

KYOTO EVENT CALENDAR

Festivals and Cultural Events

JAN	1	New Year Celebrations	[All Kyoto shrines]	JUL	7	Kifune Water Festival	[Kifune-jinja Shrine]
	3	Karuta-hajime-shiki	[Yasaka-jinja Shrine]		9-12	Pottery Memorial Service	[Senbon Shakado Temple]
	4	Kemari-hajime	[Shimogamo-jinja Shrine]		14-16	Gion Yoiyama Main Parade Events	[Various Yamahoko-machi]
	8-12	Hatsu-ebisu Ceremony	[Ebisu-jinja Shrine]		17	Gion Festival (Main) Parade	[Kyoto City Center]
	21	Hatsu-kobo Flea Market	[Toji Temple]		21-23	Gion Yoiyama Second Parade Events	[Various Yamahoko-machi]
	25	Hatsu-tenjin Market	[Kitano Tenmangu Shrine]	24	Gion Festival (Second) Parade	[Kyoto City Center]	
FEB	2-4	Setsubun Festival	[Yoshida-jinja Shrine]	AUG	7-10	Gojozaka Pottery Festival	[Along Gojo-dori Street]
	8	Needle Memorial Service	[Kokuzo Horinji Temple]		16	Daimonji Gozan-okuribi Bonfire	
MAR	25	Plum Blossom Festival	[Kitano Tenmangu Shrine]	23/24	Sento-kuyo Memorial Service	[Adashino Nenbutsuji Temple]	
	1	Hina-matsuri Doll Festival	[Hokyoji Temple]	SEP	7	Hassaku Festival	[Matsuo-taisha Shrine]
	3	Nagashi-bina Doll Floating	[Shimogamo-jinja Shrine]		4th Mon	Kushi (Comb) Festival	[Yasui Konpiragu Shrine]
	22	Senbon Shaka Nenbutsu Prayers	[Senbon Shakado (Daihoonji Temple)]	30	Kangetsu-no-yube Moon Viewing	[Daikakuji Temple]	
30	Hanezu-odori Dance	[Zuishin-in Temple]	OCT	1-5	Zuiki Festival	[Kitano Tenmangu Shrine]	
APR	2nd Sun	Ho-Taiko Hanami Gyoretsu		[Daigoji Temple]	11-13	Autumn Mibu Kyogen Play	[Mibudera Temple]
	2nd Sun	Yasurai Festival		[Imamiya-jinja Shrine]	20	Saigu Procession	[Nonomiya-jinja Shrine]
	21-29	Mibu Kyogen Play	[Mibudera Temple]	22	Jidai Festival	[Heian-jingu Shrine]	
MAY	29	Kyokusui-no-utage	[Jonangu Shrine]	NOV	3	Kyokusui-no-utage	[Jonangu Shrine]
	1-4	Enmado Kyogen Play	[Senbon Enmado Temple]		8	Kanikakuni Festival	[Gion Shirakawa River]
	1-5	Fujinomori Festival	[Fujinomori-jinja Shrine]		13-18	Ikenobo Autumn Tanabata Exhibition	[Takashimaya Kyoto Dept. Store]
	3	Yabusame-shinji	[Shimogamo-jinja Shrine]		15-18	Ikenobo Autumn Tanabata Exhibition	[Ikenobo Headquarters]
	5	Kurabe-uma Horse Racing	[Kamigamo-jinja Shrine]		2nd Sun	Arashiyama Momiji Festival	[Arashiyama Hoshokai]
15	Aoi Festival	[Kami/Shimogamo-jinja Shrines]	30~12/26	Kichirei Kaomise Kogyo (Kabuki)			
JUN	Full moon	Uesaku Full Moon Festival	[Kuramadera Temple]	DEC	21	Shimai-kobo Flea Market	[Toji Temple]
	1	Kifune Festival	[Kifune-jinja Shrine]		25	Shimai-tenjin Market	[Kitano Tenmangu Shrine]
	1/2	Kyoto Takigi Noh Play	[Heian-jingu Shrine]		31	Okera-mairi Ceremony	[Yasaka-jinja Shrine]
	5/6	Agata Festival	[Agata-jinja Shrine]				
	10	Rice Planting Festival	[Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine]				
30	Summer Purification	[All Kyoto shrines]					

* Event dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.



Kemari-hajime Jan 4



Yasurai Festival Apr 4



Aoi Festival May 15



Arashiyama Momiji Festival 2nd Sun of Nov



Setsubun Festival Feb 2-4



Kyokusui-no-utage Apr 29 & Nov 3



Jidai Festival Oct 22



Okera-mairi Ceremony Dec 31

Late March~April Best Times and Places for Cherry Blossom Viewing



Tetsugaku-no-michi



Kuramadera Temple

Late March~Early April
Kiyomizudera Temple, Hirano-jinja Shrine, Daigoji Temple, Chion-in Temple, Nanzenji Temple, Heian-jingu Shrine, Maruyama Park, Tofukuji Temple, Shojiji Temple, Daikakuji Temple, Hirosawa-no-ike and Osawa-no-ike Ponds, Jonangu Shrine

Mid April
Kamigamo-jinja Shrine, **Tetsugaku-no-michi**, Yase, Shinnnyodo Temple, Yamashina Canal, Arashiyama, Sagano, Yoshiminedera Temple, Kinzoji Temple, Oharano-jinja Shrine, Jingoji Temple, Kozarji Temple, Kiyotaki, Sanzen-in Temple, Joshokoji Temple

Late April
Kinkakuji Temple, Shimyo-in Temple, Byodo-in Temple, Ninnaji Temple, **Kuramadera Temple**, Bujoji Temple

Late October~November Best Times and Places for Autumn Leaves Viewing

Late Oct
Nison-in Temple, Sanzen-in Temple, Kurama Temple, Kifune Temple, Bujoji Temple, Toji-in Temple

Early Nov
Nijo Castle, Ginkakuji Temple, Kinzoji Temple, Yoshiminedera Temple, Tofukuji Temple, Manshu-in Temple, Joshokoji Temple, Kanshuji Temple

Mid Nov
Nanzenji Temple, Jonangu Shrine, Ninnaji Temple, Kiyomizudera Temple, Arashiyama, Sagano, Shojiji Temple, Byodo-in Temple, Entsuji Temple, Koetsuji Temple, Kozarji Temple, Jingoji Temple, Shisendo Temple, Sekizanzan-in Temple, Jakko-in Temple, Joruriji Temple, Kiyotaki

Late Nov
Eikando Temple, Zuishin-in Temple, Anrakuji Temple, Sekihoji Temple



Nanzenji Temple



Eikando Temple