

# 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	<b>Gion Festival (Main) Parade</b>	[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	5 day period before & after Doyo no Ushi no Hi	<b>Mitarashi Festival</b>	[Shimogamo-jinja Shrine]
	25	Plum Blossom Festival	[Kitano Tenmangu Shrine]		31(night)	<b>Sennichi-mairi Ceremony</b>	[Atago-jinja Shrine]
MAR	1	Hina-matsuri Doll Festival	[Hokyoji Temple]	7-10	<b>Gojozaka Pottery Festival</b>	[Along Gojo-dori Street]	
	3	Nagashi-bina Doll Floating	[Shimogamo-jinja Shrine]		16	<b>Daimonji Gozan-okuribi Bonfire</b>	
	25-4/7	Kitano Odori Dance	[Kamishichiken Kaburenjo]	23/24	Sento-kuyo Memorial Service	[Adashino Nenbutsuji Temple]	
APR	30	Hanezu-odori Dance	[Zuishin-in Temple]	7	Hassaku Festival	[Matsuo-taisha Shrine]	
	1-23	Miyako-odori Dance	[Kyoto Art Theater Shunjuza]		4th Mon	Kushi (Comb) Festival	[Yasui Konpiragu Shrine]
	1st Sat-3rd Sun	Kyo Odori Dance	[Miyagawa Kaburenjo]	30	Kangetsu-no-yube Moon Viewing	[Daikakuji Temple]	
	4	<b>Yasurai Festival</b>	[Imamiya-jinja Shrine]	1-5	Zuiki Festival	[Kitano Tenmangu Shrine]	
	10	Cherry Blossom Festival	[Hirano-jinja Shrine]		11-13	Autumn Mibu Kyogen Play	[Mibudera Temple]
13-15	Rokkakudo Temple Night Illumination	[Rokkakudo Temple]	22		<b>Jidai Festival</b>	[Heian-jingu Shrine]	
13-16	Ikenobo Ikebana Spring Exhibition	[Ikenobo Headquarters]	22	Kurama Fire Festival	[Yuki-jinja Shrine]		
21-29	Mibu Kyogen Play	[Mibudera Temple]	NOV	3	<b>Kyokusui-no-utage</b>	[Jonangu Shrine]	
29	<b>Kyokusui-no-utage</b>	[Jonangu Shrine]		8	Kanikakuni Festival	[Gion Shirakawa River]	
MAY	1-4	Enmado Kyogen Play		[Senbon Enmado Temple]	7-12	Ikenobo Ikebana Tanabata Exhibition	[Ikenobo Headquarters]
	1-24	Kamogawa-odori Dance		[Pontocho Kaburenjo]	9-12	Ikenobo Ikebana Tanabata Exhibition	[Takashimaya Dept. Store]
	3	Yabusame-shinji		[Shimogamo-jinja Shrine]	2nd Sun	Arashiyama Momiji Festival	[Arashiyama Hoshokai]
	5	Kurabe-uma Horse Racing	[Kamigamo-jinja Shrine]	30~12/25	Kichirei Kaomise Kogyo (Kabuki)		
15	<b>Aoi Festival</b>	[Kami/Shimogamo-jinja Shrines]	DEC	21	Shimai-kobo Flea Market	[Toji Temple]	
JUN	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	<b>Agata Festival</b>	[Agata-jinja Shrine]				

\* Event dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.



Yasurai Festival  
Apr 4



Aoi Festival  
May 15



Kyokusui-no-utage  
Apr 29 &  
Nov 3



Agata Festival  
Jun 5-6



Gion Festival Parade  
Jul 17



Daimonji Gozan-okuribi Bonfire  
Aug 16



Jidai Festival  
Oct 22

### 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, Shinnyodo Temple, Yamashina Canal, Arashiyama, Sagano, Yoshiminedera Temple, Kinzoji Temple, Oharano-jinja Shrine, Jingoji Temple, Kozanji 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, Kozanji 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