

What's New in Yokosuka

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EVENT CALENDAR

MAY

- 16-17- Hana no Machi Spring Fair
- 16-17- Spring Rose Festival
- 23- Kanrin-maru Festival
- 31- Poppy picking at Kurihama Flower World

JUNE

- 6- Family Dairy Farm Experience (Sekiguchi Dairy Farm)
- 6- Kinugasa Iris Festival
- 7- Poppy picking at Kurihama Flower World
- 13- Experience Japanese Culture
- 13-14- YY Transportation Festa
- 30- Otsu Suwa Shrine Festival

JULY

- 4- Let's Try Farming (Kitashitaura Community Center)
- 11- Kurihama Perry Festival
- 12- Oppama Matsuri
- 26- Yokosuka Kaikoku Festival (~8/1)

For English info about events in Yokosuka call the **Yokosuka Call Center 046-822-2500**. Operators may need time to search for info. **8am-8pm daily.**

YY Transportation Festa

When: June 13 (Sat.) - 14 (Sun.) 10:00-16:00

What: For two days, you and your little ones will get the chance to get up close to your favorite vehicles. There will be three main attraction areas, all with different vehicles to see and climb on. A free shuttle will be running between the locations.

Mikasa Park

Buses, ambulances, fire trucks, a stunt bike performance, great food, live music, and dance performances! Even a chance to operate a digger!!!!



Verny Park & JR Yokosuka Station

Mini train rides, lunch boxes, model train dioramas, train collectibles at the park, and special displays at the station.



Maritime Self-Defense Force Yokosuka Base

The base is normally closed to the public, but it will be open during the festival. Visitors will be able to board a ship and there will even be a helicopter on display! The base is open 10:00-15:00 but entry will be stopped at 14:30.



ATTENTION : Ingress Agents

Free cell phone battery rentals available at the Yokosuka Kaigun Curry Honpo Restaurant and on Sarushima Island!

*Show your Ingress app to rent a mobile phone battery.

*Renting on Sarushima Island requires a ¥1,000 deposit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Kurihama Hana no Machi Spring Fair

When: May 16 (Sat.) - May 17 (Sun.)
10:00-15:00

Where: Kurihama Flower World Hana no Kuni (pay parking available, but limited)

What: Just in front of the poppy fields in full bloom, the sounds and smells of spring will be filling the air during Kurihama Flower World's spring fair. Grab some locally produced food and enjoy great musical and dance performances by young people from all over Yokosuka. Hike up to the adventure land at the top of the park to spend some time in a hamburger-shaped bounce house (¥200/5 min.)!



Spring Rose Festival

When: May 16 (Sat.) - May 17 (Sun.) 10:00-15:00

Where: Verny Park

What: There are more than 2000 individual flowers and over 130 species of roses represented at Verny Park. This two-day festival is a great chance to see the flowers while taking part in some fun activities!



Kanrin-maru Festival

When: May 23 (Sat.) 10:00-16:00

Where: Sumitomo Heavy Industries LTD., Uraga Factory (Uraga 4-chome) and the surrounding area, a five-minute walk from Uraga Station.

What: A celebration of Uraga as the departure point of the first Japanese battleship to cross the Pacific. In addition to the educational and historical exhibits about the Kanrin-maru, the festival grounds will also be bustling with kids' play areas, live music, water bucket races, yacht rides, a flea market, and so much more. Head to Uraga for food, fun, and sun!

Kinugasa Iris Festival

When: June 6 (Sat.) 9:00-16:00

Where: Yokosuka Iris Garden

What: The Yokosuka Iris Garden is a beautiful botanical garden with a variety of different colorful flowers. Usually, it costs ¥310 to enter, but for one day only **entry will be FREE!** In addition to the 140,000 blooming irises, there will also be various traditional dances, musical performances, tea ceremony, and more.

Directions: Pay parking available, but limited. Take the Shobu-en bus from stop 3 at JR Kinugasa Station.





Experience Japanese Culture

When: June 13 (Sat.) 13:00-17:00

Where: Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 6th Floor
(located between Daiei and the main gate to the U.S. Naval Base.)

What: This Yokosuka International Association event is a great chance to try different Japanese cultural activities, including tea ceremony, calligraphy, kimono wearing, and more!

*Entry is free as are most of the activities, but some require a small fee

Otsu Suwa Shrine Summer Festival

When: June 30 (Tue.)

1st round @ 16:00,
2nd round @ 18:00

Where: Otsu Suwa Shrine (Otsu-cho 4-22-22) a five minute walk from Keikyu Shin-Otsu Station, just next to Otsu High School.

What: Participants in this Shinto purity ritual duck through a ring made of thatched grasses to cleanse themselves of bad luck and sins. There will be two separate rites. Go twice to get doubly pure!

Oppama Matsuri

When: July 12 (Sun.) 11:00-18:00

Where: Oppama Shopping Street (just outside Keikyu Oppama Station)

What: A rowdy parade with beautiful women in extravagant costumes a la Carnivale, hula dancers, Ryukyu drums, Japanese dancing, and wildly shaking mikoshi shrines along with yakisoba and all your favorite matsuri foods. This multicultural festival has EVERYTHING!



YOKOSUKA MUSEUM OF ART

Located at Kamoi 4-1. Open 10:00-18:00
Pay parking available

The Yokosuka Museum of Art's collection includes many artists with a Yokosuka connection. The exhibits rotate about 4 times per year. The first session for FY2015 will run April 25 - July 5 (¥ 310).

Room 4: Asai Kan'emon: *Observations of People*
Room 5: Various artists: *Cityscapes*
Room 6 & 7: Fujita Osamu: *Yokosuka Details*
Room 8: Kimura Risaburo: *City Impressions*



Kimura Risaburo 《city195》 1974

continuing exhibit:

Hokkori Museum: Warm and Fuzzy Feeling in Japanese Art

ends June 14

¥ 900 general entry

YOKOSUKA LIVING

I Want to Ride My Bicycle!

In October, 2014, the mayors of the five municipalities that make up the Miura Peninsula (Yokosuka, Hayama, Kamakura, Zushi, and Miura), held the first ever Miura Peninsula Summit. At the summit, the leaders discussed how to promote the natural beauty and tourism draws of the Miura Peninsula. One of the biggest outcomes of that meeting was the declaration of Miura as a "Peninsula for Cyclists."

Even without any effort to promote or improve cycling here, Yokosuka and the rest of the Miura Peninsula are amazing places to get out on your bike. There are miles upon miles of beautiful coastline, countless hills, and of course plenty of great cafés and restaurants to stop and refuel. In order to take full advantage of the natural draws for cyclists, all five municipalities are working together to make the peninsula even more welcoming to cyclists.

"Cycling aid stations" will be established around the peninsula. The aid stations are designated places for cyclists to rest and make minor repairs; air pumps and puncture repair kits will be available to rent free of charge. JR Yokosuka Station, a designated aid station, is the perfect place to start your cycling adventure. The partnership has also created the website LAUMI (www.laumi.jp/en/), which includes a detailed map of the aid stations and other interesting spots. This English site is an indispensable resource for planning your ride.



Cycling is great fun and excellent exercise, but it does come with some risks. To keep safe it is best to keep in mind the 5 rules for bike safety: 1) Stay in the road; 2) Keep to the left; 3) Yield to pedestrians; 4) Obey safety rules; 5) Wear a helmet. The police also recommend registering your bike to prevent theft and getting bicycle insurance in case you are in an accident.

Whether you want to go for an easy ride along the Tokyo Bay or a full 100 km loop of the peninsula, every type of rider can find something to love on the Miura Peninsula!

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GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Name: Maho Amakasu

Brief introduction: I was born and raised in Yokosuka. I'm in my third and final year at Yokosuka Sogo High School.

What is your favorite thing about Yokosuka?

The best thing is the opportunity to enjoy international exchange. As an exchange student, I went to Corpus Christi, TX. Also, Sogo students can go to Kinnick High School. I had a fun time there. If I didn't live in Yokosuka, I wouldn't have had these international experiences. So I really appreciate these Yokosuka programs.

What is your best memory of those experiences?

Visiting Corpus Christi is my best memory. It was my first time traveling abroad and taking a plane. Of course I was so nervous, but I had the support of the International Association, my host family, my teachers, and many other people. Because of them, I made wonderful memories. Everything I did with my host family was pleasant. Now, I've been supporting this great program as an OG. I hope this program will be known more and it will last forever!

What is your future dream?

My dream is to work internationally. To make my dream come true, I need to communicate with many people. Thanks to the exchange programs, I've made friends from Australia, France, UK, and USA. It's very great to keep in touch with them. Also, I got wonderful friends in Kinnick High School. Of course I will keep in contact with them. I will not only improve at English, but I will continue to try many international exchanges here in Yokosuka.



Maho during Kinnick exchange

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