

Events in Higashihiroshima August 2017

※ Event schedules and details are subject to change. Please contact the event organizers before you set off.

Saturday August 5th *Domannaka Toyosaka Heso (Bellybutton) Matsuri*

Time: 16:00-21:30

Location: Toyosaka Fureai Ground

Cost: Free

Access: Geiyo Bus for Toyosaka, from Saijo Station to Toyosaka Shisho-mae. Five minutes' walk from the bus-stop.

Contact: Domannaka Toyosaka Heso Matsuri Planning Committee (tel.: 082-432-3393)



*An event held in the center (the bellybutton) of Hiroshima Prefecture. It features a range of performances, including 'Heso Odori' (bellybutton dancing). There are only a few buses to Toyosaka, so please check the bus times before leaving.

Sunday August 6th *Kugurimon Machi-asobi (tile painting)*

Time: 10:00-12:00

Location: Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center (2F, Kugurimon)

Cost: 500 yen (reservations in advance are necessary)

Access: About five minutes' walk from JR Saijo Station

Contact: Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center (tel.: 082-421-2511)



*A chance to learn about the red roof tiles common in the Saijo area, and to paint a picture on a tile.

Thursday August 10th *Guided walk around the sake breweries*

Reception time: 10:00-11:00

Meeting place: Higashihiroshima City Tourist Information Center (2F, JR Saijo Station)

Cost: Free (aimed at individuals, not large organized groups)

Contact: Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center, tel.: 082-421-2511



*A walk (with commentary in Japanese) around the sake breweries, led by a local volunteer guide. Reservations are not necessary.

Please go to the Higashihiroshima City Tourist Information Center between 10:00 and 11:00. Tours will leave as necessary.

Saturday August 12th *Saijo Bon-dancing*

Time: 17:00-21:00

Location: Mitate Ground (on the north side of Saijo Station)

Cost: Free

Access: Two minutes' walk from the north exit of JR Saijo Station

Contact: Sugii Sake Shop (tel.: 082-422-2671)



*Saijo Bon-dancing began in 1929, and at its peak attracted 100000 people, making it one of the largest festivals in west Japan.

The current festival features bon-dancing, stalls, and fireworks. Please note that there is no car-parking available.

Saturday August 26th-Sunday September 3rd *Art in Sakagura*

Time: 10:00-16:00

Location: various locations around the Sakagura-dori area

(Kamotsuru, Fukubijin and Kamoizumi breweries, Kugurimon, etc.)

Cost: Free (some workshops require a fee for materials)

Contact: Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center (tel.: 082-421-2511)



*Exhibitions of works by students studying art in Hiroshima Prefecture. There will also be workshops.