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Yokoso! Japan Weeks 2009 Official Website

This guidebook contains brief descriptions of some of the events, shopping news, and interactive programs that take place during the YJW Campaign period to make your stay in Japan more enjoyable. All the program information on Yokoso! Japan Weeks including valuable campaigns on accommodations and restaurants, as well as approximately 500 participating stores and events for the YJW Campaign will be posted. Please check the details to make your stay in Japan as fulfilling as possible. Our website is updated daily!



www.yjw2009.jp/eng

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Welcome to winter-time in Japan. The long Japanese archipelago from Hokkaido (north) to Okinawa (south) offers visitors a wide variety of entertainment, from winter events to the natural beauty of warm beach resorts. Japan is an intriguing blend of mystical festivals, healthy cuisine, age-old traditions and high-end technologies. The Asian region is only a few hours away, and you can enjoy reasonable accommodation, food, transportation, and shopping in Japan. "Yokoso", which means "Welcome", is the slogan of our annual "Visit Japan Campaign" to introduce Japan's attractions. The topic of this time is "Experiencing Japanese Culture" and "Special Discounts on Shopping". In addition, the campaign offers a variety of programs that enables you to enjoy unique and local cultural events, as well as experience traveling in Japan within reasonable budget.



Travels to Experience Japan

We have a wide range of interactive programs throughout Japan which are very popular among foreign tourists. These include interactive programs that enable you to truly feel the touch of Japanese culture and programs that allow you to have hands-on experiences of craftwork, etc.



Shopping

We offer discount campaigns focused on department stores, outlet stores, discount stores, and large consumer electronics retail stores.



Campaign Specials by Unique Regions

These campaign specials are hosted by unique regions, introducing world heritages such as Nikko-Kinugawa region, Hakone, and Kyoto.



Events

A wide variety of popular events are held throughout Japan during winter. These include snow festivals, illumination events, and food-related events, and many of these joyous events have free admission.

In addition, you will be able to enjoy accommodations, restaurants, various stores, hands-on experience type tours (products), discounts for sightseeing facilities, domestic tours, transportation, art museums and museums as well as many privileges for foreign tourists such as commemorative gifts etc. Please visit our website for daily updates and details of this campaign!

www.yjw2009.jp/eng/



This guidebook contains information on events that take place during the campaign period. Please read respective pages for each region to see detailed information.



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Using the Handbook

In order to enjoy "Yokoso! Japan Weeks" events and discount campaigns throughout Japan, you must present this guidebook. You can also receive the same services with a printout of the web coupon on the website.



Japanese Culture / Art



Japanese contemporary culture (media art) including manga and anime is becoming more and more popular worldwide, and the number of festivals and exhibition facilities related to media art is increasing in Japan as well.

At the same time, Japan offers many facilities related to traditional Japanese culture, which is the very origin of our contemporary culture, throughout the country. These facilities include those where you can enjoy Japan's performing arts, "Noh" and "Kabuki", in English, as well as those that exhibit craftworks, the intricate nature and beauty of which are highly appreciated globally.

Japan has been imbibing different cultures from all over the world from ancient times while pursuing its own unique development. Take a journey to experience the beauty of Japanese culture in each region.

Photo : The 11th Japan Media Arts Festival

"Cool Japan" – media arts including films, manga, and anime –

Japan Media Arts Festival

The National Art Center, Tokyo, designed by Kisho Kurokawa, is one of the leading exhibition facilities in the world. Japan Media Arts Festival Executive Committee from Agency of Cultural Affairs exhibits media artworks. The exhibits are selections of the year out of the works submitted from all over the world.

Free admission

Date: 2/4-2/15

Address: 7-22-2 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo
plaza.bunka.go.jp/english/

Kyoto International Manga Museum

Kyoto International Manga Museum is Japan's very first general museum for Manga.

Enjoy the manga culture through "reading, learning, and making"

20% discount English available

Address: Karasuma-Oike, Nakagyoku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto

Tel: 075-254-7414

www.kyotomm.com/international/english



The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, National Film Center

A vast collection of domestic and international films is preserved here. The exhibit "Soviet Film Posters in the Silent Era" and other film screenings are scheduled during the campaign period.

Discount on admission fee.

Address: 3-7-6, Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Tel: 03-5777-8600 (Japanese)

www.momat.go.jp/FC/fc.html

www.momat.go.jp/english/nfc/index.html



Traditional Japanese arts, performing arts, and crafts

Tokyo National Museum

Tokyo National Museum is one of Japan's leading museums, and it collects/exhibits a wide variety of historical cultural and artistic properties from Japan and other parts of Asia.

Admission Fee: Present the official guidebook/website coupon to receive a 100 yen discount on the permanent exhibits.

Address: 13-9, Uenoko-en, Taito-ku, Tokyo

Tel: 03-3822-1111

www.tnm.jp

Crafts Gallery, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

Textiles, ceramics, glass, and bamboo crafts from the Meiji period to the present times are displayed.

Discount on admission fee English Available

Address: 1-1, Kitano-marumae, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Tel: 03-5770-8600 (Japanese)

www.momat.go.jp/english/craft/index.html

National Theatre of JAPAN

A wide variety of Japanese traditional and modern performing arts including "Noh" and "Kyogen", which have a history of more than 600 years, and "Bunraku" as well as "Kabuki" can be watched. Descriptions are available on the website for "Noh", "Kyogen", "Bunraku" and "Kabuki". You can reserve/purchase tickets to these National Theatres online. (However, in order to use the YJW privilege, you must reserve/purchase tickets from the ticket counter in each theatre. Ticket discounts are available only at National Bunraku Theatre and New National Theatre, Tokyo.

Discount on guide service provided through headsets (only in the National Theatre) English available National Theatre (Tokyo), National Engei Hall (Tokyo), National Noh Theatre (Tokyo), National Bunraku Theatre (Osaka), National Theatre Okinawa (Okinawa), New National Theatre, Tokyo (Tokyo)

www.ntj.nac.go.jp/english/index.html (For details of address, TEL No., please see here)



World within Japan

The National Museum of Western Art

The National Museum of Western Art displays a wide variety of artworks from the end of medieval times to the beginning of the 20th century, many of which were collected by Kojiro Matsukata. The main building designed by Le Corbusier is registered on the Tentative List of World Heritage.

Discount on admission fee for the regular exhibition

Address: 7-7 Ueno-koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo

Tel: 03-5777-8600 (Japanese)

www.nmwa.go.jp/en/



Ohara Museum of Art

Ohara Museum of Art is Japan's very first private western art museum established by Magosaburo Ohara. In addition to modern western artworks, the collection is further extended to various fields, exhibiting a number of western and Japanese master artists

Okayama (Kurashiki) Discount on admission fee, English Available

Address: 1-1-15, Chuo, Kurashiki-shi, Okayama

Tel: 086-422-0005

[www.ohara.or.jp\(Japanese\)](http://www.ohara.or.jp(Japanese))



■ Let us introduce some of the performances scheduled in art museums, museums, and other theaters in the Kanto, Kinki, and Kyushu regions. Some facilities also offer discounts as a part of the YJW Campaign. Please visit our website for details.

■ Each color indicates respective region. Please refer to P1 MAP for color identification.



clearance sale will be held at the stores during this period*

*note- Clearance sale period may vary from store to store.

Over the past century, Japan's large-scale department stores have developed in their own unique way. The customer service is provided on one-to-one basis and in an extremely polite manner, giving it a distinct Japanese flair. There are approximately 300 Hyakkaten throughout Japan, one fourth of which are participating in this Yokoso! Japan Weeks 2009.

Unique features of HYAKKATEN

- Stores with Japanese hospitality with one to one service
- Stores offer genuine highest quality products
- Stores where you can do shopping effectively in a short time
- Stores where you can buy variety of foods from all over Japan
- Stores where you can buy products for all age groups
- Stores where you can use credit cards
- Stores with displays and information counters in multiple foreign languages
- Stores with one stop service for tax exemption

Displays and store announcements are also made in English for the benefit of foreign tourists, and information corners with English language facility are also available. More and more businesses take credit cards, and one stop service for tax exemption procedures is also available

Basement floors of department stores often have specialty food stores and demonstration sales, making them unique places to experience Japan's food culture.

please visit the website:
HYAKKATEN WORLD
www.departinfo.com/english/



Marui Imai



■ **Sapporo** Address Minami 1jo nishi 2 chome,
Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido
 URL www.marui-imai.co.jp (Japanese)

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Isetan



■ **Shinjuku** Tel 03-3352-1111
 Address 3-14-1, Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
 URL www.isetan.co.jp/iclub

Odakyu Department Store



■ **Shinjuku** Tel 03-3342-1111
 Address 1-1-3, Nishishinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
 URL www.odakyu-dept.co.jp/foreign/en/index.html

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Keio Department Store



■ **Shinjuku** Tel 03-3342-2111
 Address 1-1-4, Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
 URL info.keionet.com/foreign/index.html

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Seibu Department Store



■ **Ikebukuro** Tel 03-3981-0111 (Japanese)
 Address 1-28-1, Minamiikebukuro,
Toshima-ku, Tokyo

■ **Shibuya** Tel 03-3462-3904
 Address 21-1, Udagawa-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

■ **Yurakucho** Tel 03-3286-0111 (Japanese)
 Address 2-5-1, Yuraku-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

■ **Sapporo** Tel 011-251-0111
 Address 3-1, Kita4joNishi, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido

■ **Asahikawa** Tel 0166-21-0111 (Japanese)
 Address 8-Migi1, Ichijodori, Asahikawa-shi, Hokkaido
 URL www.seibu.co.jp (Japanese)

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Tokyu Department Store



■ **Shibuya Honten** Address 2-24-1, Dogenzaka,
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

■ **Shibuya Toyoko** Address 2-24-1, Shibuya, Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo

■ **Sapporo** Address 2, Kita4jonishi, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido
 URL www.tokyu-dept.co.jp/floorguide/index.html

Tobu Department Store



■ **Ikebukuro** Address 1-1-25, Nishiikebukuro,
Toshima-ku, Tokyo

■ **Funabashi** Address 7-1-1, Honcho, Funabashi-shi,
Chiba
 URL www.tobu-dept.jp (Japanese)

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Matsuya



- **Ginza** Tel 03-3567-1211
Address 3-6-1, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
- **Asakusa** Tel 03-3842-1111
Address 1-4-1, Hanakawado, Taito-ku, Tokyo

URL www.matsuya.com

Present

Sogo



- **Yokohama** Tel 045-465-2111 (Japanese)
Address 2-18-1, Takashima, Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa
- **Shinsaibashi** Tel 06-6281-3111 (Japanese)
Address 1-8-3, Shinsaibashisuji, Chuo-ku, Osaka
- **Chiba** Address 1000, Shinmachi, Chiba-shi, Chiba
- **Kobe** Address 8-1-8, Onoedori, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo

URL www.sogo-gogo.com (Japanese)

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Mitsukoshi



- **Nihombashi** Address 1-4-1, Nihombashi-Muromachi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
- **Ginza** Address 4-6-16, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
- **Sapporo** Address 3-8, Minami 1jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido
- **Sendai** Address 4-8-15, Ichibancho, Aobaku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi
- **Nagoya Sakae** Address 3-5-1, Sakae, Naka-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi
- **Fukuoka** Address 2-1-1, Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka

URL www.mitsukoshi.co.jp/store/fcs/

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Matsuzakaya



- **Ginza** Tel 03-3572-1111 (Japanese)
Address 6-10-1, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
- **Ueno** Tel 03-3832-1111 (Japanese)
Address 3-29-5, Ueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo
- **Nagoya** Address 3-16-1, Sakae, Naka-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi
- **Nagoyaeki** Address 1-1-2, Meieki, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi

URL www.matsuzakaya.co.jp (Japanese)

Meitetsu Department Store



- **Nagoya** Tel 052-585-1111 (Japanese)
Address 1-2-1, Meieki, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi

URL www.e-meitetsu.com (Japanese)

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Nagano Tokyu Department Store



- **Nagano** Tel 026-226-8181
Address 1-1-1, Minamichitose, Nagano-shi, Nagano

URL www.nagano-tokyu.co.jp (Japanese)

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Maruei



- **Nagoya** Address 3-3-1, Sakae, Naka-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi

URL www.maruei.ne.jp (Japanese)

JR Kyoto Isetan



- **Kyoto** Address Higashi Shiokoji-cho, Shiokojisagaru, Karasumadori, Shimogyoku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto

URL www.wjr-isetan.co.jp (Japanese)

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Daiwa



- **Korinbo** Tel 076-220-1111 (Japanese)
Address 1-1-1, Korinbo, Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa
- **Toyama** Tel 076-424-1111 (Japanese)
Address 3-8-6, Sougawa, Toyama-shi, Toyama
- **Niigata** Tel 025-228-1111 (Japanese)
Address 7-952, Furumachidori, Chuo-ku, Niigata-shi, Niigata

URL www.daiwa-dp.co.jp (Japanese)

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Kintetsu Department Store



- **Abeno** Tel 06-6624-1111 (Japanese)
Address 1-1-43, Abenosuji, Abeno-ku, Osaka

URL www.d-kintetsu.co.jp (Japanese)

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Daimaru



- **Shinsaibashi** Tel 06-6271-1231
Address 1-7-1, Shinsaibashisuji, Chuo-ku, Osaka
- **Umeda** Tel 06-6343-1231 (Japanese)
Address 3-1-1, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka
- **Kyoto** Tel 075-211-8111 (Japanese)
Address 79 Tachirinishimachi, Takakuranishiiru, Shijodori, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto
- **Kobe** Tel 078-331-8121 (Japanese)
Address 40, Akashimachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo
- **Tokyo** Tel 03-3212-8011 (Japanese)
Address 1-9-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- **Sapporo** Tel 011-828-1111 (Japanese)
Address 4-7, Kita5jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido
- **Hakata Tenjin** Tel 092-712-8181
Address 1-4-1, Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka

Present

Takashimaya



- **Nishinomiya** Tel 03-3211-4111
Address 2-4-1, Nishinomiya, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
- **Shinjuku** Tel 03-5361-1111 (Japanese)
Address 5-24-2, Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- **Yokohama** Tel 045-311-5111 (Japanese)
Address 1-6-31, Minamisaiwai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa
- **Osaka** Tel 06-6631-1101 (Japanese)
Address 5-1-5, Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka
- **Kyoto** Tel 075-221-8811
Address 52, Nishirushincho, Kawaramachi, Shijodori, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto
- **JR Nagoya** Tel 052-566-1101
Address 1-1-4, Meieki, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi

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Hankyu Department Store



- **Umeda** Tel 06-6361-1381 (Japanese)
Address 8-7, Kakuda-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka
- **Kobe** Tel 078-360-1231 (Japanese)
Address 1-7, Higashikawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo
- **Yurakucho** Tel 03-3575-2233 (Japanese)
Address 2-5, Yuraku-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

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Hanshin Department Store



- **Osaka** Tel 06-6345-1201 (Japanese)
Address 1-13-13, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Sanyo Department Store



- **Himeji** Tel 079-223-1231 (Japanese)
Address 1, Minamimachi, Himeji-shi, Hyogo

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Tenmaya



- **Okayama** Tel 086-231-7111 (Japanese)
Address 2-1-1, Omote-cho, Okayama-shi, Okayama
- **Kurashiki** Tel 086-426-2111 (Japanese)
Address 1-7-1, Achi, Kurashiki-shi, Okayama
- **Hiroshima Hacchobori** Tel 082-246-5111 (Japanese)
Address 5-22, Ebisumachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima
- **Hiroshima Alpark** Tel 082-501-1111 (Japanese)
Address 1-16-1, Inokuchimyojin, Nishi-ku, Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima
- **Hiroshima Midorii** Tel 082-876-5111 (Japanese)
Address 5-22-1, Midorii, Asaminami-ku, Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima
- **Fukuyama** Tel 084-927-2111 (Japanese)
Address 1-1, Motomachi, Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima
- **Yonago** Tel 0859-35-1111 (Japanese)
Address 2-1-10, Nishifukuhara, Yonago-shi, Tottori
- **Takamatsu** Tel 087-812-7111 (Japanese)
Address 1-3-1, Tokiwa-cho, Takamatsu-shi, Kagawa
- **Tsuyama ALNE** Tel 0868-31-2111 (Japanese)
Address 17 Shin Uomachi, Tsuyama-shi, Okayama

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Iwataya



- **Fukuoka** Tel 092-721-1111 (Japanese)
Address 2-5-35, Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka

URL www.iwataya.co.jp/int/en/

Tsuruya Department Store



- **Kumamoto** Tel 096-356-2111 (Japanese)
Address 6-1, Totorihonmachi, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto

URL www.tsuruya-dept.co.jp (Japanese)

Sasebo Tamaya



- **Sasebo** Tel 0956-23-8181 (Japanese)
Address 2-1, Sakaemachi, Sasebo-shi, Tottori

URL www.sasebo-tamaya.co.jp (Japanese)

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Yamataya



- **Kagoshima** Tel 099-227-6111
Address 3-1, Kinsei-cho, Kagoshima-shi, Kagoshima

URL www.yamataya.co.jp (Japanese)

Shopping Spots

For details of free gifts and discounts, please visit website of each store.

About half of the 40 shopping malls in Japan are participating in the YJW campaign.

Entertainment shopping city AQUA CITY ODAIBA
URL www.aquacity.jp/ Present



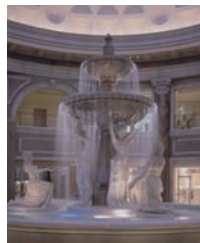
■ Tokyo Aqua City Odaiba
Tel 03-3599-4700(Japanese)

Shiodome city center
URL www.shiodome-cc.com/(Japanese) Present 10%Off



■ Tokyo Shiodome City Center

VenusFort
URL www.venusfort.co.jp/multi/index_e.html



■ Tokyo Tel 03-3599-0700(Japanese)

DECKS TOKYO BEACH
URL www.odaiba-decks.com/info_en/ Present 10%Off



■ Tokyo 150 stores and 5 entertainment zones:
Decks Tokyo Beach, Odaiba
Tel 03-3599-6500(Japanese)

Chitose Outlet Mall Rera
URL www.outlet-rera.com/(Japanese) Present



■ Hokkaido Tel 0123-42-3000

Chelsea Premium Outlets
URL www.premiumoutlets.co.jp/en/ Present



■ Tochigi Sano Premium Outlets
■ Gifu Toki Premium Outlets
■ Sizuoka Gotemba Premium Outlets
■ Osaka Rinku Premium Outlets
■ Hyogo Kobe-Sanda Premium Outlets
■ Saga Tosu Premium Outlets
■ Miyagi Sendai-Izumi Premium Outlets

La Laport Management
URL www.lalaport.co.jp/(Japanese) Present



■ Miyagi Mitsui Outlet Park Sendai-ko
■ Saitama Mitsui Outlet Park Iruma
■ Chiba Mitsui Outlet Park Makuhari
■ Tokyo Mitsui Outlet Park Tama Minami Osawa
■ Kanagawa Mitsui Outlet Park Yokohama Bayside
■ Mie Mitsui Outlet Park Jazz Dream Nagashima
■ Osaka Mitsui Outlet Park Osaka Tsurumi
■ Hyogo Mitsui Outlet Park Marine Pia Kobe
■ Chiba LaLaport Tokyo-BAY
■ Chiba LaLaport KASHIWANOHA
■ Kanagawa LaLaport YOKOHAMA
■ Tokyo Urban Dock LaLaport TOYOSU
■ Chiba Fululu Garden Yachiyo
■ Tokyo Ginza Velvia
■ Kanagawa LAZONA Kawasaki plaza

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They also have special YJW campaign sales – you can present your passport or this guidebook and receive discount coupons and original gifts at the information corner in some stores. Winter is a great shopping season in Japan – let Yokoso! Japan Weeks enhance your shopping experience.

CANAL CITY HAKATA
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■ Fukuoka Canal City Hakata
URL www.canalcity.co.jp/world/english/urban.html

■ Fukuoka Marinao City Fukuoka
URL www.marinoacity.com/english/

Fukuoka Airport Building.
URL www.fuk-ab.co.jp/english/frame_index.html Present



■ Fukuoka Fukuoka Airport Duty-free Shop
Tel 092-483-7001(Japanese)

OKINAWA OUTLET MALL ASHIBINAA
URL www.ashibinaa.com Present



■ Okinawa Okinawa Outlet Mall Ashibinaa
Tel 098-891-6000

D.O.D.
URL www.wintersportsfesta.jp/english.html Present



■ Chiba Winter Sports Festa
Tel 0120-64-1166

KIDDY LAND
URL www.kiddyland.co.jp/en/index.html Present



■ Tokyo Kiddy Land Harajuku
Tel 03-3409-3431
■ Tokyo Kiddy Land VenusFort
Tel 03-3599-3570

Pokémon Center
URL www.pokemon.co.jp/(Japanese) Present



■ Tokyo Pokémon Center TOKYO
Tel 03-6430-7733(Japanese)
■ Kanagawa Pokémon Center YOKOHAMA
Tel 045-222-5533(Japanese)
■ Aichi Pokémon Center NAGOYA
Tel 052-950-0758(Japanese)
■ Osaka Pokémon Center OSAKA
Tel 06-6373-8080(Japanese)
■ Fukuoka Pokémon Center FUKUOKA
Tel 092-282-7733(Japanese)

YOSHIDA METAL INDUSTRY
URL www.yoshikin.co.jp/w/ Present



■ Tokyo YOSHIKIN SHOP ROPPONGI
Tel 03-3568-2356

TAKEYA
URL www.takeya.co.jp/english/index.html Present



■ Tokyo General Discount Store, Takeya
Tel 03-3835-7777(Japanese)

HOKKAIDO



EVENT

Chitose 2009 Chitose-Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival

This winter event is interwoven with the winter climate of Lake Shikotsu. The Festival features clusters of ice sculptures, both large and small, which are a dazzling light-blue in the daytime but then invite you into a fantastic world at night when they are illuminated with lights. 100 yen discount for drinks.

Date 1/30~2/15 **TEL** 0123-27-7331

URL www.1000sai-chitose.or.jp(Japanese)



Sapporo The 60th Sapporo Snow Festival

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the internationally famous snow festival. Approximately 300 works are featured from snow sculptures which are both epic in scale and precise in detail to individual entries in the various venues.

Date 2/5~2/11 **TEL** 011-211-2376

URL www.snowfes.com/english/index.html



Otaru The 11th Otaru Snow Light Path

In this event, visitors can enjoy the "healing" and "serenity" of snow and light of candles in the Otaru Canal and historical areas. This event is held all over the city including main venues such as the Otaru Canal and the former national railway Temiya Line site.

Date 2/6~2/15 **TEL** 0134-32-4111(Japanese)

URL www.yukiakarinomichi.org(Japanese)



TOHOKU



EVENT

Aomori Hachinohe Enburi

This festival prays for an abundant harvest and features dancers called "tayu", who wear large eboshi hats while gallantly performing symbolic dances in the hopes of encouraging rice to grow. This festival has been designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property by the Japanese government.

Date 2/17~2/20 **TEL** 0178-27-4243

URL www.city.hachinohe.aomori.jp/kanko/festival/enburi/index.html(Japanese)



Aomori Lake Towada Winter Story 2009

This event takes place over 24 days in February, the coldest season of the year, to enable visitors to enjoy the snow and food.

Date 1/30~2/22 **TEL** 0176-75-2425(Japanese)



Aomori Nango Snow Firefly Festival

This festival is held in "Yama no Gakko" (Fun School on the Mountain) which is interactive experience facility where a fantastic world is created by numerous handmade snow lanterns in the darkness.

Date 2/14~2/15 **TEL** 0178-27-4243



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EVENT

Akita Inukko Matsuri (Snow Dog Festival)

The Inukko Matsuri (Snow Dog Festival) is a folk event which is said to have lasted for as long as 390 years in the Yuzawa area. Candles burn in the wonderful temples and dogs made of snow invite visitors into the world of folklore and fairy tales.

Date 2/14~2/15 **TEL** 0183-73-2111(Japanese)

URL www.aios.city-yuzawa.jp/kanko/event05.htm(Japanese)



Akita Kadaru Snow Festival

In the Kadaru Snow Festival, lights are set in approximately 3,000 small kamakura (snow huts), creating a fantastic snow country aura. Numerous events in which visitors can "kadaru" (the Akita dialect meaning "to participate") are held during the festival.

Date 2/7 **TEL** 0183-73-2111(Japanese)



Akita Mt. Moriyoshi Ani no Juhyo (Ice-covered Tree) Festival

In the Mt. Moriyoshi Ani Ski resort, visitors can enjoy a group of ice-covered trees, which are called giants of ice, within only a 5-minute walk from the summit ropeway from the beginning of January through the end of March.

Date 1/10~3/8(tentative) **TEL** 0186-75-3188(Japanese)

URL www.kitaakita-kankou.jp/



Akita Yokote no "Kamakura" (Snow Hut)

In this 400-year-old festival to honor the water gods in Kamakura, candle-lit rooms are carved out of mounds of snow in Yokote. Inside the Kamakura, children enjoy sweet sake and rice cakes.

Date 2/14~2/16 **TEL** 0182-33-7111

URL www.city.yokote.lg.jp/(Japanese)



Akita Yukko no mura Winter Festival

Oyasu Gorge is lit up to reveal long icicles "Shigakko" which are generated in the winter in Oyasu Gorge and "blooming" snows (flowers of snow) in the trees.

Date 2/7 **TEL** 0183-73-2111(Japanese)



Yamagata Uesugi Snow Lantern Festival

This event represents winter in Yonezawa and when the approximately 300 snow lanterns and more than 3,000 snow lamps are candlelit, the glow creates a magical snow cave embracing the area.

Date 2/14~2/15 **TEL** 0238-22-9607(Japanese)

URL www.yukidourou.yonezawa.info/(Japanese)





Packed with Interesting Places to See and Entertaining Activities

Kinugawa-Kawaji, Kanto region' s back saloon, is only 2 hours away from Asakusa or Shinjuku in Tokyo. It' s one of the leading onsen (hot springs) resorts in Japan and is surrounded by views full of nature, completely different from those in the city. It is packed with interesting places to see and entertaining activities. There are a number of amusement facilities nearby, which are visited by many tourists throughout the year. Some of these facilities include Edo Wonderland, a theme park that makes you feel like as if you have traveled back in time to the Edo Period, and those facilities where you can watch unique performances by animals and play with them. Regardless of the age and sex, you are sure to have a great time here.



23 days between January 24 (Sat) - February 15 (Sun), 2009

Discounts on a number of events and leisure facilities and free services will be available throughout the Nikko/Kinugawa area.

January 24-29

We will set up the "Information Desk for Foreign Tourists" inside Kinugawa Onsen Station, where currency exchange packages will be available. Free bus tickets for leisure facilities and free transportation service bus tickets for hotels and inns will also be available here. English and Chinese languages will be available at the desk. Various tickets can be purchased at the information desk. Feel free to stop by!

January 24-February 15

Programs to experience Japan' s New Year' s food and onsen, as well as free services will be available throughout the campaign period. Free gifts for tourists who will stay at hotels and discounts on admission fees for various leisure facilities will also be available.



Largest Onsen Resort in Northern Kanto

Kinugawa-Kawaji and Nikko are surrounded by vast nature, blessed with a number of historical heritages including shrines and temples listed as world heritages.

Offering many elements of entertainment, Kinugawa/Kawaji and Nikko are places where anyone, couples or friends, will be sure to have a great time regardless of the season. There are also many different styles of onsen – there are of course the large common baths, open-air baths, stone baths, foot baths, hot waterfalls, and bedrock baths, etc. There are even chartered baths which can be used exclusively by your family. The excellent spring quality is widely-known, and many positive effects have been reported to have cured a number of sicknesses.



January 24-27

Free admission service campaign to nearby leisure facilities! A theme park that makes you feel like you time-traveled back to the Edo Period and another theme park with miniature replicas of monuments and buildings from all over the world!

Edo Wonderland: January 24

Tobu World Square: January 25, 26, and 27



Welcoming you with "Chinese New Year Festival" : February 7-8

Come visit us and experience mochi-pounding, lion dance associated with the Chinese New Year, New Year games such as battledore and top spinning. We will welcome you with Chinese acrobatics, folklore performing art ("Ryuo-daiko"), and symphony performance.

■ Contact Us : Tourism Association of Kinugawa-Kawaji Hot Springs

Tel. 0288-77-2052(Japanese)

www.kinugawa-kawaji.com/en/index.shtml



20 million tourists visit Hakone annually. In addition to the magnificent scenery, Hakone is blessed with the stone-paved Old Hakone Highway clearly reflecting the Edo period and natural beauty such as hiking courses. Nearby attractions include Lake "Ashinoko", which was created inside Hakone Volcano's caldera after violent volcanic activities, and "Owakudani" valley, the original form of which was created after the landslides caused by hydrovolcanic explosions in Hakone Volcano approximately 3,000 years ago. There are also a number of onsen (hot springs) and museums nearby to enhance the pleasure of your travel.



Hakone is a foreign tourists-friendly place. Odawara, Hakoneymoto, Gora Stations will specially set up banners welcoming foreign tourists and event information board and will have multilingual pamphlets prepared, etc. Special Hakone Free Pass valid for departure from Shinjuku Station can be purchased, as well as accommodation plans for the spring time only. Gifts for purchasers!



January 30-February 1

Welcome events packed with activities such as mochi-pounding, free amazake, commemorative photo-taking with samurai and koshimoto (chamber maid), lucky draws, and performances.

Hakone Nonbiri Coupon will also be available.

"Hakone Nonbiri Coupon", which gives you privileges at museums and restaurants in Hakone, will be offered to those who will purchase "Hakone Free Pass", which is very convenient for touring in Hakone.



Information service for foreign tourists

Odakyu Sightseeing Servis Center

Tel. 03-5321-7887

www.odakyu.jp/english

We have multilingual catalogues.



EXPERIENCE

Chiba Helicopter tours around Tokyo and Yokohama

We will guide you through Tokyo and Yokohama's beautiful and modern cityscapes and night scenes in a helicopter. Tokyo and Yokohama have one of the most beautiful night scenes in the world. Sunset, day, and night courses which showcase dramatic night sights are available.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 4,000~13,000 yen **TEL** 0120-888-910

Close Urayasu: No holidays; Yokohama: From Mondays to Fridays (excluding national holidays)

URL www.excel-air.com/english/cruising/index.html

Reservation Day before



Tokyo Experience Samurai Lord Cuisine

Nihombashi

Feudal lord cuisine of Kaga-hyakumangoku is recreated in this dinner, where you can enjoy the feudal cuisine served in the same tableware (lacquered tableware, bowls, and gold-relief tea utensil, etc.). This once-a-week dinner is limited to 10 people, where the diners can hear cultural background of the Edo Period.

Date 1/10~6/27 **Fee** 8,000~9,000 yen **TEL** 03-6273-2997(Japanese)

URL [www.himiya.biz\(Japanese\)](http://www.himiya.biz(Japanese))

Reservation 3 days before



Tokyo Kiyomura School

Tsukiji

You can experience sushi-making in this class, where experienced sushi chefs will teach you how to fillet fish, to shape sushi, and to roll sushi, etc. step by step. You can learn how to make delicious sushi at home.

Date 1/10~3/30 **Fee** 3,000~4,000 yen **TEL** 03-5148-3355

URL www.kiyomura.co.jp/sushi-e/bbs/index.html

Reservation 3 days before



Tokyo Walk around Asakusa in Kimono

Asakusa

Are you interested in having an authentic kimono experience in Asakusa? Let professionals dress you, and then take a relaxing stroll through Asakusa, which is full of traditional Japanese atmosphere. There will be a photo shooting as well. A 5% discount is offered to foreign tourists who made a reservation by looking at the YJW website or pamphlet.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 15,000~ yen **TEL** 03-5322-8988

Close Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays **URL** hisexperience.jp

5%Off **Reservation** Day before



FREE GUIDE

Tokyo Free Guided Tours by JFG

Shibuya

Government-licensed English-speaking tourist guides/interpreters will show you around two most famous historical spots in central Tokyo for free. Why don't you join us and enjoy your holiday more while learning Japan's history and culture? January 25 (Sun) 10:00 - 15:30: Senso-ji Temple/Meijiingu Shrine (in English, Chinese, and Korean languages) in Tokyo.

Date 1/25 **TEL** 03-3380-6611(Japanese)

URL www.jfg.to/





FREE GUIDE

Tokyo Free Guided Tour by JGA "Tokyo Morning Bus Tour" Asakusa

January 20: Licensed English-speaking interpreter guides will guide you to Asakusa and Meijiingu Shrine, which are 2 places you MUST visit in Tokyo. Meet in front of the Shin-maru Building outside the Marunouchi Exit of JR Tokyo Station at 9:30. The tour is scheduled to end around 13:00.

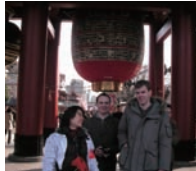
Date 1/20 **TEL** 03-3213-2706
URL www.jga21c.or.jp/index_e.html

Reservation 3 days before

**Tokyo** Free Guided Tour by GICSS Asakusa Shibuya

Licensed interpreter guides will provide the guide service for the most popular tourist spots in Tokyo free of charge. It will be offered for free especially for the day. You can enjoy the benefit of real professional service that surely will make your visit different and very special. Please look for the "Yokoso Japan!" flag to meet us. Location and time: Asakusa and Meiji Jinngu Shrine, 10:00~16:00 [English/Chinese]:

Date 2/14 **TEL** 03-3706-9861
URL www.gicss.org



POP CULTURE

Tokyo New Discovery of Akihabara

This is a free walking tour that introduces foreign tourists to Akihabara, where world renowned Electric Town can be found rubbing elbows with the latest technology and pop culture. This program covers a wide range of interests including shopping, robots, anime, comics, and figures all in one location. We also offer free souvenirs at the end of the tour.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Close** Please check our website for tour dates.
URL www.akihabara-tour.com/en/index.htm

Present **Reservation** Day before

**Tokyo** Outdoor Event in UDX Building, the latest hot spot in Akihabara

Various events are held every month in open space at 1F of UDX Building, the latest hot spot in Akihabara. During YJW period, live performances and cosplay events, etc. are scheduled. Do come and enjoy the lively atmosphere of these outdoor events. Please visit our website for details.

URL [www.akiba-live.com\(Japanese\)](http://www.akiba-live.com(Japanese))



CULTURE

Tokyo The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo shows paintings, prints, photographs, and sculptures since the 20th century. Presenting 180 to 250 pieces.

*the collection exhibition provides an overview on artistic trends from the Meiji period to the present.

URL www.momat.go.jp/english/index.html

Discount



EVENT

Chiba Tokyo Disney Resort

"Tokyo Disney Resort 25th Anniversary" will be held during the campaign period. Special events to crown the anniversary finale will take place from January 19.

Date 1/19~4/14
TEL 0570-00-8632
URL www.tokyodisneyresort.co.jp/index_e.html



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Tokyo Sanrio Puroland

Hello Kitty and Dear Daniel will greet you in Chinese outfit during the Chinese New Year. A parade show by China National Acrobatic Troupe, "Believe", will be held daily.

Date 1/20~2/28
TEL 042-339-1111(Japanese)
Close Wednesdays/Thursdays (irregular schedule)
 Please visit our website and check the calendar of business hours.
URL www.puroland.co.jp/english/

**Tokyo** Free Walking Tours Guided by Tokyo City Guide Club

We will introduce Japanese lifestyle and history in small groups with homely atmosphere. You can see traditional Japanese style wedding at Meijiingu Shrine, and early spring plum flowers will welcome you in the Imperial Palace East Garden. Please visit the website for details.

Date 1/19, 20, 26, 27, 2/2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24
TEL 090-1110-1684
URL tcgc.5.pro.tok2.com/english

**Tokyo** Harajuku Fashion Guide Tour

Japanese fashion is highly admired all over the world. This free guided tour introduces the newest pop culture of Uraharajuku, which is popular among young people. Uraharajuku is often called "Urahara" and is the trendsetting place in Japan. Reservation is available only through the website.

Date 2/9~2/20
Close Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays
URL [www.harajuku-jingumae.jp\(Japanese\)](http://www.harajuku-jingumae.jp(Japanese))

Reservation Day before

**Yamanashi** Chinese New Year Festival in Fujikyuu Highland

This year marks the 5th anniversary of "Chinese New Year Festival in Fujikyuu Highland". Come visit us and enjoy Chinese-style New Year's festival at the foot of Mt. Fuji! We are offering a wide range of fun-packed events including lotteries and a traditional stage performance.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 2,200~3,500 yen
TEL 03-3376-1113(Japanese) **Close** 1/20, 2/3
URL www.fujikyuu.co.jp

Present **Discount**



HOKURIKU-SHINETSU/CHUBU



EVENT

Nigata Echigo-Tsumari Snow Arts Festival

Echigo-Tsumari is known throughout the world for its international art festival which takes place in the Satoyama. You can experience a world of beautiful snow country nature and traditional culture mixed with modern art including traditional village festivals and various events by artists, snow art tours, etc.

Date 1/10~3/31

TEL 025-595-6180

URL www.echigo-tsumari.jp/english/



Nagano Karuizawa Prince Shopping Plaza

Present a "JR East Pass" at the information counter inside the Karuizawa Prince Shopping Plaza and receive a discount coupon book valid in about 100 stores.

Date 1/20~2/28

TEL 050-2016-1603

URL www.jreast.co.jp/e

Present Coupon book:(Presentation of JR East Pass)



Aichi Free Guided Tour by JGA "Nagoya Castle Tour"

Licensed English/spanish speaking interpreter guides will guide you to the symbol of Nagoya, Nagoya Castle. Meet in front of the main gate of Nagoya Castle.

Date 1/25 **Fee** 500 yen

TEL 03-3213-2706

URL www.jga21c.or.jp/index_e.html

Reservation 3 days before



EXPERIENCE

Aichi Gamagori Orange Park

You can enjoy fruit picking throughout the year: January-May: strawberry picking; June-October: melon picking; mid June-mid September: grape picking; October-December: orange picking (Possible to be enjoyed by large tourists groups.)

Date 1/1~12/31 **Fee** 2,000~3,000 yen

TEL 0533-68-2321(Japanese)

URL [www.jreast.co.jp/e\(Japanese\)](http://www.jreast.co.jp/e(Japanese))

Reservation 3 days before



Gifu Sake Brewery Tour

7 proud sake breweries in the city will take turns opening their facilities to the public for about one week, during which time you can see the breweries that are usually closed. After listening to the explanation from the guides, you can enjoy tasting samples of new sake and receive a special sake cup as a commemorative gift.

Date 1/20~2/28

TEL 0577-32-5328

URL www.hida.jp/english/index.htm

Present



KINKI



EVENT

Osaka Evening of Osaka Traditional Performing Arts

As visitors watch 15 minute performances of Noh (masked dance) or Kyogen (traditional comic play), Kamigata Mai (dance), Ozashiki Asobi (traditional games with Geiko), and Rakugo (comic story telling), subtitles will be displayed in English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean. The Nohgakudo Theater is designated as a Registered National Tangible Cultural Property, and this program offers hands-on experience corner.

Date 2/7, 2/21 **Fee** 3,500~4,500 yen

TEL 06-6943-9454(Japanese)

URL [www.kamigata-night.com\(Japanese\)](http://www.kamigata-night.com(Japanese)) www.noh-theater.com/

Present



Osaka "Ohtsuki Noh Theatre Performance"

Come and enjoy Noh, a traditional masked dance with roots stretching back 650 years. We offer English guidebooks, as well as free Noh postcard to foreign tourists. If no performances are scheduled, visitors can also examine the stage.

Date 1/24, 1/31 **Fee** 2,000~5,000 yen

TEL 06-6761-8055(Japanese)

Close Irregular (Sundays if no performance is scheduled)

URL www.wakatenoh.com [www.noh-kyogen.com\(Japanese\)](http://www.noh-kyogen.com(Japanese))

Present **33%Off** **Reservation** Day before



Kyoto Free Guided Tours by JFG

Government-licensed English-speaking tourist guides/interpreters will give you a tour of former Shogun's castle in ancient capital city of Kyoto for free. Why don't you join us and enjoy your holiday more while learning Japan's history and culture? (1) January 22nd (Thu), (2) January 23rd (Fri) 10:00 - 15:00 Nijo Castle (English)

Date 1/22~1/23

TEL 03-3380-6611(Japanese)

URL www.jfg.to/



Kyoto Free Guided Tour by JGA "Kyoto Morning Bus Tour"

Licensed English-speaking interpreter guides will guide you to Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji Temple, and Heianjingu Shrine, which are three must-see sites in Kyoto. Meet in front of the New Miyako Hotel outside of the Hachijo Exit of JR Kyoto Station at 9:00. The tour is scheduled to end around 12:30-13:00.

Date 2/2

TEL 03-3213-2706

URL www.jga21c.or.jp/index_e.html

Reservation 3 days before



Kyoto Free Guided Tour by GICSS

Licensed interpreter guides will provide the guide service for the famous tourist spots in Kyoto free of charge. It will be offered for free especially for the day.

You can enjoy the benefit of real professional service that surely makes your visit different and very special. Please look for the "Yokoso Japan" flag to meet us. Location and time: Nijo Castle and Golden Pavilion Temple, 10:00~16:00 [English/Chinese]

Date 2/14

TEL 03-3706-9861

URL www.gicss.org



Kyoto Winter Special 2009

Dec. 1, 2008 ~ Mar. 31, 2009



KINKI



Following its great success in 2008, "Kyoto Winter Special" is coming back this winter, with more "Special" deals and events for you to enjoy. You'll be able to experience traditional culture hands-on, and savor exceptional Kyoto cuisine. In addition, special admission will be granted to normally restricted heritage sites, and there will be unique winter events and chances to receive special offers from world-famous hotels. With Kyoto Winter Special, the breathtaking beauty of winter in Kyoto awaits you!

Special Events

While Kyoto's cherry blossoms and fall leaves are a sight to see, Kyoto's magical winter is something exceptional.

There are various events showcasing winter, but Kyoto's "Hanatoro" is not to be missed!

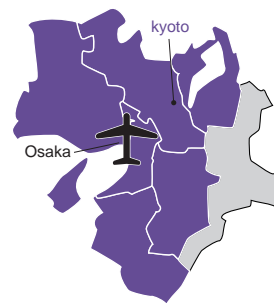
What is Hanatouro? Flower Lantern Lane Festival

Kyoto's famous temples, shrines, historical and cultural heritage sites and facilities, and streets are lit up and adorned with ground lanterns and ikebana artwork. During this time there will also be traditional art performances, traditional Japanese concerts, and art exhibitions featuring Kyoto art students.



Special Foods (Traditional Foods)

We offer a special menu that could only be found in Kyoto. Especially abundant are the "nabe" soups (where broth is heated to a boil in a tabletop pot, after which fish and vegetables are added, cooked and eaten) served commonly during winter in Japan. Not only are there many restaurants where these soups can be enjoyed, but there are also establishments which specialize in French, Italian, and Chinese cuisine.



Access to Kyoto

Kyoto, with a population close to 1.5 million, is a major Japanese city and part of the Kansai metropolitan area. Kyoto is conveniently accessible from both Tokyo and Osaka. From Osaka's Kansai International Airport, JR Rapid trains and airport limousines provide quick and easy transportation. From Tokyo's Narita Airport it is simple to connect to the Shinkansen bullet train, which will whisk you straight to Kyoto.

Tel:075-222-4133
www.KyotoWinterSpecial.com

Special Openings (Limited Openings)

Only during Kyoto Winter Special 2009 – Hidden cultural heritage sites, not normally open to the public, will be open for viewing. Twelve locations will open their cultural treasures to the public for 9 weeks, from January 10-March 18, 2009.

All viewings are of culturally valuable items. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Kyoto's culture.

Special Experiences (Unique Experiences)

Though it is only for some activities, we have obtained the cooperation of certain private households in Kyoto, which will provide unique services so that foreign visitors can intimately experience Japanese culture. These include actual experiences of Japanese cooking, calligraphy, Zen meditation and more.

Special Offers

During the 2009 Kyoto Winter Special, lodging facilities will be making various special offers, which may include free stays for a fourth night, upgrades when rooms are available, and free welcome drinks.



KINKI



EXPERIENCE

Kyoto 10 Types of Traditional Crafts Experience to Choose from

You can choose what you like from ten categories such as Cloisonne accessories, woodblock prints, drawing on Kyoto folding fans, and freely experience traditional crafts with deep ties to Kyoto. No appointment necessary unless they are full, so please feel free to drop by.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 1,890~3,990 yen
TEL 075-761-0142
URL www.kyotohandicraftcenter.com/



Kyoto Experiencing Yuzen Dyeing in Kyoto

You can experience "Surikomi Yuzen (brush dyed Yuzen)", which is one of Kyoto's traditional "Yuzen Dyeing" techniques. You dye the patterns by placing a paper stencil over a piece of fabric, such as a handkerchief, cloth wrapper, T-shirt, folding fan, or a curtain. A free gift will be offered.

Date 1/4~12/31 **Fee** 1,000~2,000 yen
TEL 075-211-3273
URL www.kyo-komachi.com/koubou/english.html



Reservation Day before **Present**

Kyoto Japanese Culture Experience

WAK JAPAN offers a chance for foreign tourists to experience traditional Japanese culture. The main cultural experiences which can be enjoyed by foreign tourists are the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, home cooking, trying on kimonos, etc.

Date 1/3~12/29 **Fee** 4,000~5,000 yen
TEL 075-212-9993
URL www.wakjapan.com/



Reservation Day before

Kyoto Night with Kyoto Cuisine and Maiko (dancers)

You can experience Kyoto's delicate cuisine at a quaint Japanese Restaurant in Gion while enjoying Ozashiki Asobi (traditional games with Maiko) and dances performed by Maiko (dancers). English commentaries allow foreign tourists to enjoy the evening.

Date 1/10~12/26 **Fee** 15,000~ yen **TEL** 075-541-5315
Close 2nd and 4th Sundays and other irregular holiday
URL www.kyoto-maiko.jp



Reservation Day before

Kyoto Okura-style Kyogen Drama Performance

Watch and experience the Okura-style Kyogen drama "Teapot". Enjoy the beauty and humor of the Okura-style Kyogen which begins in Nara, which are beyond words, and afterwards experience trying the clothes and lines of the Kyogen actors. Every Monday, which is a practice day, you can watch for free (16:00 - 18:00)

Date 1/22 **Fee** 3,000~4,000 yen
TEL 0742-22-3686



Reservation Day before

KINKI



CULTURE

Kyoto Kyoto National Museum Special Exhibition "Treasures of the Kyoto Imperial Palace"(Provisional title)

A special exhibition of a number of artworks associated with the Old Imperial Palace that used to enhance the elegance of court life will be open to the public.
200 yen discount on general admission fee for the special exhibition
English available

TEL 075-541-1151(Japanese)
URL www.kyohaku.go.jp



Osaka Museums Gurutto Pass KANSAI 2008

This pass gives you a great deal by allowing you free admission or discount to 66 museums in Osaka, Kyoto, Shiga, Hyogo, Nara, and Wakayama. Access maps available for each facility
1000 yen/pass In English and Japanese

Fee 1,000 yen
URL www.museum.or.jp/gruttoKANSAI/2008/english.html



CHUGOKU



EVENT

Okayama Saidaiji Eyo

The 500 year-old "Saidaiji Eyo" (The Naked Festival), a festival to call spring to the Bizen Plain. 9,000 naked men compete with each other to capture the sacred sticks in the middle of the night during midwinter.

Date 2/21 **TEL** 086-942-0101(Japanese)
URL www.optic.or.jp/saidaijicci/eyo.html(Japanese)



Hiroshima The 25th Miyajima Oyster Festival

The festival offers discount sales of dishes filled with the delicious winter food, "oysters" such as grilled oysters, okonomi-yaki (Japanese pancakes) with oysters, oyster risotto and oyster miso nabe (Japanese stew). The popular interactive section allows you to grill and enjoy your own oysters.

Date 2/14~2/15 **TEL** 0829-44-2011
URL www.miyajima.or.jp



Yamaguchi Akiyoshidai Mountain Burning

Akiyoshidai is Japan's largest scale karst plateau. Mountain burning takes place on the third Sunday of February every year. Old branches and dried grass are burned to allow new plants to grow. This is the largest mountain burning in Japan.

Date 2/17 **TEL** 0837-62-0304(Japanese)
URL www.oidemase.or.jp/english/nature/index.html



CHUGOKU



EVENT

Shimane Matsue DanDan Warming Food Festa

This is an event where visitors can enjoy the splendid local foods of Matsue, such as Shimane beef, Matsuba crab, and specialties from Lake Shinji. Enjoy the special menu and food stands.

Date 2/1~2/28
TEL 0852-27-5843(Japanese)
URL www.pd-see.com/dandan/(Japanese)



SHIKOKU



EXPERIENCE

Kagawa National Treasure of Gardens: Special Beauty Spot – Ritsurin Garden

Ritsurin Garden is the largest park among Japan's special beauty spots. This circuit-style daimyo (Japanese feudal lord) garden from the beginning of the Edo Period took almost 100 years for the successive domain lords to complete. The sight of 1,000 pine trees is breathtaking – these have been maintained for over 300 years.

Date 1/1~12/31 **Fee** 400 yen **TEL** 087-833-7411(Japanese)
URL www.pref.kagawa.jp/ritsurin/



Ehime Stroll through a Traditional Cityscape

Traditional cityscape preservation zone reminiscent of each period of the Edo, Meiji, Taisho, and Showa - you can feel the modern age of rural Japan in this cultural property.

Date 1/10~12/20
TEL 0893-44-3790(Japanese)
URL www.we-love-uchiko.jp/we-love-uchiko-e/index3.html

Reservation 3 days before



Tokushima Experiencing Rural Life in the Japanese Winter

Life and culture experience: Want to experience Japan's rural life in Oboke/ Iya district? Enjoy hot springs, do grocery shopping at a local supermarket, and eat nabe (Japanese stew) made with local foods while sitting in a kotatsu (fireplace with a coverlet). You can experience good old Japanese life in a 90-year old townhouse.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 3,000~4,000 yen **TEL** 090-9778-7133
Close Irregular **URL** www.k-n-a.com/eng.htm

Reservation 3 days before



Tokushima Sake Tasting at a Sake Brewery

November through March is a sake brewing period. You can watch the actual sake brewing process and deepen your knowledge of sake brewing.

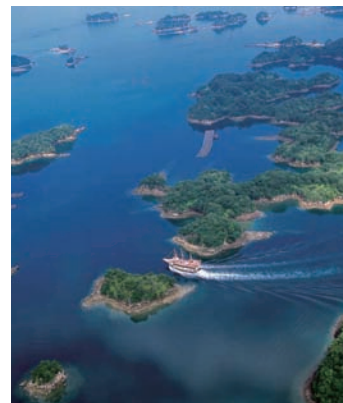
Date 1/1~4/1 **TEL** 0883-72-0053(Japanese)
Close Basically Sundays but irregular
URL www.miyoshikiku.co.jp/(Japanese)

Reservation 2 days before



Welcome SASEBO

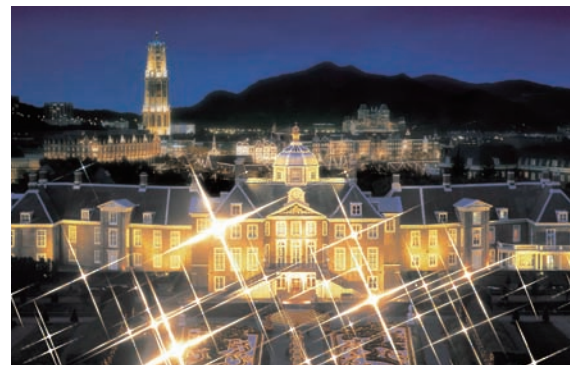
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As part of "Welcome SASEBO Month", banners will be placed in 3 areas (Huis Ten Bosch area, Kujukushima area and Machinaka area) in Sasebo City to promote an atmosphere of friendliness. Additionally in the Huis Ten Bosch area, there is a market section where Asian products are available as well as an experience section where visitors can enjoy experiences unique to the Japanese, and events are held on the specified dates of the campaign period.
www.sasebo99.com/

Date 1/20~2/28
TEL 0956-22-6630(Japanese)
URL www.sasebo99.com/english/

Present



Huis Ten Bosch "City of Light"

Huis Ten Bosch is the world's only "City of Light" in which the entire "city" is illuminated. In particular, during the Chinese New Year, various events such as special fireworks are held. Various privileges are provided.english.huistenbosch.co.jp/(English)

Date 1/7~2/27
TEL 0956-27-0526
URL english.huistenbosch.co.jp/

Present



KYUSHU



EVENT

Nagasaki Free Guided Tour by JGA "Nagasaki City Morning Tour by Streetcar"

January 25: We will tour around Nagasaki by a streetcar with licensed English-speaking interpreter guides. Meet in front of Seattle's Best Coffee (coffee shop) in front of Nagasaki Station at 9:30. The tour is scheduled to end around 12:30-13:00.

Date 1/25 **TEL** 03-3213-2706

URL www.jga21c.or.jp/index_e.html

Reservation 3 days before



EXPERIENCE

Kagoshima Experiencing Mud-Dyed Oshima Tsumugi

Following the instructions of expert craftsman, participants create their own original one of a kind handkerchiefs or T-shirts using the authentic 1,300-year old mud-dyeing dyeing technique with string and rubber bands used in Amami-Oshima Tsumugi. A free gift will be offered.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 1,000~2,000 yen **TEL** 0997-62-3100(Japanese)

URL [www.tumugi.co.jp/\(Japanese\)](http://www.tumugi.co.jp/(Japanese))

Present



Kagoshima Traditional Martial Arts: Jigen-Ryu

The Jigen style of swordsmanship has been passed down through the centuries in the Satsuma Area (currently Kagoshima Prefecture) for more than four hundred years. Here, you will have the opportunity to experience "Tategiuchi". Tategiuchi is the practice of striking a piece of wood diagonally as part of training on how to use swords with the proper grip, posture, and spirit. A free gift will be offered.

Date 1/3~12/30 **Fee** ~500 yen **TEL** 099-226-1233(Japanese)

Close Mondays (Tuesday if Monday is national holiday) and from December 31 **URL** [www.jigen-ryu.com/\(Japanese\)](http://www.jigen-ryu.com/(Japanese))

Present



Oita Interactive Experience with 「Hello Kitty」

Hello Kitty Experience / Participation in the parade (participation limited to only particular sections of the parade) / Meet Hello Kitty in the "Kitty Castle" attraction / Character greeting within the park, etc.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 2,000~3,000 yen

TEL 0977-73-1155(Japanese) **Close** 2/5,12,19,25,26

URL www.sanrio.co.jp/english/harmony/harmony.html



CULTURE

Fukuoka Kyushu National Museum

A brand-new national museum opened 3 years ago. "Understand Japanese Culture from the point of Asian view", they offer a variety of exhibits. Kyushu (Fukuoka Dazaifu) 80 yen discount on admission fee for the Cultural Exchange Exhibition (regular exhibition)

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 420 yen **TEL** 050-5542-8600(Japanese)

Close Mondays **URL** www.kyuhaku.com

20%off



OKINAWA



EXPERIENCE

Naha Guided tour in Tsuboya - visit the town of Yachimun (pottery)

Take a guided stroll around Tsuboya, the town where Okinawa's most famous style of pottery, "Tsuboya-yaki", was born. You are sure to feel the deep history of Tsuboya-yaki, and visitors can try their hand at making their own potteries such as lion-shaped roof ornament of Okinawa.

Date 1/1~12/31 **Fee** 5,000~6,000 yen

TEL 098-868-4887(Japanese)

URL www.naha-navi.or.jp/www1/htdocs/main/travel/en/menu.html

Reservation 3 days before



Naha Marine Paradise

A wide range of programs depart from Tomari Port in Naha City, including underwater tour boats and sunset dinner cruises. Visitors will find convenient access from Kokusai Dori and the airport. We are ocean experts! *Traditional Chinese will be available on our website from November.

Date 1/1~12/31 **Fee** 3,000~4,000 yen

TEL 098-869-2241(Japanese)

URL [www.marinenetwork.co.jp/\(Japanese\)](http://www.marinenetwork.co.jp/(Japanese))

Reservation 3 days before

Present



Yomitanon Pottery Experience

You can use an electric potter's wheel or hand-forming techniques to make your own pottery. 10% discount on the experience upon the presentation of the YJW pamphlet or website coupon. Free salt ice cream (in a cup) for those who experience the pottery making program. Shipping fees are not included.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 2,000~3,000 yen

TEL 098-958-3940

URL [www.gala-aiumi.com/\(Japanese\)](http://www.gala-aiumi.com/(Japanese))

Present

10%Off



Yomitanon Salt making experience

Experience authentic salt making in this hands-on program! Participants can make their very own salt with Okinawa's clean sea water and can take it home on the same day. 10% discount on the experience upon the presentation of the YJW pamphlet or website coupon. Free salt ice cream (in a cup) for those who participate in the salt making experience program.

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 1,000~2,000 yen

TEL 098-958-3940

URL [www.gala-aiumi.com/\(Japanese\)](http://www.gala-aiumi.com/(Japanese))

Present

10%Off



Onnason Trike Rental & Touring in Okinawa

Rent a trike and tour sightseeing spots in the northern part of mainland Okinawa. A trike is a motorcycle modified to have 3 wheels. Staff will lead the way to the north on National Route 58. (Time required: 3 - 6 hours)

Date 1/20~2/28 **Fee** 14,000~15,000 yen

TEL 098-966-1950 **Close** Wednesdays

URL [nancle713.com/azure/\(Japanese\)](http://nancle713.com/azure/(Japanese))

Reservation 3 days before

