

## Japanese Events



Date	Japanese	How to read	English
Jan. 1st	お正月	Osyougatsu	the New Year
Jan. 7th	七草	Nanakusa	Eat rice porridge with the seven herbs of spring
Second Monday of January	成人の日	Seijin-no-Hi	Coming of Age Day
Jan. 11th	鏡開き	Kagami Biraki	Cutting a Kagami-Mochi in your house
Jan. 20th	二十日正月	Hatsuka-Syougatsu	the Last day of Osyougatsu
Around Feb. 3rd	節分	Setsubun	the Last day of Winter
Feb. 14th	バレンタインデー	Barentain dei	St. Valentine's Day (Men/Women give gifts for Women)
Mar. 3rd	ひな祭り	Hina-matsuri	Doll's Festival/ Girl's Festival
Mar. 14th	ホワイトデー	Howaito dei	White Day (Men give gifts for Women)
Before Spring	蔵開き	Kura Biraki	Sake breweries start to sell new Sake
Spring	お花見 (春)	Ohanami (Haru)	Cherry blossoms viewing (Spring)
April. 1st	エイプリルフール	Eipuriru Fuuru	April Fool (Trust me, I'm a liar.)
May. 5th	端午の節句	Tango-no-Sekku	the Boy's Festival (or Children's Day)
Jun. 1st	衣替え	Koromo-gae	change your wardrobe for new season
Jun. 16th	嘉祥の日	Kajou-no-Hi	the Sweets Day (enjoy 16 kinds of sweets)
around Jun. 21st	夏至	Geshi	the Summer solstice
Jul. 1st	海開き	Umibiraki	the Opening of ocean beaches to swimmers
Jul. 7th	七夕	Tanabata	the Star festival

Third Monday of July	海の日	Umi-no-Hi	Marine Day
July. 15th or Aug. 15th	お盆	Obon	In specifically, Urabone (盂蘭盆会: from Sanskrit)
Aug. 6th	広島原爆の日	Hiroshimagenbaku-no-Hi	Anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima
Aug. 9th	長崎原爆の日	Nagasakigenbaku-no-Hi	Anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki
Aug. 15th	終戦の日	Syuusen-no-Hi	the Last day of a war
Aug. 15th	十五夜	Juugoya	the Moon viewing
Sep. 1st	防災の日	Bousai-no-Hi	the Disaster Drill Day
Sep. 13th	十三夜	Juusanya	the Moon viewing
Third Monday of September	敬老の日	Keirou-no-Hi	Respect for the Aged Day
Oct. 1st	衣替え	Koromo-gae	change your wardrobe for new season
Oct. 31st	ハロウィン	Harowin	Halloween (Drink and Treat and Cosplay)
Nov. 15th	七五三	Shichigosan	the Seven-Five-Three Festival
Nov. 3rd	文化の日	Bunka-no-Hi	Culture Day
Nov. 23rd	勤労感謝の日	Kinroukansya-no-Hi	Labor Thanksgiving Day (Not Canadian Thanksgiving Day)
Dec. 13th	事始め	Koto-Hajime	the Day for starting new things
around Dec. 21st	冬至	Touji	the Winter solstice
Dec. 24th	クリスマス イブ	Kurisumasu ibu	Japanese style Christmas Eve
Dec. 25th	クリスマス	Kurisumasu	Japanize Christmas
the end of year	大掃除	Oosouji	General winter cleaning
Dec. 31th	大晦日	Oomisoka	New Year's Eve

