

MATSURI IN KYUSHU

Taste the Tradition and Intensity of the Autumn Festivals Unfolding Across Kyushu and Yamaguchi in 2019!

Kyushu is situated in Western Japan, a region surrounded by gorgeous mountains and the grandeur of the sea. Hot springs exist in abundance, and the unique local cuisine has titillated many a traveler's senses. In autumn, a number of traditional festivals take place in various locations. This year, the 2019 Rugby World Cup™ is being held in Fukuoka, Oita, and Kumamoto in the Kyushu region, which means you can enjoy both the games and the festivals to your heart's content. What's more, there will also be a special event in which festivals from various regions convene in Kumamoto. Included among them is the Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival, which is registered as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, and the combined performances make for an amazing spectacle. We hope you visit Kyushu and Yamaguchi and experience the magic for yourself.



FUKUOKA 8 Munakata Shrine Autumn Grand Festival

The Miare Festival (a ritual held at sea) has been held for 700 years to pray for safe voyages and bountiful catches for fishermen. The highlight is the parade of hundreds of fishing vessels spreading out across the ocean.



SAGA 11 2019 Saga International Balloon Fiesta

The largest international balloon festival in Asia. The afternoon and evening offer different displays that are sure to leave you enraptured.



NAGASAKI 23 Nagasaki Kunchi Festival

Spectators are more than welcome! This festival features a "Funamawashi" event and other exhilarating attractions.



KUMAMOTO 34 Kagura Festival

This festival features Kagura (sacred music and dance performance) from a variety of regions. Let the mystical displays enchant you.



OITA 29 Kebezu Fire Festival

Pray for sound health as sparks fly about in this fire festival.



MIYAZAKI 45 Aya horseracing

Watch horses race past you in an exhilarating display. There are several types of races, including one that features cute little ponies.



KAGOSHIMA 48 Kagoshima three major festival "Myoenjimai"

Watch a procession of stalwart armor-clad warriors, folk performances, and more.



YAMAGUCHI 57 Hagi Kimono Week

Stroll about the refined castle town in a kimono and experience the world of "wa."



OKINAWA 54 Yomitan Festival

Witness Eisa (a number of Okinawan folk dances) celebrating tradition and history, including lively and stirring performances featuring taiko drums.

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Autumn 2019 Festivals in Kyushu and Yamaguchi

No.	Prefecture	Festival	No.	Prefecture	Festival
1	FUKUOKA	Kokura Castle Matsuri (Festival)	26	OITA	SANKO COSMOS FESTIVAL
2		Tagawa Coal Mine Festival (Tankobushi Matsuri)	27		Yunohira Onsen new rice mini-rice bowls Festa
3		Autumn Festival of Koishiwara Pottery	28		Ontayaki Minto Festival
4		Opening the kiln of Agano Ware in autumn	29		Kebezu Fire Festival
5		FUKUCHI FIND FESTIVAL-Fukuchi Sweets Great Tea Party	30		Dooroku (home-brewed sake) festival
6		The Fall festival (Okunchi)	31		Kitzuki moon viewing festival
7		Stargazing Party for the HOKUTO-NO-MIZUKUMI	32		Imibetsu Gusha Shrine Yabusame Archery
8		Munakata Shrine Autumn Grand Festival	33		Kumamoto castle town great festival
9		Hakata Old town Light-up Walk	34		Kagura Festival
10		2019 Saga International Balloon Fiesta	35		Halloween market for kids
11	SAGA	Arita Sarayama Festival	36	KUMAMOTO	The 32nd Volost festival of a goldfish and the carp
12		Takeo hot springs autumn festival	37		Nakae Iwato Kagura Regular performances
13		KARATSU KUNCHI Festival	38		Yokobori Autumn Festival (YAF)
14		Taku Confucian Temple Sekisai Festival	39		Kobayashi Yin-Yang Stone Festival
15		Joy of hot spring Autumn Festival	40		Sukimu Land Chestnut Harvest Festival
16		Yoshingari fire festival	41		Shiroyama Kagura Festival
17		"Naridomi Hyogo Shigeyasu kou" Jidai Festival	42		Noborizaru Festa Together 2019
18		Shiroishi Pettanko Festival	43		Miyazaki-jingu Taisai (Jinnu-sama) /Miyazaki Shrine Grand Festival
19		Experience Japanese tea ceremony, calligraphy, and bushido in Ogi	44		Ikoma Plateau Cosmos Festival
20		The 2nd SAGA ISHINMATSURI FESTIVAL	45		Aya horseracing
21	NAGASAKI	Kashima Traditional Entertainment Festival	46	KAGOSHIMA	Miyazaki Mythology 7 days
22		Nagasaki Kunchi Festival	47		Nobeoka Tengaichi Takigi Noh Theatre
23		2019 Fukue Port Festival	48		Kagoshima three major festival "Myoenjimai"
24		YOSAKOI Sasebo Festival	49		70th Ibusuki Onsen Festival
25			50		Festival of gleam Connect with a bamboo lantern Izumi Machi Terrace
			51		Minami Satsuma Festival
			52		Sendaiotsunahiki
			53		Satsumasendai Han'ya matsuri
			54		Yomitan Festival
			55		The 40th Kin Town Festival
		56	Yuda hot springs sake festival		
		57	Hagi Kimono Week		

For details
<https://matsuri.welcomekyushu.com>



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Hand in Hand : One Ball Unites the World

November 30 - December 15, 2019

24th IHF Women's Handball World Championship Kumamoto/Japan 2019

Venues: Kumamoto City, Yatsushiro City and Yamaga City

Schedule for Autumn festivals in Kyushu/Yamaguchi and Rugby World Cup 2019™ games

