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Annual Events in Nagareyama That You Can Enjoy with Your Families

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List of Useful Living Information

We hereby introduce to foreign residents in Nagareyama our recommended annual events for enjoyment of family members. Why don't you enjoy Japanese culture as well as local culture in Nagareyama? Check further details including the plan for this year through QR code given in each below or your direct contact with the organizer of each event mentioned below.

<Spring>

Cherry Blossoms Lightened Up at Tone Canal Waterside Park (2nd half of March through 1st half of April)



<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/toneunga-lightup/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

About 130 Cherry blossoms named Yoshino will be in full blossom, showing us colorful and respectful landscape. During night time, 15 Yoshino will be lightened up, inviting us to a fantastic atmosphere. This will happen from 6:00 pm through 9:00 pm. The detailed schedule is to be decided depending on condition of cherry blossoms each year.

(Contact Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association)

Open Gardens (1st half of May)



<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/open-garden/>



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The gardening club in Nagareyama, named KARENTO, meaning 'lovers of flowers' will make available of 16 beautiful gardens including private ones. Every year a lot of fans visit this event from inside as well as outside of the city. Why don't you visit around the gardens with your family?

(Contact City Hall Green Section)



<Summer>

Major Festival at Suwa Shrine and Sacred March with Lights (on Aug. 22-23)

<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/suwa-festival/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

When Sacred NICHIREN, a founder of one of Buddhism schools in Japan, passed away in autumn 1282, many cherry blossoms bloomed, out of season. They used to visit each temple, keeping MATOI, a rod with traditional decorations, hung up and down in the air, accompanied by many lights and cherry blossoms with music created by fan-shaped drums and flutes. Many believers in neighboring cities join for events on August 22 - 23 at Suwa Shrine and Jokenji temple. (Contact with Suwa Shrine and Jokenji temple for details)

Bon Odori Dance at Otakanomori (middle of August)

http://www.ja-toukatsuchuou.or.jp/mokuteki_event.html



Photo by TOKATSU JA



Local JA (Japan Agriculture) members stage Bon Odori Dance at Otakanomori Station Square (South Exit) in the middle of August every year as a part of their contribution to the local community. A lot of interesting booths provide adults and children with various fun such as toys, bouncy ball scooping, shooting gallery and quoits. The climax event is Bon Odori Dance in the cool of summer. Why don't you join with your family in YUKATA (informal cotton KIMONO) and JINBEI (traditional summer clothing for men) ? (Contact with TOKATSU JA for details)



<Autumn>

Nagareyama Firework Festival

<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/nagareyama-firework/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

A firework festival is held along the bank of Edo River at Nagareyama 1-chome to 3-chome. 'Sky Musical' – firework synchronized with music definitely attracts everyone's interest. A wide variety of firework draws a beautiful landscape in the sky, including ones set off rapidly and continuously and ones showing messages. *Time and content of firework is subject to change. (Contact Nagareyama City Hall Tourism Promotion Section and Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Nagareyama Citizens' Festival

<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/nagareyama-citizen-festival>



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Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

Nagareyama Citizens' Festival provide a lot of visitors every year with local product exhibitions, other various events and so on, organized by citizens of Nagareyama and its sister cities. It is held around the gymnasium in the municipal athletic park. (Contact Nagareyama City Hall Community Section)





Big Shimenawa Event at Akagi Shrine (by middle of October) intangible folk-cultural property designated by the City



<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/akagi-festival/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

Ahead of the foremost festival of Akagi Shinto Shrine, UJIKO, local residents involved in the shrine's operation, together with other residents, make 3 pieces of Shimenawa, a string-shaped rope, and decorations, in 4 groups on early morning of the second Sunday in October.

The biggest Shimenawa has 6.5 meters in length and 500 kg in weight, which is brought up and kept hung in the air before the Torii, the shrine's gateway for a period of 1 year.

(Contact City Museum)

'Theater Night' of Tone Canal (end of September to 1st half of November)

<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/toneunga-theater-night/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

There happens a fantastic event, showing us a mystical world created by river water and lights along Tone Canal, arranged by students of Architecture Department of Tokyo University of Science in collaboration with local residents. This event is full of a wide variety of booths such as restaurants, and workshops.

(Contact Nagareyama-Honcho and Tone Canal Tourism Promotion Section)



Nagareyama Industrial Exhibition

<https://naga3.com/>



Photo by
Nagareyama Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Nagareyama Industrial Exhibition has been held since 2003 organized by Youth Division of the city's Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, for the purpose of development of commercial/industrial companies and vitalization of their areas.

Every year more than 10,000 visitors enjoy to the full over 50 exhibition booths and exciting plans such as Game of the city's official character 'Nagareyaman', performance by Nagareyama Football Club etc.

(Contact Nagareyama Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

<Winter>

Prayer for Loved Dolls at Jokenji Temple (the 1st Saturday of December)

<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/doll-memorial-service/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

At Jokenji Temple (Komagi 704, Nagareyama) the organizing group in Nagareyama has been holding a burning ceremony over 35 years for your loved dolls, giving your appreciation to and praying for them.

(Contact Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association)



JINGARA MOCHI Sacred Event at Miwamoro Shrine (on the 2nd Sunday of January) - intangible folk-cultural property designated by the City



<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/dingaramochi/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

JINGARA MOCHI (rice cake) sacred event is held on the second Sunday of January at Miwamoro Shrine. UJIKO, local residents involved in the shrine's operation, make an offering to God 8-sho (14.4 liters) sake, 8-sho mochi (rice cake), miso soup with 8 kinds of food materials. After a series of traditional Shinto events and the said duty succession to next year's Ujiko team, the climax event takes place. Men, naked from the waist up, enter the worship hall, and try to 'rob' rice cake thrown in there. How the rice cake will be cracked tells a new year's luck, including good harvest. (Contact City Museum)

Hiregasaki OBISHA at Ikazuchi Shrine (on the 3rd Sunday of January) Intangible folk-cultural property designates by the City



<https://nagareyamakankou.com/tourism-information/kaminari/>



Photo by Nagareyama Sight-seeing Association

OBISHA has been a widely-known event at farms in the Kanto region since ancient times, pulling the bow and firing the arrow at the target. Here at Ikazuchi Shrine they show Hiregasaki OBISHA. UJIKO, local residents involved in the shrine's operation, disguising SHICHI FUKUJIN, Japanese Seven Gods of Fortune, fire arrows at Red and Blue Devils near the shrine gateway. Wonderful dinner is served, while KAGURA, sacred music and dancing performance is provided, for exorcising evil spirit and praying for good harvest for the year. (Contact City Museum)