

What's New in Yokosuka

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046-822-2500; 8am-8pm
daily offers English info
about events in Yokosuka.
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YOKOSUKA MIKOSHI PARADE

When: Oct. 19 (Sun.) 10:30-15:00

Where: The parade will **start at Yokosuka Chuo Station**, proceed down Blue Street, pass through Womble Gate, and **end up on the U.S. Naval Base**.

Details: The U.S. Naval Base will open to the public starting at 10:30. **Visitors to the base must enter through Womble Gate**. Don't forget to bring your passport or some other photo ID that shows your nationality. There will be a ceremony and a ladder stunt show on base.



YOKOSUKA FISH FESTIVAL

When: Oct. 5 (Mon.) 7:00-12:00

Where: Yokosuka Fish Market (Heisei-cho 3-5-1)

-A free shuttle will run every 10 min.
from Yokosuka Chuo station OR
-15 minute walk from Umikaze Park

What: Taste the freshest seafood available. Check out a tuna filleting show. Learn all about your favorite gilled friends. See a real morning fish auction. All this and more at the Yokosuka Fish Festival!



※As part of the Dollar Travels Campaign, you can use **U.S. DOLLARS!** \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 bills only.
\$1 = ¥100

UPCOMING EVENTS (ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)



※Irises will not be in bloom

Kurihama Flower Town Fall Fair

When: Oct. 18 (Sat.) - Oct. 19 (Sun.) 10:00-15:00

Where: Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Flower World (Shinmei-cho 1)

What: Check out performances from a variety of local groups, a wealth different food booths, and Kurihama's own Commodore Sukarin!

※The fair is taking place during the months-long **Cosmos Matsuri (9/20-11/3) at Flower World**. Take cosmos home with you on 10/26 and 11/3!

Anjin Festa

When: Oct. 18 (Sat.) 9:30-19:00

Where: Hemi - one station north of Shioiri on the Keikyuu Line

What: Miura Anjin is the Japanese name of William Adams, the first Englishman to come to Japan who was later granted land by the shogun in Hemi. In celebration of this history, there will be a historical tour and lectures (in Japanese), a concert, food and game booths, and a display of historical photographs. The tour is available to the first 300 people.



Kinugasa Iris Fireworks

When: Oct. 12 (Sun.) 16:30-18:15 (on Oct. 13 in case of rain)

Where: Kinugasa Iris Garden (Abekura 18-1)

What: In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Iris Festival, there will be free entry to the garden and fireworks in addition to taiko and other performances.

Directions: By bus: from Shioiri Station, "Ikegami keiyu Kinugasa St." (池上經由衣笠駅行), get off at Ikegami Jr High (池上中学) 15 min. walk. -Free parking also available.



Y Festa Oppama

When: Oct. 18 (Sat.) 11:00-18:00

What/Where: This event is divided into different activities and areas around Oppama.

1. Oppama Halloween - the area around Oppama St. 11:00-14:00; parade, street performances, curry buffet, and food/drink booths
2. Fall Festival - Nissan Factory 12:00-16:30; stage performances and food/drink booths
3. Fall Fireworks - Aicle Recycling Plant 17:30-18:00; a fireworks show out over the water

Kitakurihama Fall Festival

When: Oct. 25 (Sat.) - Oct. 26 (Sun.) 10:00-17:00

Where: Negishi Traffic Park and Negishi Park No. 3 (Negishi-cho 3-17)

What: There is something for everyone at this event, from a variety of different booths and a flea market to different dance performances.

Directions: No parking available. The park is a 7 minute walk from Keikyuu Kitakurihama Station.

Kids' Festival

When: Oct. 13 (Mon.) 13:00-15:00

Where: Werk Yokosuka 6F (Hinode-cho 1-5)

What: This event hosted by the Yokosuka International Association (YIA) will consist of many fun games and a costume contest.

Reservation: Participants must register ahead of time. Please call YIA for more info or to register 046-827-2166



Kannonzaki Festival

When: Nov. 3 (Mon.) 9:30-15:30

Where: Kannonzaki Prefectural Park (Kamoi 4-1120)

What: Kannonzaki is the name of the area on the southeast tip of the Miura peninsula. This festival is meant to highlight the natural beauty and historical importance of the area.

Directions: There is parking, but it is limited, so public transportation is the best bet. You can take the "Kannonzaki-yuki" (観音崎行) bus from JR Yokosuka St. (35 min.) or Keikyu Uraga St. (15 min.) Either way, the festival is at the last stop.



West Coast Walk

When: Nov. 1 (Sat.) (on Nov. 2 in case of foul weather)

What: Over 2000 people are expected to participate in this walk down the west coast of Yokosuka. There are three courses with different start times, but all end up at Soliel Hill for a curry festival and local food fair. 19 km course starts at Zushi beach (逗子海岸) between 7:30 and 9:00 (no parking)

14 km course starts at Chojagasaki parking lot (長者ヶ崎駐車場) between 8:30 and 10:30 (no parking)

7 km course starts at Sajima Hill Park (佐島の丘公園) between 10:00 and 13:00 (no parking)

Chrysanthemum Exhibition

When: Nov. 3 (Mon.) - Nov. 15 (Sat.) 9:00-17:00

Where: Shiyakusho-mae Park (in front of city hall)

What: Hundreds of beautiful displays



Yokosuka Sangyo Festival

When: Nov. 8 (Sat.) 9:00-16:00;

Nov. 9 (Sun.) 9:00-15:00

Where: Mikasa Park (Inaokacho 82-14)

What: Many Yokosuka businesses will

gather at Mikasa Park to show off what they do. You will get the chance to discover local businesses and get your hands on some unique items. While wading through the sea of great, local products and people, you can enjoy a variety of concerts and performances.



Sweet Potato and Tangerine Picking!

Throughout the year, the **Tsukuihama Tourist Farm** (Tsukui 5-15-20) offers visitors the chance to pick their own fruits and vegetables. The farm is a 20 min. walk up from Tsukuihama St. or take the shuttle from the same station.

Sweet potatoes: weekends and holidays 9/13-11/16; 9:00-15:00
¥950 per person to pick 5 spuds

Tangerines: daily 10/20-11/30; 9:00-15:00 ¥650 for all-you-can eat within the farm, extra cost to take fruit home.

Yokosuka's Punny Food

You may or may not be aware that almost every city or region in Japan lays claim to some specific dish. Wakayama prefecture is synonymous with *mikan* (tangerines); Yokosuka's friendship city, Aizuwakamatsu, is nationally known for its raw horse, and while both Sapporo and Fukuoka are famous for ramen, they each boast vastly different styles. One of the great joys of traveling around Japan is eating representative foods from each place you visit.

Yokosuka is no slacker when it comes to carving out its own gastronomic identity. Surely you have already gorged yourself on the gigantic Navy Burger that is only sold in Yokosuka, and you have at least heard of *Kaigun Curry* as there are not one but two different Yokosuka festivals dedicated to it. Curry and the burger are the most easily identifiable Yokosuka dishes, but they are not the only ones.

Although I would recommend taking the train from JR Yokosuka, walking up and over the hill from Yokosuka Chuo Station will land you in an area called Kinugasa. This area shares its name with a mountain in Kyoto that became the name of a well-known *don-buri* (rice bowl). The dish contains green onion and fried tofu held together with egg.

Playing on this preexisting dish and shared name, a number of restaurants in Yokosuka's Kinugasa created their own versions of the *don-buri*. As long as it is served at a Kinugasa restaurant and contains green onion, deep fried tofu, and egg, the dish qualifies as Yokosuka Kinugasa-



don. Each of the ten different participating restaurants has created its own unique interpretation. You gotta try them all!

The other dish I would like to introduce is not a dish at all; it is a cocktail. The area to the east of Yokosuka Chuo Station is called Wakamatsu Market.

At most bars in the area you can find the *buraja*, brandy and ginger ale. The drink was created to match the nostalgic atmosphere of Wakamatsu. The name "*buraja*" is made by combining the first half of the word "brandy" with the "ger" of ginger. By doing this the name of the drink actually becomes the same as the Japanese word for "bra." The pun plays out in how the drink's mascot chooses to hold the two conspicuously shaped *buraja* mugs.



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Readers' Submissions

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