

Calendar of Events September 2026



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Glossary :

<i>Bugaku</i>	Ancient court dance with music
<i>Kagura</i>	Shinto dance with music
<i>Matsuri</i>	Festival, Event
<i>Mikoshi</i>	Portable shrine
<i>Shamisen</i>	Three-stringed musical instruments
<i>Taiko</i>	Japanese drum

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

Tsukimi 月見

Tsukimi, moon viewing parties are held on the evenings when there is a full harvest moon in September. People set up a table with *Susuki* - pampas grass, *Sake*, *Tsukimi-dango* - rice dumplings and assorted seasonal fruits and vegetables as offerings to the moon and appreciate the beauty of the moon.

Ukai 鵜飼

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

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Region	Dates	Pref.	City	Venue	Event	Summary	Access	URL
Tohoku 東北	9/5	Fukushima 福島県	Hinoemata -mura 檜枝岐村	Chinju-jinja Shrine 鎮守神社	Hinoemata Kabuki-no Yube 檜枝岐歌舞伎の夕べ	Summary: Performance of local <i>Kabuki</i> (traditional play by male actors) in the precincts of the shrine, handed down for generations in a rustic village called Hinoemata. Admission is 1,000JPY. The guests of local accommodations in the village on the night are invited for free admission. Schedule & Key events: 15:00-	From Tobu Asakusa Sta., take Tobu Isesaki Line to Aizu-Tajima Sta. via Yagan Railway Aizu-Kinugawa Line and Aizu Tetsudo Line. From there, take bus to Hinoemata-chuo Bus Stop (90 min.)	東武浅草駅より東武伊勢崎線で野岩鉄道会津鬼怒川線、会津鉄道線經由会津田島駅下車、バスで90分檜枝岐中央下車 https://www.oz-e-info.jp/news/kabuki-yuube40/

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Tohoku 東北	9/11 ~ 9/13	Iwate 岩手県	Hanamaki 花巻市	Hanamaki 花巻市	Hanamaki Matsuri 花巻まつり	Summary: Festival with over a 400-year history, featuring various parades of beautifully bedecked 11 floats, 106 <i>Mikoshi</i> and <i>Shishi-Odori</i> (people wearing deer head's hoods and dancing with drums, native to Iwate Pref.). If it rains, the schedule will be changed. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 15:00-21:00 Parade of floats and <i>Mikoshi</i>	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hanamaki Sta. From there, (1) take bus to Hanamaki Ekimae Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) take JR Kamaishi Line to Hanamaki Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR東北新幹線新花巻駅より (1) バスで20分花巻駅前下車、徒歩10分 (2) JR釜石線で花巻駅下車、徒歩10分	https://www.city.hanamaki.iwate.jp/kanko/oshirase/1021701.html
Tohoku 東北	9/19 ~ 9/21	Yamagata 山形県	Kahoku-cho 河北町	Yachi Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 谷地八幡宮ほか	Yachi Donga Matsuri 谷地どんがまつり	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine, featuring <i>Bugaku</i> with a 1,100-year history, designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. The highlight of this festival is the performance, in which <i>Yakko</i> (retainers) demonstrate their skill of brandishing long spears on the city's main streets. Schedule & Key events: ●daily all day <i>Ohayashi</i> (festival music) on the floats ●9/19 14:30- & 19:50- <i>Bugaku</i> performance at the shrine 20:20- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> from the shrine ●9/20 12:30- Procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> following <i>Yakko</i> on the main street 14:45- <i>Bugaku</i> performance at the shrine ●9/21 18:00- <i>Ohayashi</i> (festival music) and dance performances on the floats at the parking lot of Kahoku town donga hall	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Sakurambo-Higashine Sta. From there, take taxi (15 min.)	JR山形新幹線さくらんぼ東根駅よりタクシーで15分	https://www.town.kahoku.yamagata.jp/soshiki/shoko/kankousi nkou/3342/700.html

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Tohoku 東北	9/12 ~ 9/16	Iwate 岩手県	Morioka 盛岡市	Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 盛岡八幡宮ほか	Morioka Hachiman-gu Reisai & Morioka Aki Matsuri Dashi 盛岡八幡宮例祭と 盛岡秋まつり山車	Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine featuring gorgeous <i>Dashi</i> (floats) parading in the city daily. Schedule & Key events: ●9/14 13:00- Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> accompanied by all the floats from the shrine ●9/15 11:00- Parade of all the floats decorated with lighted lanterns on the main streets in the city ●9/16 13:00- <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) in the precincts of the shrine	Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine : JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, take Iwateken Kotsu bus (for Chabatake) to Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop (10 min.)	盛岡八幡宮： JR東北新幹線盛岡駅より岩手県交通バス茶畑行で10分八幡宮前下車	https://www.odette.or.jp/?p=829
Tohoku 東北	9/19 ~ 9/21	Fukushima 福島県	Aizu- Wakamatsu 会津若松市	Shinmei-dori Street, Tsuruga Castle and others 神明通り、 鶴ヶ城ほか	Aizu Matsuri 会津まつり	Summary: Festival of the area. The highlight of this festival is <i>Aizu-han-ko Gyoretsu</i> (a procession in honor of a feudal lord of the Aizu domain and his 500 armored warriors). Some more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●9/19 18:00-19:00 <i>Chochin Gyoretsu</i> (parade of paper lantern) from Tsuruga Castle to Shinmei-dori Street 19:00-20:30 Procession of townspeople folk dancing on Shinmei-dori Street ●9/20 10:30- <i>Aizu-han-ko Gyoretsu</i> from Tsuruga Castle, through the city 19:00-20:30 Procession of townspeople folk dancing on Shinmei-dori Street ●9/21 10:00- <i>Musha Gyoretsu</i> (warriors' processions) by children on the city's main streets to Tsuruga Castle	Tsuruga Castle : JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Koriyama Sta. From there, take JR Ban'etsu Saisen Line to Aizu-Wakamatsu Sta., and then take tour bus to Tsuruga-jo Iriguchi Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 5 min.	鶴ヶ城： JR東北新幹線郡山駅よりJR磐越西線で会津若松駅下車、周遊バスで20分鶴ヶ城入口下車、徒歩5分	https://www.aizukanko.com/kk/festival/aizu-matsuri

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Tohoku 東北	9/19 ~ 9/20	Iwate 岩手県	Tono 遠野市	Tonogo Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 遠野郷八幡宮ほか	Nihon-no- Furusato Tono Matsuri 日本のふるさと遠野まつり	Summary: Festival coinciding with an annual festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of local performing arts all native to the Tohoku region such as <i>Shishi-odori</i> (deer dance), <i>Kagura</i>, <i>Taiko</i> and folk dancing held by about 60 grouped people. Schedule & Key events: ●9/19 11:30- Parade of local performing arts on the city's main streets 15:45- Parade of <i>Shishi-odori</i> on the city's main streets 16:30-21:00 Local performing arts and <i>Kagura</i> on the city's main streets and in front of the city hall ●9/20 12:10- <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) at the shrine 13:00-16:30 <i>Baba-meguri</i> (local performing arts) demonstration and <i>Kagura</i> at the shrine	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Hanamaki Sta. From there, take JR Kamaishi Line to Tono Sta.	JR東北新幹線新花巻駅よりJR釜石線で遠野駅下車	https://tonojika.n.jp/event/tono-festival/
Tokyo 東京	9/12 ~ 9/13	Tokyo 東京都	Ota-ku 大田区	Tokyo Ryutsu Center Building 東京流通センタービル	Heiwajima Kotto Matsuri 平和島骨董まつり	Summary: The oldest Antique Fair. Admission is free. Please enter an hour before the closing time on 9/13. Schedule & Key events: ●9/12 10:00-17:00 ●9/13 10:00-16:00	Tokyo Monorail Line to Ryutsu Center Sta., and then walk 1 min.	東京モノレール流通センター駅より徒歩1分	https://kottouichi.com/festival.html
Tokyo 東京	9/12 ~ 9/13	Tokyo 東京都	Musashino 武蔵野市	Musashino Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 武蔵野八幡宮ほか	Kichijoji Aki Matsuri 吉祥寺秋まつり	Summary: Autumn Festival of the area. Musashino Hachiman-gu Shrine's <i>Mikoshi</i> and other town's <i>Mikoshi</i> are carried on the main streets of the town. Open-air stalls are set up in some places. Schedule & Key events: ●daily daytime <i>Mikoshi</i> and float carried by children ●9/12 11:00-17:25 Parade of shrine's <i>Mikoshi</i> ●9/13 12:30-17:20 Parade of shrine's <i>Mikoshi</i>	JR Chuo Line or Keio Inokashira Line to Kichijoji Sta.	JR中央線又は京王井の頭線吉祥寺駅下車	https://musashino-kanko.com/musashino-event/kichijoji-akimatsuri2026/

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Tokyo 東京	9/26 ~ 9/27	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Nezu-jinja Shrine 根津神社	Nezu-jinja Reitai-sai Kaminigiwai Gyoji 根津神社例大祭 神賑行事	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Open-air stalls are set up in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●9/26 12:00-15:00 <i>Taiko</i> performance 19:00- <i>Kagura "Urayasu-no-mai"</i> performance ●9/27 14:00- <i>Kagura "Sanza-no-mai"</i> performance	(1) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Nezu Sta. (C14)(Exit 1) or Sendagi Sta. (C15)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Namboku Line to Todaimae Sta. (N12)(Exit 1), and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東京メトロ千代田線根津駅 (1番出口) 又は千駄木駅 (1番出口) より徒歩5分 (2) 東京メトロ南北線東大前駅 (1番出口)より徒歩5分	https://nedujinja.or.jp/category/reisai/
Tokyo 東京	9/22 ~ 9/23	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Tsukuda Park and Tsukuda-Kobashi-Bridge 佃公園、佃小橋	Tsukudajima-no-Bon Odori 佃島の盆踊り	Summary: Folk Dancing Festival of the area. If it rains, the festival will be postponed. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 18:30-20:30 <i>Bon Odori</i> (folk dancing)	Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Tsukishima Sta. (Y21, E16)(Exit 6), and then walk 5 min.	東京メトロ有楽町線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線月島駅 (6番出口) より徒歩5分	https://centraltokyo-tourism.com/ja-jp/spot/detail/106089
Tokyo 東京	9/26 ~ 9/27	Tokyo 東京都	Toshima-ku 豊島区	JR Ikebukuro Sta. West Exit area and others JR池袋駅西口一帯ほか	Fukuro Matsuri ふくろ祭り	Summary: Annual Festival of the area. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> accompanied by people beating <i>Taiko</i> on the streets of JR Ikebukuro Sta. West Exit area. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●9/27 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i>	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (West Exit) (2) Tokyo Metro Yurakucho, Marunouchi or Fukutoshin Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (Y09, M25, F09)	(1) JR山手線池袋駅 (西口) 下車 (2) 東京メトロ有楽町線、丸の内線又は副都心線池袋駅下車	https://yosakoitokyo.gr.jp/fukuro/index.htm
Tokyo 東京	9/26 ~ 9/27	Tokyo 東京都	Kunitachi 国立市	Yabo Tenmangu Shrine, JR Yaho Sta. and others 谷保天満宮、JR谷保駅ほか	Yabo Tenmangu Reitai-sai 谷保天満宮例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mando</i> , poles decorated with artificial flowers and pictures, and <i>Koshiki-Shishi-mai</i> (lion dance). Schedule & Key events: ●9/26 20:00- Parade of people with lanterns and <i>Koshiki-Shishi-mai</i> performance at the shrine ●9/27 12:00- Parade of <i>Mando</i> from JR Yaho Sta. to the shrine 15:00- <i>Koshiki-Shishi-mai</i> performance at the shrine	JR Nambu Line to Yaho Sta., and then walk 3 min.	JR南武線谷保駅より徒歩3分	https://www.yabotenmangu.or.jp/schedule.html

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Kanto 関東	9/1 ~ 9/2	Ibaraki 茨城県	Kashima 鹿嶋市	Kashima-jingu Shrine and others 鹿島神宮ほか	Kashima-jingu Jinko-sai 鹿島神宮神幸祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlights of this festival are <i>Chochin-machi</i> in which worshipers hang hundreds of paper lanterns on the tall bamboo trees each and bring them all one by one into the sacred fire kindled in the precincts of the shrine, and a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> . Schedule & Key events: ●9/1 16:30- 20:00- <i>Chochin-machi</i> is held <i>Mikoshi</i> proceeds from the shrine to <i>Angu</i> ●9/2 15:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> returns from <i>Angu</i> to the shrine	(1) JR Kashima Line to Kashima Jingu Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) From JR Tokyo Sta. (Yaesu South Exit), take Expressway Bus to Kashima Jingu Bus Stop (2 hours)	(1) JR鹿島線鹿島神宮駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR東京駅 (八重洲南口) より高速バスで2時間鹿島神宮下車	https://kashimajingu.jp/category/event/
Kanto 関東	9/13	Chiba 千葉県	Ichinomiya 一宮町	Tamasaki-jinja Shrine, Tsurigasaki Kaigan Beach and others 玉前神社、釣ヶ崎海岸ほか	Kazusa Junisha Matsuri (Hadaka Matsuri) 上総十二社祭り (裸祭り)	Summary: Festival with a 1,200-year history, known as "Hadaka Matsuri" (Naked Festival). The highlight of this festival is "<i>Jinkosai</i>", in which <i>Mikoshi</i> are carried by about a thousand of loin-clothed youth to Tsurigasaki Kaigan Beach where <i>Mikoshi</i> are rushed along the beach and are jostled each other. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> leaves the shrine for the beach	Tamasaki-jinja Shrine : JR Sotobo Line to Kazusa-Ichinomiya Sta., and then walk 8 min.	玉前神社 : JR外房線上総一ノ宮駅より徒歩8分	https://www.tamasaki.org/
Kanto 関東	9/19 ~ 9/21	Ibaraki 茨城県	Ishioka 石岡市	Hitachinokuni Sosha-gu Shrine and others 常陸国総社宮ほか	Ishiokano Omatsuri (Hitachinokuni Sosha-gu Reitai-sai) 石岡のおまつり (常陸国総社宮例大祭)	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Horojishi</i> (floats each drawn by a man wearing a huge and vigorous lion headgear). Schedule & Key events: ●9/19 14:00-16:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> proceeds from the shrine to <i>Okariden (Okariya)</i> ●9/20 11:00- <i>Sumo</i> tournament is held by townspeople 15:00- <i>Horojishi</i> parades on Eki-mae-dori Street 16:45- <i>Dashi</i> (Float) parades on Eki-mae-dori Street ●9/21 14:00-16:00 <i>Mikoshi</i> returns from <i>Okariden (Okariya)</i> to the shrine	JR Joban Line to Ishioka Sta. (West Exit)	JR常磐線石岡駅 (西口) 下車	https://sosyagureitaisai.com/

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Kanto 関東	9/14 ~ 9/16	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine 鶴岡八幡宮	Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Reitai-sai 鶴岡八幡宮例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of three <i>Mikoshi</i> followed by priests, horses, warriors and people in traditional costumes. Schedule & Key events: ●9/15 13:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> proceeds from the shrine to <i>Otabisho</i> ●9/16 13:00- <i>Yabusame</i> (horseback archery) is held in the precincts of the shrine 17:00- <i>Suzumushi-hojosai</i> (bell cricket release festival)	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.trip-kamakura.com/event/detail.php?id=62
Kanto 関東	9/18	Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kamakura 鎌倉市	Goryo-jinja Shrine and others 御霊神社ほか	Menkake Gyoretsu 面掛行列	Summary: Parade of men wearing grotesque and comical masks to pray for a rich harvest of the year. If it rains, the parade will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- <i>Kagura</i> performance 14:30-15:30 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> and masked men in the neighborhood of the shrine	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.instagram.com/p/DcPv1BpGZor/

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Kanto 関東	9/23 ~ 9/24	Chiba 千葉県	Isumi いすみ市	Ohara Fishing Port, Ohara Kaisuiyoku-jo Beach, Ohara Elementary School and others 大原漁港、大原海水浴場、大原小学校ほか	Ohara Hadaka Matsuri 大原はだか祭り	Summary: Naked festival. The highlight of this festival is <i>Shiofumi</i>, in which 18 <i>Mikoshi</i> carried by men wearing loin-clothes are jostled each other in the sea and along Ohara Kaisuiyoku-jo Beach. Schedule & Key events: ●9/23 morning <i>Mikoshi</i> parade in each area 13:30- Praying for a good harvest and a good fish catch at Ohara Fishing Port 14:30- <i>Shiofumi</i> is held in Ohara Kaisuiyoku-jo Beach 17:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> parade from Kidoizumi Shuzo (Sake Brewery) to Ohara Elementary School, and after ceremony, <i>Mikoshi</i> parade on the shopping streets of the town ●9/24 morning <i>Mikoshi</i> parade in each area 17:00- <i>Mikoshi</i> parade from Kidoizumi Shuzo (Sake Brewery) to Ohara Elementary School, and after ceremony, <i>Mikoshi</i> parade on the shopping streets of the town	Ohara Kaisuiyoku-jo Beach : JR Sotobo Line to Ohara Sta., and then walk 20 min.	大原海水浴場 : JR外房線大原駅より徒歩20分	https://www.city.isumi.lg.jp/sos/hikikarasagasu/suisanshokoka/kanakopromotionhan/2/2/786.html
Chubu 中部	5/11 ~ 10/15	Gifu 岐阜県	Gifu 岐阜市	Nagara River 長良川	Nagaragawa Ukai 長良川鵜飼	Summary: Cormorant fishing, an ancient method of catching <i>Ayu</i> (sweetfish or trout-like fish), handling trained cormorants. It will be held every day during the period except on the night of the full moon or when the water is excessively muddy. Fee is 4,200 JPY or 5,100 JPY without meal. For reservation, please call 058-262-0104 (Gifu City Ukai Kanransen Jimusho), or reserve through the website. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 19:45-20:30 (Departure time: 18:15, 18:45, 19:15)	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Gifu Sta. From there, take Gifu bus to Nagara-bashi Minami-Kawaramachi Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 1 min.	JR東海道本線岐阜駅より岐阜バスで20分長良橋南・川原町下車、徒歩1分	https://www.ukai-gifucity.jp/
Chubu 中部	6/1 ~ 10/15	Aichi 愛知県	Inuyama 犬山市	Kiso River 木曽川	Kisogawa Ukai 木曽川鵜飼	Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 3,500 JPY or 4,500 JPY without meal. There are also cruises with lunch or dinner. For reservation, please call 0568-61-2727 (Kisogawa Kanko) or reserve through the website. Schedule & Key events: ●9/1-10/15 18:45-19:45 Daytime Cruise (every Mon., Fri., Sat. & Sun.) 12:15-13:35	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take Meitetsu Inuyama Line to Inuyama-Yuen Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 3 min.	JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より名鉄犬山線で犬山遊園駅下車（東口）、徒歩3分	https://kisogawa-ukai.jp/

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Chubu 中部	7/11 ~ 9/5	Gifu 岐阜県	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Hachiman-cho, Gujo 郡上市八幡町	Gujo Odori 郡上おどり	Summary: Folk Dance, one of the most popular folk dancing events joined by thousands of people in <i>Yukata</i> (cotton Kimono), to the accompaniment of festival music at several sites in the town. It is registered as the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Schedule & Key events: ●9/5 20:00-23:00 <i>Bon-odori</i> (folk dancing) 23:00- <i>Chochin Gyorestu</i> (parade of paper lantern)	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Mino-Ota Sta. From there, take Nagaragawa Tetsudo Line to Gujo-Hachiman Sta., and then take taxi (5-10 min.)	JR高山本線美濃太田駅より長良川鉄道線で郡上八幡駅下車、タクシーで5〜10分	https://tabitabigujou.com/hachiman/gujo-odori/info/
Chubu 中部	9/12 ~ 9/13	Aichi 愛知県	Seto 瀬戸市	Seto River and others 瀬戸川周辺ほか	Setomono Matsuri せともの祭	Summary: Ceramic Fair. About 200 open-air stalls are set up along the streets near Seto River in the city. Schedule & Key events: ●9/12 9:00-18:00 Ceramic Fair 18:25-18:45 Fireworks display (around 1,000 fireworks) (If it rains, it will be held from 18:05 to 18:25 on 9/13.) ●9/13 9:00-17:30 Ceramic Fair	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take (1) JR Chuo Honsen Line to Ozone Sta., and change to Meitetsu Seto Line to Owari-Seto Sta. (2) Higashiyama Subway Line to Sakae Sta., and then walk to Sakaemachi Sta., and change to Meitetsu Seto Line to Owari-Seto Sta.	JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より (1) JR中央本線で大曽根駅にて名鉄瀬戸線に乗り換え尾張瀬戸駅下車 (2) 地下鉄東山線で栄駅下車、徒歩で栄町駅にて名鉄瀬戸線に乗り換え尾張瀬戸駅下車	http://www.setocci.or.jp/setomonomatsuri/
Chubu 中部	9/20	Shizuoka 静岡県	Shimada 島田市	Kawagoe Kaido Street, Uda-ji Temple and others 川越街道、鵜田寺ほか	Shimada Mage Matsuri 島田髷まつり	Summary: Festival featuring a parade of traditional Shimada coiffured women in <i>Yukata</i> (cotton Kimono). If it rains, the schedule will be changed. Schedule & Key events: 12:00-13:15 Demonstration of folk dancing and ceremony in the precincts of Uda-ji temple 13:30-16:00 Parade of folk dancing and demonstration of doing up their hair on Kawagoe Kaido Street	JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Shimada Sta., and then (1) Uda-ji Temple: take bus to Shimada-shiritsu Sogo-iryo-center Bus Stop (9 min.) (2) Kawagoe Kaido Street: take bus to Mukaijima Nishi Kawagoshi Kaido Iriguchi Bus Stop (5 min.), and then walk 10 min.	JR東海道本線島田駅より (1) 鵜田寺: バスで9分島田市立総合医療センター下車 (2) 川越街道: バスで5分向島西川越し街道入口下車、徒歩10分	https://www.city.shimada.shizuoka.jp/kanko-docs/897921020.html

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Hokuriku 北陸	9/1 ~ 9/3	Toyama 富山県	Yatsuo-machi, Toyama 富山市八尾町	Yatsuo-machi, Toyama 富山市八尾町	Owara Kaze-no-Bon おわら風の盆	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Owara-machi-nagashi</i> , a parade of folk dancing to the tune of the music of <i>Shamisen</i> and <i>Taiko</i> on the main streets in 11 old towns of the city. Schedule & Key events: ●9/1 & 2 17:00-23:00 <i>Owara-machi-nagashi</i> ●9/3 19:00-23:00 <i>Owara-machi-nagashi</i>	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Etchu Yatsuo Sta.	JR高山本線越中八尾駅下車	https://www.yatsuo.net/kazeno-bon
Hokuriku 北陸	9/2 ~ 9/5	Fukui 福井県	Tsuruga 敦賀市	Kehi-jingu Shrine and others 氣比神宮ほか	Tsuruga Matsuri 敦賀まつり	Summary: This festival takes place simultaneously with an annual festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Go-horen Junko</i>, a procession of a sacred palanquin and <i>Shinto</i> priests in traditional costumes on horsebacks. Many more events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●9/2 15:40-21:00 Parade of floats on which children dance to the music ●9/3 8:00-16:00 Parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> through the city 9:00-14:30 <i>Go-horen Junko</i> ●9/4 9:30-16:00 Parade of six floats on which children dance to the music 19:00-20:30 Big dancing parade of townspeople in traditional costumes on the city's main streets	Kehi-jingu Shrine: JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Tsuruga Sta. From there, walk 15 min. or take bus to Kehijingu-mae Bus Stop (5 min.)	氣比神宮: JR北陸本線敦賀駅より徒歩15分又はバスで5分氣比神宮前下車	https://tsurugamatsuri.info/
Hokuriku 北陸	9/11 ~ 9/12	Niigata 新潟県	Ojiya 小千谷市	Asahara-jinja Shrine 浅原神社	Kataakai Matsuri Asahara-jinja Shu-ki Reitaisai 片貝まつり 浅原神社秋季例大祭	Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. <i>Kataakai Hanabi</i> (a spectacular fireworks display with a 400-year history) is held on the hill behind the shrine (15,000 fireworks in total, including the world's largest one). Schedule & Key events: ●daily 19:30-22:20 <i>Kataakai Hanabi</i>	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Nagaoka Sta. From there, take bus (for Ojiya) to Kataakai Gonocho Bus Stop (30 min.)	JR上越新幹線長岡駅より小千谷行バスで30分片貝五之町下車	https://katakaimachi-enkakyokai.info/

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Hokuriku 北陸	9/19 ~ 9/20	Fukui 福井県	Obama 小浜市	Hachiman-jinja Shrine and others 八幡神社ほか	Hoze Matsuri 放生祭	Summary: Annual Autumn Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i>, <i>Shishi-mai</i> (lion dance), <i>Taiko</i>, <i>Kagura</i> and beautifully decorated floats. Schedule & Key events: ● daily daytime Parade on the main street in the city	JR Obama Line to Obama Sta., and then walk 10 min.	JR小浜線小浜駅より徒歩10分	https://hoze-matsuri.jp/
Hokuriku 北陸	9/20	Toyama 富山県	Johana, Nanto 南砺市城端	Zentoku-ji Temple, Johana Dento Geino Kaikan "Johana-za" Hall and others 城端別院善徳寺、城端伝統芸能会館「じょうはな座」ほか	Johana Mugiya Matsuri 城端むぎや祭	Summary: Festival featuring <i>Mugiya-odori</i> (Japanese folk dancing native to the Nanto district). The <i>Mugiya-odori</i> dancing show is also staged at Johana Dento Geino Kaikan, "Johana-za" Hall. Admission to "Johana-za" Hall is 1,000JPY per performance. If it rains, outdoor performances will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- <i>Mugiya-odori</i> in front of Zentoku-ji Temple 14:30- <i>Mugiya-odori</i> at "Johana-za" Hall 20:00- <i>So-odori</i> dancing parade on Nishimachi-dori Street	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Shin-Takaoka Sta. From there, take JR Johana Line to Johana Sta., and then (1) Zentoku-ji Temple: walk 10 min. (2) "Johana-za" Hall: walk 15 min.	JR北陸新幹線新高岡駅よりJR城端線で城端駅下車 (1) 善徳寺: 徒歩10分 (2) 「じょうはな座」: 徒歩15分	https://www.ta-bi-nanto.jp/archive/s/2315
Hokuriku 北陸	9/19 ~ 9/20	Ishikawa 石川県	Kaga 加賀市	Yamanaka Onsen 山中温泉	Koi-koi Matsuri こいこい祭	Summary: Festival featuring a parade of <i>O-shishi Mikoshi</i> (portable shrine shaped like a huge lion head carried by town's people) and <i>Geisha</i> (professional female entertainers), and <i>Yamanaka-bushi-wa-odori</i> dancing parade by thousands of people in festival attire to the sound of <i>Shamisen</i>, flutes and drums on the main street. If it rains, some events will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: ● 9/19 19:30-20:00 <i>Shin-Yamanaka-bushi-wa-odori</i> 20:00-20:30 <i>Yamanaka-bushi-wa-odori</i> ● 9/20 13:00- Parade of <i>O-shishi Mikoshi</i> 19:30-20:00 <i>Shin-Yamanaka-bushi-wa-odori</i> 20:00-20:30 <i>Yamanaka-bushi-wa-odori</i>	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kaga Onsen Sta. and then take bus to Yamanaka Onsen Bus Stop (30 min.)	JR北陸新幹線加賀温泉駅下車、バスで30分山中温泉下車	https://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/event/123

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Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/23	Kyoto 京都府	Ukyo-ku, Nishikyoku, Kyoto 京都市 右京区、 西京区	Oi River 大堰川	Arashiyama Ukai 嵐山鵜飼	Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 3,000JPY without meal. Tickets are put on sale on the day from 18:00. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group. Schedule & Key events: ●9/1-9/23 18:30-, 19:30-	(1) Keifuku Arashiyama Honsen Line to Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) Hankyu Arashiyama Line to Hankyu Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min. (3) JR Sagano Line to Saga-Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京福嵐山本線嵐山駅より徒歩10分 (2) 阪急嵐山線阪急嵐山駅より徒歩15分 (3) JR嵯峨野線嵯峨嵐山駅より徒歩15分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4927
Kinki 近畿	7/1 ~ 9/30	Kyoto 京都府	Uji 宇治	Uji River 宇治川	Ujigawa Ukai 宇治川鵜飼	Summary: Cormorant fishing. Fee is 2,700JPY (child 1,200JPY) without meal. No reservation is necessary unless you charter a boat for a group. Schedule & Key events: ●9/1-9/30 18:00-19:30	(1) Keihan Uji Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Nara Line to Uji Sta., and then walk 15 min.	(1) 京阪宇治線宇治駅より徒歩10分 (2) JR奈良線宇治駅より徒歩15分	https://www.kyoto-ujikankou.or.jp/ukai.html
Kinki 近畿	9/12	Mie 三重県	Daio-cho, Shima 志摩市大王町	Nakiri Port and others 波切漁港ほか	Waraji Matsuri わらじ祭り	Summary: Festival of a Japanese traditional straw-made sandal, "<i>Waraji</i>". Four young men in traditional festival costumes carry huge <i>Waraji</i>, and after the ceremony of purification, <i>Waraji</i> is thrown into the sea to pray for the fishermen's safety at sea. Schedule & Key events: 14:30- <i>Shinto</i> ritual is held at Nakiri Port, and four men with <i>Waraji</i> leave for Suba-no-hama Beach, and then <i>Waraji</i> is thrown into the sea 20:00- Fireworks display is held over Nakiri Port	JR Sangu Line to Toba Sta. From there, take Kintetsu Shima Line to Ugata Sta., and take Mie Kotsu Bus (for Gozako) to Daiosaki Todai Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 10 min.	JR参宮線鳥羽駅より近鉄志摩線で鵜方駅下車、三重交通バス御座港行で20分大王崎灯台下車、徒歩10分	https://www.kankou-shima.com/event/15707/
Kinki 近畿	9/19 ~ 9/20	Osaka 大阪府	Kishiwada 岸和田市	Kishiwada 岸和田市	Danjiri Matsuri だんじり祭	Summary: Festival known as one of the most powerful and exciting festivals in Japan. Men wearing happi coats pull over 30 beautifully-bedecked floats on the city's main streets. Schedule & Key events: ●9/13 6:00-22:00 Parade of floats ●9/14 9:00-22:00 Parade of floats	Nankai Honsen Line to Kishiwada Sta.	南海本線岸和田駅下車	https://www.city.kishiwada.lg.jp/site/danjiri/

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Kinki 近畿	9/19	Kyoto 京都府	Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 左京区	Heian-jingu Shrine Shin-en 平安神宮 神苑	Heian-jingu Shin-en Muryo Kokai 平安神宮神苑 無料公開	Summary: Opening Shin-en (the sacred garden) at the shrine to the public for free of charge. Japanese bush clovers are usually in full bloom in September. Schedule & Key events: 8:30-16:30	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 5 to Okazaki-koen Bijutsukan・Heianjingu-mae Bus Stop (30 min.), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tozai Subway Line to Higashiyama Sta. (Exit 1), and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京都駅より市バスNo. 5で30分、岡崎公園 美術館・平安神宮前下車、徒歩5分 (2) 地下鉄東西線東山駅（1番出口）より徒歩10分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=4826
Kinki 近畿	9/22 ~ 9/23	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区	Seimei-jinja Shrine and others 晴明神社ほか	Seimei-sai 晴明祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. Main event of the festival is <i>Shinko-sai</i> (a parade of <i>Mikoshi</i> led by a traditional boys' drums and fifes band, the carriages of the halberds, girls in beautiful attire, and decorated horses), proceeding on the main streets in the neighborhood of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: ●9/22 19:00- <i>Kagura</i> and a lantern parade of children ●9/23 13:00- <i>Shinko-sai</i> (<i>Mikoshi</i> parade)	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 9 to Ichijo-Modoribashi Seimei Jinja-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 9で一条戻橋・清明神社前下車	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/single.php?event_id=2403
Kinki 近畿	9/22 ~ 9/24	Mie 三重県	Ise 伊勢市	Ise-jingu Shrine - Naiku, Sanshuden Hall and others 伊勢神宮(内宮)、参集殿ほか	Jingu Aki-no-Kagura-sai 神宮秋の神楽祭	Summary: Autumn Festival at the shrine. If it rains, <i>Bugaku</i> will be performed in the Sanshuden Hall. Various Japanese traditional performing arts are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 11:00- <i>Bugaku</i> on the makeshift stage in Shin-en of Naiku	JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. From there, take (1) Kintetsu Yamada Line to Ujiyamada Sta., and take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (10 min.) (2) JR Rapid Train "Mie" to Ise-shi Sta., and then take bus to Naiku-mae Bus Stop (15 min.)	JR東海道新幹線名古屋駅より (1) 近鉄山田線で宇治山田駅下車、バスで10分内宮前下車 (2) JR快速"みえ"で伊勢市駅下車、バスで15分内宮前下車	https://www.isejingu.or.jp/topics/n3jetzpk.html
Kinki 近畿	9/26 ~ 9/27	Kyoto 京都府	Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市 上京区	Nashinoki-jinja Shrine 梨木神社	Hagi Matsuri 萩まつり	Summary: Japanese bush clover Festival. Bush clovers are beautifully planted all over the precincts of the shrine. Several Japanese traditional performances are scheduled. Fee for tea ceremony is 1,000JPY. Schedule & Key events: ●daily 10:00-15:00 <i>Chakai</i> (tea ceremony) ●9/26 13:00- <i>Kyudo</i> (Japanese archery) performance ●9/27 13:00- <i>Iai-battojutsu</i> (art of Japanese sword drawing) performance 14:00- <i>Shamisen</i> and <i>Koto</i> (Japanese harp) performance	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4, 17 or 205 to Furitsu Idai Byoin-mae Bus Stop (20 min.), and then walk 3 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4、17又は205で20分府立医大病院前下車、徒歩3分	https://www.nashinoki.jp/

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Kinki 近畿	9/28	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市 東山区	Yasui Konpira-gu Shrine and others 安井金比羅宮ほか	Kushi Matsuri 櫛まつり	Summary: Comb Festival featuring a colorful parade of about 40 women having their hair done in various coiffures representing each era from ancient times to the present day and in clothes reflecting those eras. If it rains, the parade will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 13:00- Ceremony 14:00- Parade from the shrine, proceeding in the neighborhood of the shrine	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 206 to Higashiyama Yasui Bus Stop, and then walk 1 min.	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 206で東山安井下車、徒歩1分	https://ja.kyoto.travel/event/singleg.php?event_id=4992
Chugoku 中国	9/6	Shimane 島根県	Okinoshima-cho 隠岐の島町	Sayama Ushizukijo 佐山牛突き場	Hassaku Ushi-zuki Taikai 八朔牛突き大会	Summary: Bull Fighting Event. This is the biggest event of the year on Okinoshima island. It's thrilling to see the huge bulls violently butt against each other. Admission is free. Schedule & Key events: 14:00- Bull fighting	JR San'in Honsen Line to Matsue Sta. From there, take bus to Shichirui Port (40 min.), and change to ferry (2 hrs. 30 min.) or hydrofoil (1hr. 10 min) to Saigo Port, and then take taxi (40 min)	JR山陰本線松江駅よりバスで40分七類港下車、フェリーに乗り換え2時間30分又は高速船に乗り換え1時間10分西郷港下船、タクシーで40分	https://www.e-oki.net/features/7577/
Kyushu 九州	9/13 9/14 9/15 9/18 9/21	Kumamoto 熊本県	Kumamoto 熊本市	Fujisaki Hachiman-gu Shrine and others 藤崎八幡宮ほか	Fujisaki Hachiman-gu Reitaisai 藤崎八幡宮例大祭	Summary: Annual Festival of the shrine. The highlight of this festival is <i>Kazari-uma-kazari-oroshi</i> (the purification ceremony of horses being assembled at the shrine) and <i>Shinko-sai</i>, a long procession of <i>Mikoshi</i> followed by priests, <i>Shishi-Kazari</i> dancers with lion-head hoods, <i>Zuibyo</i> (thousands of armored warriors) and <i>Kazari-uma</i> (horses adorned with ornaments). More events are held during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: ●9/13 11:00- <i>Shishi-kazari-oroshi</i> (lion dance) at the shrine 15:00- <i>Kagura</i> performance at the shrine ●9/19 10:00-14:00 <i>Kazari-uma-kazari-oroshi</i> at the shrine	JR Kyushu Shinkansen Line to Kumamoto Sta. From there, (1) take bus to Kumamoto Sakuramachi Bus Terminal, and change bus to Fujisakigumae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. (2) take streetcar to Suidocho, and then walk 15 min.	JR九州新幹線熊本駅より (1) バスで熊本桜町バスターミナルにて乗り換え藤崎宮前下車、徒歩5分 (2) 市電で水道町下車、徒歩15分	https://fujisakigu.or.jp/reitaisai/

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Okinawa 沖縄	9/4 ~ 9/6	Okinawa 沖縄県	Okinawa 沖縄市	Goya-Jujiro area, Koza Undo Park 胡屋十字路、 コザ運動公園	Okinawa Zento Ei-sah Matsuri 沖縄全島エイサーまつり	Summary: <i>Ei-sah</i> is a traditional folk dancing native to Okinawa main island and is performed to the accompaniment with drumming. Groups of young people from all over Okinawa parade dancing <i>Ei-sah</i> . Schedule & Key events: ●9/4 19:00-21:30 <i>Ei-sah</i> on the street in Goya-Jujiro area ●9/5 15:00-21:00 <i>Ei-sah</i> at Okinawa-shi Koza Undo Park ●9/6 15:00-21:00 <i>Ei-sah</i> at Okinawa-shi Koza Undo Park	From Naha Airport, take bus No. 113 (1) Goya-Jujiro area: to Goya Bus Stop (2) Koza Undo Park: to Sonda Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min.	那覇空港よりバスNo.113で (1) 胡屋十字路：胡屋下車 (2) コザ運動公園：園田下車、徒歩10分	https://www.zentoieisa.com/