12 noon.

Note Kansai refers to an economic and cultural zone consisting of 9 Prefectures including Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe.

Access (1) Walk 1 min. from Imamiya-Ebisu Sta. on the Nankai Railway.  
(2) The Midosuji Subway Line from Umeda Sta. to Daikokucho Sta., and then walk 5 min.

URL <http://www.imamiya-ebisu.jp/toukaebisu>

所在地 大阪市 浪速区 今宮戎神社  
十日戎

最寄駅 (1) 南海電鉄今宮戎駅より徒歩1分  
(2) 梅田駅より地下鉄御堂筋線で大國町駅下車、徒歩5分

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Date Jan. 12



**Toshiya**, a traditional archery meet is held under the eaves of the 120-meter-long hall of Sanjusangendo Temple, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto, from 9 am to around 3:30 pm. About 2,000 archers including youths who come of age this year participate in this event from all over Japan. Admission is free.

Access 15 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 100, 206 or 208 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Sanjusangendo-mae Bus Stop.

所在地 京都市 東山区 三十三間堂  
通し矢

最寄駅 京都駅より市バスNo. 100、206、又は 208で15分、三十三間堂前下車

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Date Jan. 14



**Doya-Doya**, Festival of Shitennoji Temple, Tennoji-ku, Osaka, is held from 2:30 pm to around 4 pm. Two groups of loin-clothed youths, shouting "*Doya-Doya*", scramble to grab wooden talismans thrown over them from the roof of the Rokujido Hall. The winning group is believed to be blessed with rich crops for the year.

Access The Tanimachi Subway Line to Shitennoji-mae Yuhigaoka Sta., and then walk 5 min.

URL [http://www.osaka-info.jp/jp/search/detail/event\\_5.html](http://www.osaka-info.jp/jp/search/detail/event_5.html)

所在地 大阪市 天王寺区 四天王寺  
どやどや

最寄駅 地下鉄谷町線四天王寺前夕陽ヶ丘駅より徒歩5分

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Date Jan. 14 & Jan. 15

**Dai-Sagicho-hoe** or **Tondo**, Big Bonfire at Ebaraji Temple, Sakai, Osaka Pref., is set on fire at 2 pm on the 14th, and at 5 pm on the 15th. New Year's decorations are burnt in holy fire in prayer for prosperity and good health. On the 15th, the main statue of *Monju-bosatsu*, the deity of wisdom, which was carved by Gyoki, is specially open to the public in the daytime (Admission is ¥1,000).

Access The Midosuji Subway Line to Tennoji Sta. From there, the JR Hanwa Line to Tsukuno Sta., and then walk 15 min.

Note *Gyoki*: a famous Buddhist priest (668-749) and a founder of Ebara Temple

所在地 大阪府 堺市 家原寺  
大左義長法会(とんど)

最寄駅 地下鉄御堂筋線天王寺駅よりJR阪和線で津久野駅下車、徒歩15分

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Date Jan. 21



**Hatsu Kobo** (the first fair of the year) at Toji Temple, Minami-ku, Kyoto. Many stalls selling used *kimono*, potted plants, secondhand books and the like are set up from around 8 am to around 4 pm.

Access (1) Walk 15 min. from Kyoto Sta. on the JR Tokaido Line.  
(2) Walk 5 min. from Toji Sta. on the Kintetsu Line.

所在地 京都市 南区 東寺  
初弘法

最寄駅 (1) 京都駅より徒歩15分  
(2) 近鉄東寺駅より徒歩5分

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Date Jan. 25



**Hatsu Tenjin**, the first fair of the year at Kitano Tenmangu Shrine, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto, features street stalls selling used *kimono*, potted plants, food and other items from around 8 am to 9 pm. The fair is as large in scale as the one at Toji Temple on Jan. 21st.

Access 30 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 50 or No. 101 from Kyoto Sta., and get off at Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop.

所在地 京都市 上京区 北野天満宮  
初天神

最寄駅 京都駅より市バスNo. 50又はNo. 101で30分、北野天満宮前下車

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Date Jan. 25



**Wakakusayama-yaki**, Grass-burning Festival on Wakakusayama Hill, Nara, Nara Pref., is scheduled for around 6:30 pm, lasting for about 1-2 hrs. This is the traditional festival to herald the arrival of spring in this region. When it rains, it will be postponed to Feb. 1st.

Access (1) The Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Kofukuji Temple area, which is one of the best areas to see the fire.  
(2) By bus from JR Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Sta., to Kasugataisha Honden Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min. to Nara Park.

所在地 奈良市 春日野町 若草山  
若草山焼き

最寄駅 (1) 近鉄奈良駅より徒歩5分の興福寺付近(見物によい場所)  
(2) 奈良公園へは JR又は近鉄奈良駅よりバスで春日大社本殿下車、徒歩10分

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Date Jan. 31 ~ Feb. 2

**Shunsetsu-sai, Chinese New Year's Day**, according to the lunar calendar is celebrated at Nankinmachi-hiroba Square in Chinatown of Kobe, Hyogo Pref. On the 26th, pre-festival, Chinese dragon parade is held in the shopping areas of Motomachi and Sannomiya from 4 pm to 4:30 pm, and *Shishimai* lion dance is performed in the Harborland area from 3 pm and 4 pm. On the 31st, a procession of people in Chinese traditional costumes parades on the main street in Chinatown, and in the shopping areas of Motomachi and Sannomiya from 12 noon to 5 pm. Various and colorful events including lion dance, Chinese dance, and Chinese martial arts are demonstrated daily during the period.

Access (1) To Nankinmachi, Motomachi and Sannomiya sites: The JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Motomachi Sta. or the Hanshin Railways to Hanshin-Motomachi Sta., and then walk 5 min.  
(2) To Harborland: The JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Kobe Sta., and then walk 5 min.

所在地 兵庫県 神戸市 南京町  
春節祭

最寄駅 (1) 南京町、元町、三宮: JR東海道本線元町駅 又は 阪神電鉄阪神元町駅より徒歩5分  
(2) ハーバーランド: JR東海道線神戸駅より徒歩5分

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## CHUGOKU & SHIKOKU 中国・四国

Date Jan. 1, Jan. 2, Jan. 3 & Jan. 5



**Bugaku**, ancient court dance with music at Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichishi, Hiroshima Pref. This *Bugaku* was introduced by *Kiyomori Taira*, a warlord in the *Heian* period (794–1192). The *Shinto* rites precede *Bugaku* which is performed from 1 pm to 1:40 pm on the 2nd, from 1 pm to 3 pm on the 3rd, and from 6:30 am to 8 am on the 5th, respectively. (Admission is ¥300.)

Access (1) Walk a few min. from Miyajima-guchi Sta. on the JR Sanyo Line to Miyajima-guchi Pier. From there, 10 min. by ferryboat to Miyajima Pier, and then walk 10 min. to the Shrine.  
(2) 30 min. by streetcar or bus from Hiroshima Sta. to Hiroshima Ujina Port. From there, 23 min. by hydrofoil to Miyajima Pier.

URL [http://www.miyajima.or.jp/english/culture/culture\\_bugaku.html](http://www.miyajima.or.jp/english/culture/culture_bugaku.html)

所在地 広島県 廿日市市 宮島町 厳島神社  
舞楽

最寄駅 (1) JR山陽線宮島口駅より徒歩2~3分の宮島口棧橋からフェリーで10分、宮島下船。神社まで徒歩10分  
(2) 広島駅より市電又はバスで30分の広島宇品港から高速船で23分、宮島下船

## KYUSHU & OKINAWA 九州 沖縄

Date Jan. 3



**Hakozakigu-no-Tamaseseri**, Ball-catching Festival at Hakozakigu Shrine, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Pref., is held from around 1 pm to around 2 pm. Two groups of farmers and fishermen struggle to catch a sacred wooden ball, which is believed to bring a good harvest or a big catch to the winning team for the year.

Access Walk 15 min. from Hakozaki Sta. on the JR Kagoshima Honsen Line.

URL [http://www.livingfk.com/event/0103\\_2.html](http://www.livingfk.com/event/0103_2.html)

所在地 福岡市 筥崎宮  
筥崎宮の玉せせり

最寄駅 JR鹿児島本線箱崎駅より徒歩15分

Date Jan. 4



**Takasu Kannon Onie**, Kami-Haita, Yusa, Oita Pref., with a 1,200-year history, features a ceremony of driving away evil spirits and praying for a good harvest for the year. About 100 men in loincloths with burning torches each (2 meters in length) start from the Kannonji Temple at 8 pm, crossing over the Yakkan River around 8:20 pm, and arrive at Takasu Kannon-do Temple at 8:40 pm. Thereafter they kindle the huge torch prepared on the ground in the precincts, and jostle one another around the fire.

Access (1) The JR Nippo Line to Amatsu Sta., and then walk 20 min.  
(2) The JR Nippo Line to Usa Sta., and then take a bus to Yokkaichi Bus Stop, from there take a bus for Ajimu and get off at Takasu Kannon Bus Stop.

URL [http://www.kyu-kan.net/event\\_ooita/201312041251](http://www.kyu-kan.net/event_ooita/201312041251)

所在地 大分県宇佐市上栢田  
鷹栖観音鬼会

最寄駅 (1) JR日豊本線天津駅より、徒歩20分  
(2) JR宇佐駅よりバスで四日市バス停下車、そこより安心院行きバスに乗り換え鷹栖観音バス停下車

Date Jan. 7



**Usokae** (bullfinch exchange) and **Onisube** Festival at Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, Dazaifu, Fukuoka Pref. *Usokae*, in which hundreds of people take part in the ritual of exchanging their own bullfinches made of wood for receiving lucky ones from hand to hand in the dark, starts at 7 pm. It is said that the owners of these lucky ones enjoy good luck for the year. When the bonfire is kindled at around 9 pm, *Onisube*, the main event of the festival, reaches its climax in which about 300 people play roles of *oni* (devils) and *keigo* (those who fight against devils) in order to drive away evil spirits and bring happiness and good fortune for the year.

Access The Kuko Subway Line from JR Hakata Sta. to Tenjin Sta., and walk 10 min. to Nishitetsu Railway Fukuoka Sta. From there, 25 min. by the Nishitetsu Railway to Dazaifu Sta., and then walk 5 min.

URL <http://www.dazaifutenmangu.or.jp/sanpai/saiten/special/onisube>

所在地 福岡市 太宰府市 太宰府天満宮  
うそかえ／鬼すべ  
最寄駅 JR博多駅より地下鉄空港線で天神駅下車、そこから徒歩10分の西鉄福岡駅から、西鉄に乗り換えて25分大宰府駅下車、徒歩5分

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Date Jan. 7



**Oniyo**, or a ceremony to drive away evil spirits, of Daizenji Tamatare-gu Shrine, Kurume, Fukuoka Pref., with a 1,600-year history, is counted as one of the three grandest fire festivals in Japan, and also is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Around 9 pm, huge six torches (1 meter in diameter and 13 meters in length each) are kindled by a secret *Onibi* fire, and then a ritual takes place by parishioners wearing *oni* (devil) masks by the side of the fires. Then the burning torches are carried around in the precincts by hundreds of men in loincloths, praying for driving away evil spirits and bringing a bump of crops for the year.

Access The JR Kagoshima Line to Kurume Sta., from there by Nishitetsu Bus to Miyamae Bus Stop.

URL <http://www.kurume-hotomeki.jp/event/?mode=detail&id=40000000289>

所在地 福岡県久留米市  
大善寺玉垂宮の鬼夜

最寄駅 JR鹿児島本線久留米駅より西鉄バスで宮前下車

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Date Jan. 8 ~ Jan. 11



**Toka Ebisu** or **Hatsu Ebisu**, the first fete day for *Ebisu*, the god of wealth at Ebisu Shrine, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Pref. The Shrine is thronged with numerous people to pray for prosperity every day during the period. On the 9th, *Kachimairi*, a procession of *geisha* (female entertainers) in colorful *kimono*, starts at around 2 pm from Shimin Taiiku-kan (municipal gymnasium) through the main streets to the Shrine, arriving there at 3 pm.

Access Walk 10 min. from Yoshizuka Sta. on the JR Kagoshima Honsen Line.

URL <http://www.tooka-ebisu.or.jp/>

所在地 福岡市 博多区 十日恵比須神社  
十日恵比須／初えびす

最寄駅 JR鹿児島本線吉塚駅より徒歩10分

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- Closing dates for the New Year's holidays 年末年始休館日 -

The following **museums** are closed during the period mentioned below in ( ) for the New Year's holidays:

**NAGOYA**

The Tokugawa Art Museum (12/14-1/3)

**KYOTO**

Kyoto National Museum (12/16-4/21; due to renovation)

The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto (12/30-1/2, 1/14-3/20; due to renovation)

Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art (12/28-1/2)

**NARA**

Nara National Museum (12/24, 1/1, 1/6 & 1/14)

Nara Prefectural Museum of Art (12/28-1/4)

**HIROSHIMA**

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum (12/29-1/1)

The following **Gardens** and **Amusement Parks** are closed during the period mentioned below in ( ) for the New Year's holidays:

**AICHI**

Meiji-mura (12/30 & 31, 1/20-24)

**KYOTO**

Kyoto Imperial Palace (12/28-1/5)

Imperial Villas (12/28-1/5)

Nijo Castle (12/26-1/4)

(Nijo Castle Garden is open from 10 am to 4 pm on Jan. 2-4.

Please enter by 3 pm. Admission is ¥400.)

**OSAKA**

Osaka Castle (12/28-1/1)

**HIMEJI**

Himeji Castle (12/29 & 30, 1/15~; due to renovation), open from Dec. 31 to Jan. 15.

Note : **Sapporo Snow Festival** is scheduled for the seven days from **Feb. 5 to Feb. 11, 2014.**



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The Internet Website of Japan National Tourism Organization is available at <<http://www.jnto.go.jp>>.

## Calendar Events to be enjoyed in January 2014



### TOKYO 東京

Date Jan. 1

- © **New Year's day** (national holiday), the "festival of festivals" in Japan, is celebrated with solemnity and yet in a joyous mood. The streets are adorned with New Year's decorations of pine and plum branches, bamboo stalks and ropes with paper festoons. People pay homage to shrines and temples, and visit friends and relatives to exchange greetings.

正月

Date Jan. 1 ~ Jan. 5

**Yasukuni Jinja Nento Gyoji**, New Year's ceremonies and entertainments at Yasukuni Shrine, Chiyoda-ku. At midnight (0:00 am) on Jan. 1st, as the gate of the Shrine opens and the drum heralding a New Year is beaten, many people begin to enter the Shrine to pay homage. *Yumi-hajime* (the first practice of the year of Japanese archery) is demonstrated from 10 am on the 3rd.

URL [http://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news\\_detail.php?article\\_id=0124](http://www.yasukuni.or.jp/news_detail.php?article_id=0124)

Access The Tozai Line, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T 07, Z 06, S 05)

所在地 千代田区 九段 靖国神社

靖国神社年頭行事

最寄駅 東西線、半蔵門線又は都営新宿線九段下駅

Date Jan. 2

- ◇ **Kokyo Ippan Sanga**, New Year's Congratulatory Visit to the **Imperial Palace**, Chiyoda-ku, by people who are allowed to pass the Nijubashi Bridge on this special occasion. The Imperial Family are scheduled to appear on the balcony to respond to the homage of people five times, from 10:10 am, 11 am, 11:50 am, 1:30 pm and 2:20 pm. The entrance gate is open from 9:30 am to 2:10 pm.

URL <http://www.kunaicho.go.jp/event/sanga/sanga01.html>

Access (1) The Chiyoda Subway Line to Nijubashi-mae Sta. (C 10)  
(2) The Hibiya, Chiyoda or Toei Mita Subway Line to Hibiya Sta. (H 07, C 09, I 08)  
(3) The Yurakucho Subway Line to Sakuradamon Sta. (Y 17)

所在地 千代田区 皇居

皇居一般参賀

最寄駅 (1) 千代田線二重橋前駅  
(2) 日比谷線、千代田線又は都営三田線日比谷駅  
(3) 有楽町線桜田門駅

Date Jan. 2 & Jan. 3

- ◇ **Hajjima Daishi Daruma Ichi**, a fair of Dharma dolls at Hajjima Daishi Temple, Akishima, on the outskirts of Tokyo. About 600 open-air stalls selling *Daruma* (Dharma dolls) of all types and sizes and others are set up in the compound of the temple and along the approach to the temple from around 9 am to 4 pm on both days.

Access (1) The JR Chuo Line to Tachikawa Sta. (North Exit), and then take a bus to Hajjima Daishi-mae Bus Stop.  
(2) The JR Ome Line to Akishima Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 20 min.  
(3) The JR Ome Line to Hajjima Sta., and then take a bus to Hajjima Daishi-mae Bus Stop.

所在地 昭島市 拝島大師  
拝島大師だるま市

最寄駅 (1) JR中央線立川駅(北口)よりバスで拝島大師前下車  
(2) JR青梅線昭島駅(南口)より徒歩20分  
(3) JR青梅線拝島駅よりバスで拝島大師前下車

Date Jan. 2 & Jan. 3

◇ **Hoyojutsu Jitsuen**, a demonstration of Japanese traditional falconry is held at Hamarikyū Garden, Chuo-ku, from 11 am and 2 pm on both days. Admission to the park is ¥300.

Access Walk 15 min. from Shimbashi Sta. on the JR Yamanote Line, or walk 7 min. from Shiodome Sta. (E 19) on the Toei Oedo Subway Line.

所在地 中央区 浜離宮公園

放鷹術実演

最寄駅 JR山手線新橋駅より徒歩15分、又は地下鉄大江戸線汐留駅より徒歩7分

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Date Jan. 6

◇ **Dezome-shiki**, the new year's event presented by the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Brigade at the Higashi parking lot of Tokyo Big Sight, Koto-ku. A mass display of the high-tech fire-fighting equipments is held, and a thrilling acrobatics is demonstrated by *Hikeshi*, fire fighters of Edo Firemanship Preservation Association Incorporation, from around 11 am to around 11:20 am.

Access (1) The Yurikamome Line from Shimbashi Sta. to Kokusai-Tenjijō-Seimon Sta.

(2) The Tokyo Rinkai Kosoku Railway Rinkai Line from Shin-Kiba Sta. to Kokusai-Tenjijō Sta.

所在地 江東区 東京ビッグサイト 東駐車場

出初式

最寄駅 (1) 新橋駅よりゆりかもめで国際展示場正門駅

(2) 新木場駅より東京臨海高速鉄道りんかい線で国際展示場駅

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Date Jan. 8

**Yokozuna Dezuiri**, the ring-entering ceremony of *Sumo* is demonstrated by two *Yokozuna* grand champions in front of the main hall of Meiji Shrine, Shibuya-ku, from around 3 pm.

Access (1) The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta.

(2) The Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C 03, F 15)

所在地 渋谷区 明治神宮

横綱手数入り

最寄駅 (1) JR山手線原宿駅

(2) 千代田線又は副都心線明治神宮前駅

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Date Jan. 10

◇ **Hatsu Konpira**, the first fair of the year at Kotohiragu Shrine, Minato-ku. A parade of *Shichifukujin* (the seven Gods of Good Fortune) is held on Sando Street twice from 11 am and 2 pm. The open-air stalls are set up in the precincts from the morning to around 5 pm.

Access The Ginza Subway Line to Toranomon Sta. (G 07)

所在地 港区 虎ノ門 金刀比羅宮

初金刀比羅

最寄駅 銀座線虎ノ門駅

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Date Jan. 11 ~ Jan. 13

◇ **Daikoku** (the god of wealth) **Matsuri** Festival at Kanda Myojin Shrine, Chiyoda-ku. On the 11th, a purification ceremony (people coming of age pour icy water over themselves) takes place from 10 am. On the 12th, *Hocho-shiki* (rite or traditional art of skillfully slicing a large carp) is conducted from 1:30 pm to around 2:30 pm.

Access The JR Chuo Line, Sobu Line or the Marunouchi Subway Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M 20), and then walk 5 min.

所在地 千代田区 神田明神

だいく祭

最寄駅 JR中央線、総武線又は丸ノ内線お茶ノ水駅より徒歩5分

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Date Jan. 12

◇ **Ome Daruma Ichi**, a fair of Dharma dolls, Ome, on the outskirts of Tokyo, is held from 1:30 pm to 7 pm. About 250 open-air stalls selling *Daruma* (Dharma dolls), foods, potted plants and the like are set up along the Kyū-Ome-Kaidō street.

Access The JR Ome Line to Ome Sta.

所在地 青梅市 青梅街道

青梅だるま市

最寄駅 JR青梅線青梅駅

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**Date** Jan. 12  
◇ **Manaita-biraki**, the New Year's ceremony to dedicate a carp as an offering to Hoonji Temple, Taito-ku. The head master of *Shijo-ryu* school of Japanese culinary arts, dressed in traditional attire demonstrates the art of skillfully slicing a large carp on the board, only using a knife and chopsticks, not even touching the fish with his hands, from around 10 am to 12 noon.

**Access** The Ginza Subway Line to Inaricho Sta. (G 17), and then walk 5 min.

**所在地** 台東区 報恩寺  
俎(まないた)開き

**最寄駅** 銀座線稲荷町駅より徒歩5分

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**Date** Jan. 12  
**Kodokan Kagami-biraki-shiki**, a cutting of a large round rice-cakes for the New Year's ceremony on the first training session day of the New Year at Kodokan (*Judo* Hall), Bunkyo-ku. Practice sessions are demonstrated from 10 am to 1 pm.

**Access** (1) The Toei Mita or Oedo Subway Line to Kasuga Sta. (I 12, E 07), and then walk 2 min.  
(2) The Marunouchi or Namboku Subway Line to Korakuen Sta. (M 22, N 11), and then walk 5 min.

**所在地** 文京区 講道館  
講道館鏡開き式

**最寄駅** (1) 都営三田線又は大江戸線春日駅より徒歩2分  
(2) 丸ノ内線又は南北線後楽園駅より徒歩5分

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**Date** Jan. 12  
**Kanchu Suiyoku** (midwinter bathing), a purification ceremony at Teppozu Inari Shrine, Chuo-ku. Men wearing only loincloths are purified first by priest's prayer, and then again when they enter into the icy water in a big tank on the grounds of the Shrine, from around 11 am to 11:30 am.

**Access** (1) The JR Keiyo Line or the Hibiya Subway Line to Hatchobori Sta. (H 11), and then walk 7 min.  
(2) The Yurakucho Subway Line to Shintomicho Sta (Y 20).

**所在地** 中央区 鉄砲州稲荷神社  
寒中水浴(みそぎ)

**最寄駅** (1) 日比谷線又はJR京葉線八丁堀駅より徒歩7分  
(2) 有楽町線新富町駅

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**Date** Jan. 12 ~ Jan. 26  
◎ **O-Zumo Hatsu Basho** or the first Grand Sumo Tournament of the year at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall, Sumida-ku. *Dohyo-iri* (the ring-entering ceremony) takes place around 3:45 pm daily. Main bouts by the upper-rank or *Maku-uchi* Sumo wrestlers start after that.

**Access** The JR Sobu Line or the Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ryogoku Sta. (E 12)

**所在地** 墨田区 両国国技館  
大相撲初場所

**最寄駅** JR総武線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅

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**Date** Jan. 13  
◇ **Obisha-sai**, an archery ritual at Kuzukaya Goryo Shrine, Shinjuku-ku, is scheduled from 10 am to 10:40 am.

**Access** The Seibu Shinjuku Line to Arai Yakushi-mae Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 10 min.

**所在地** 新宿区 葛谷御霊神社  
御備射祭

**最寄駅** 西武新宿線新井薬師前駅(北口)より徒歩10分

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**Date** Jan. 13  
**Momote-shiki**, a traditional Japanese archery ritual to commemorate *Seijin-no-hi* (Coming-of-Age Day) in the precincts of Meiji Shrine, Shibuya-ku. The archery is held in front of Homotsuden (treasure house) from 12 noon.

**Access** (1) The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta.  
(2) The Chiyoda or Fukutoshin Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. (C 03, F 15)

**所在地** 渋谷区 明治神宮  
成人式祝賀百々手式

**最寄駅** (1) JR山手線原宿駅  
(2) 千代田線明治神宮前駅

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Date Jan. 13

◎ **Kagami-biraki**, the first training session day of the New Year at Nippon Budokan Hall in Kitanomaru Park, Chiyoda-ku. A demonstration of *Budo* (various martial arts) is held from 1:10 pm. *Shiruko* (sweet red-bean soup with small pieces of rice cake) is served to visitors at 3:10 pm.

Access The Tozai, Hanzomon or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta. (T 07, Z 06, S 05)

所在地 千代田区 日本武道館

鏡開き式／武道始め

最寄駅 東西線、半蔵門線又は都営新宿線九段下駅

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Date Jan. 15 & Jan. 16

◇◎ **Setagaya Boro (Rag) Ichi** or Flea Market on Boro Ichi-dori Street, Setagaya-ku, features many open-air stalls selling foods, clothes, potted plants, antiques and the like from 9 am to 8 pm on both days.

Access (1) Take a bus for Kamimachi or Seijo-Gakuen from Shibuya Sta. (South Exit), and then get off at Kamimachi Bus Stop.  
(2) The Tokyu Setagaya Line to Setagaya Sta. or Kamimachi Sta.

所在地 世田谷区 ポロ市通り

世田谷ポロ市

最寄駅 (1) 渋谷駅南口より上町又は成城学園行バスで上町下車  
(2) 東急世田谷線世田谷駅又は上町駅

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Date Jan. 18

◇ **Moja Okuri (Onza Hiho Daranie)**, the Buddhist rite at Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku. Two devils with burning torches emerge from the darkness at around 5 pm and run around in the compound of the temple for about 15 minutes, and then disappear into the darkness. It is believed that those who are showered by the sparks of the burning torches are assured of good health throughout the year.

Access The Ginza or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta. (G 19, A 18)

所在地 台東区 浅草寺

温座秘法陀羅尼会 / 亡者送り

最寄駅 銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

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Date Jan. 21

◇ **Hatsu Daishi**, the first fair of the year is held at Nishi-Arai Daishi Temple, Adachi-ku. About 50 open-air stalls sell *Daruma* (Dharma dolls), sweets, clothes and the like in the precincts of the temple and its neighborhood from around 9 am to around 5 pm.

Access The Tobu Isezaki Line to Nishi-Arai Sta., and then take the Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi-mae Sta.

所在地 足立区 西新井大師

初大師

最寄駅 東武伊勢崎線西新井駅より、東武大師線で大師前駅下車

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Date Jan. 22

**Kagura-hajime** at the main hall of Kanda Myojin Shrine, Chiyoda-ku. *Dai-dai Kagura*, *Shinto* dance with music of drums, flutes and other musical instruments is performed from 3 pm to 4 pm.

Access The JR Chuo, Sobu Line or the Marunouchi Subway Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M 20), and then walk 5 min.

所在地 千代田区 神田明神

神楽はじめ

最寄駅 JR中央線、総武線又は丸ノ内線お茶ノ水駅より徒歩5分

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Date Jan. 24 & Jan. 25

◇ **Usokae**, the bullfinch exchange ritual of Kameido Tenjin Shrine, Koto-ku, is held from 8:30 am on both days. Bullfinches, which are called "*Uso*" in Japanese, are regarded as symbols of good luck. People exchange old carved wooden bullfinches for new ones. On the 25th, *Hatsu Tenjin* (the first fair of the year) is scheduled in the precincts of the Shrine.

Access The JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta., and then walk 15 min.

所在地 江東区 亀戸天神

鶯替神事

最寄駅 JR総武線亀戸駅より徒歩15分

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Date Jan. 28

◇ **Daruma Ichi**, a fair of Dharma dolls at Takahata Fudosen Temple, Hino, on the outskirts of Tokyo. About 100 stalls are set up from around 7:30 am to sunset, selling *Daruma* (Dharma dolls) which attract many people seeking good luck in the year ahead. *Chigo-Gyoretsu*, a parade of children in fancy attire is scheduled in the precincts from around 2 pm to 2:10 pm.

Access The Keio Line to Takahata Fudo Sta.

所在地 日野市 高幡不動尊  
初不動大祭(だるま市)

最寄駅 京王線高幡不動駅

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## KANTO 関東

Date Jan. 3

◇ **Hatsu Daishi**, the first fair of the year, or **Daruma Ichi**, Dharma dolls fair at Kawagoe Daishi Temple, Kawagoe, Saitama Pref. Many open-air stalls selling *Daruma* (Dharma dolls) are set up in and around the temple until dark.

Access (1) The Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min.  
(2) The Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoeshi Sta., and then walk 20 min.  
(3) The JR Saikyo Line to Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 25 min.

所在地 埼玉県 川越市 川越大師  
初大師(だるま市)

最寄駅 (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20分  
(3) JR埼京線川越駅より徒歩25分

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Date Jan. 5

◇ **Joma-Shinji**, an archery ritual at Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref. The ceremony is conducted by the members of *Ogasawara-ryu* school of Japanese archery, in traditional attires, from around 10 am.

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

所在地 神奈川県 鎌倉市 鶴岡八幡宮  
除魔神事

最寄駅 JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より徒歩10分

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Date Jan. 6 & Jan. 7

◇ **Shorinzan Daruma Ichi**, the first fair of Dharma dolls at Shorinzan Darumaji Temple, Takasaki, Gunma Pref., is held from around 12 noon on the 6th, throughout the night until around 2 pm on the 7th. This is one of the biggest fair of its kind in Tokyo and its vicinities.

Access The JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Takasaki Sta.(West Exit). From there, 30 min. by "Gururin" Bus for Shorinzan, and then get off at Shorinzan-iriguchi Bus Stop.

所在地 群馬県 高崎市 少林山達磨寺  
少林山だるま市

最寄駅 JR上越新幹線高崎駅(西口)より"ぐるりん"バス少林山行きで30分、少林山入り口下車

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Date Jan. 9

◇ **Maebashi Hatsu-ichi**, the first fair of *Daruma* (Dharma dolls), along Honmachi-dori Street in Maebashi, Gunma Pref., is held from around 10 am to 10 pm. A parade of *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) followed by many people disguised as *Shishi* lions & *Tengu* goblins, starts from Hachimangu Shrine at 10:30 am, heading for *Karimiya* (portable shrine resting place) to arrive there around 11:30 am.

Access The JR Joetsu Shinkansen to Takasaki Sta. From there, take the JR Ryomo Line to Maebashi Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 20 min.

所在地 群馬県 前橋市 本町通り 八幡宮  
前橋初市

最寄駅 JR上越新幹線高崎駅より両毛線に乗り換えて前橋駅下車、北口より徒歩20分

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Date	<u>Jan. 15</u>
◇	<b>Otariya Festival</b> of Futaarayama Shrine, Utsunomiya, Tochigi Pref., features a performance of <i>Dengaku-mai</i> ( <i>Shinto</i> dance with music) from around 5 pm to 5:30 pm in the precincts of the Shrine. A parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> (a portable shrine) goes through the city from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.
Access	(1) 5 min. by bus from JR Utsunomiya Sta. to Babacho Futaarayama Jinja-mae Bus Stop. (2) Tobu Utsunomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.
所在地	栃木県 宇都宮市 二荒山神社 春渡祭(おたりや)
最寄駅	(1) JR宇都宮駅よりバスで5分、馬場町二荒山神社前下車 (2) 東武宇都宮駅より徒歩10分
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Date	<u>Jan. 21</u>
◇	<b>Hatsu Daishi</b> , the first fair of the year at Kawasaki Daishi Temple, Kawasaki, Kanagawa Pref. Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> (Dharma dolls) are set up from 9 am to around 4 pm.
Access	The Keihin Kyuko Line to Keikyu Kawasaki Sta. From there, the Keihin Kyuko Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta.
所在地	神奈川県 川崎市 川崎大師 初大師
最寄駅	京浜急行京急川崎駅より京浜急行大師線に乗り換えて川崎大師駅下車
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Date	<u>Jan. 31 ~ Feb. 14</u>
◎	<b>2014 Shunsetsu</b> , Chinese New Year's Day, Jan. 31st, according to the lunar calendar, in "Chinatown," Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. <i>Shishimai</i> (Chinese lion dance) is performed throughout Chinatown from 3:30 pm to 8 pm on the 31st. Many Chinese performing arts are demonstrated at Yamashitacho-koen Park on Feb. 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, and 11th. People in Chinese traditional attire parade in Chinatown from 4 pm to 6 pm on the 8th.
Access	(1) The JR Negishi Line from Yokohama (or JR Keihin Tohoku Line from Tokyo) to Ishikawacho Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) The Tokyu Toyoko Line・Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta.
	神奈川県 横浜市 横浜中華街 春節
最寄駅	(1) JR根岸線(東京からはJR京浜東北線が乗り入れ)石川町駅より徒歩10分 (2) 東急東横線・みなとみらい線の元町・中華街駅下車

- "Closing dates for the New Year's holidays" 年末年始休館日 -

The following **Museums** are closed during the period mentioned below in ( ) :

Tokyo National Museum (12/24-1/1)  
 National Museum of Modern Art , Tokyo (12/28-1/1) & Craft Gallery (12/28-1/1)  
 Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo (12/28-1/1)  
 National Museum of Western Art (12/28-1/1)  
 Edo-Tokyo Museum (12/24-1/1)  
 Idemitsu Museum of Art (12/16-1/6)  
 Suntory Museum of Art (12/30-1/1)  
 Japan Folk Crafts Museum (12/24-1/9)  
 Japanese Sword Museum (12/16-1/6)  
 Bridgestone Museum of Art (12/30-1/17)  
 National Museum of Nature and Science (12/28-1/1)  
 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (12/28-1/1)

The following **Gardens** and **Amusement parks** are closed during the period mentioned below in ( ) :

Higashi Gyoen (Imperial Palace East Garden) (12/27-1/3)  
 Koishikawa Korakuen Garden (12/29-1/1)  
 Kiyosumi Teien Garden (12/29-1/1)  
 Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden (12/29-1/3)  
 Rikugien Garden (12/29-1/1)  
 Hamarikyū Onshi Teien (Hama Detached Palace Garden) (12/29-1/1)  
 Ueno Zoo (12/29-1/1)  
 Tama Zoo (12/29-1/1)