

WHAT'S ON IN OKAYAMA?

EVENTS

Kurashiki Two-Day March

Join 5000 other walkers in a 40, 20, 10 or 5km organised hike from Kurashiki City Hall on March 14th and/or 15th.

Starting times vary depending on the course chosen.

Ph. 086-426-3855 ¥2000

<http://www.city.kurashiki.okayama.jp/sports/event/twoday/twodaytop.html>

Kurashiki Haruyoi Akari

The Kurashiki Bikan Area (Kurashiki City) will be illuminated with candles

Mar 18th~22nd 18:00~21:00

Ph. 086-421-7005

National Urban Greenery Fair

The main exhibition site is in Saidaiji and has flower gardens, fruit orchards, seed and plants stalls, art displays and a stage.

Other "green" events will be held around the prefecture, including flower decorations at Okayama Castle and Korakuen Garden.

Mar 20th~May 24th

Main site entry ¥300 (¥350 at door)

EXHIBITIONS

Bizenyaki Pottery Exhibition

Tenmaya Department Store, Okayama

Mar 11th~17th 10:00~19:30

(~16:00 on last day) FREE

Ph. 086-231-7111

Daimyo's Clothing / Kimonos

Hayashibara Museum of Art, Okayama

<http://www.hayashibara-museumofart.jp/>

Until Mar 22nd (Closed Mondays)

9:00~17:00 (Enter before 16:30)

¥300 (SHS ¥200, JHS Free)

Ph. 086-223-1733

Genghis Khan / Mongolia Display

Okayama Digital Museum, Okayama

(In front of Okayama Station west exit)

<http://www.okayama-digital-museum.jp/>

Until Apr 5th (Closed Mondays)

10:00~18:00 (Enter before 17:30)

¥1200 (Stds ¥800, JHS ¥600)

Ph. 086-898-3000

Yoshimura Sakuji's Egypt

Okayama Orient Museum, Okayama

<http://www.city.okayama.okayama.jp/orientmuseum/>

Apr 11th~May 31st 9:30~17:00

¥1200 (Stds/Seniors ¥900, JHS ¥700)

Ph. 086-232-3636

SPECIAL MOVIE

Sour Strawberries is a documentary about the foreign workers in Japan.

www.debito.org/SOURSTRAWBERRIESpromo.pdf

FRANCA (Foreign Residents And Naturalized Citizens Association) and Okayama JALT will run two screenings at Sankaku Okayama (in Omotecho 3-Chome) on Mar 28th. Watch in Japanese from 13:30, or in English from 15:30. A ¥500 donation is requested.

Enquiries: sourstrawberries1@yahoo.com

SPORTS

Pro Baseball Central League:

Hiroshima Carp vs. Hanshin Tigers

Muscat Stadium, Nakasho, Kurashiki City

Mar 21st 13:00 (Gates open 11:00)

¥1500 (Kids ¥500) Ph. 086-803-8222

J2-League Soccer: Fagiano Okayama

Home ground is Momotaro Stadium, in the Prefectural Sports Park, Okayama

Mar 15th, 16:00 vs. Begaruta Sendai

Mar 29th, 12:00 vs. Comsadore Sapporo

¥1300 (SHS ¥500) [¥200 more at door]

<http://www.fagiano-okayama.com/>

Ph. 086-227-5654

JFL Soccer: Mitsubishi Mizushima

Home Ground is in Kasaoka City

Mar 21st, 14:00 vs. Ryutsu Keizai Univ.

¥800 (SHS ¥500) [¥200 more at door]

<http://www.red-adamant.com/>

Ph. 086-440-6651

Women's Soccer: Yunogo Belle

Home ground is in Mimasaka City.

Tickets to most games are FREE.

<http://www.yunogo-belle.com/>

Women's Volleyball: Okayama Seagulls

Home is in Akaiwa City but they also sometimes play in Momotaro Arena, in the Prefectural Sports Park, Okayama

Mar 8th 13:00 vs. Toyota Shatai

¥2500~¥3000 [¥500 more at door]

<http://okayama.v-seagulls.co.jp/>

Ph. 086-252-8035

Motorsports: Okayama GT 300km

Okayama International Circuit

(formerly Aida Circuit) Mimasaka City

Mar 21st~22nd (Gates open 6:00)

Advance purchase two-day pass ¥5000

Sun only ¥7500, Sat only ¥3500 at gate

<http://www.okayama-international-circuit.jp/>

Ph. 0868-74-3311

(See homepage for other events on the circuit:

motorcycles, Formula-Nippon, pedal power, jogging...)

PERFORMANCES

Coba (Accordion)

Renaiss Hall, Okayama

Mar 13th 19:00~ ¥6000

Ph. 086-224-6066

Kurashiki Tenryo Daiko (Drums)

Kurashiki Geibunkan Hall, Kurashiki City

Mar 15th ¥3000 (Stds ¥1000)

Ph. 086-425-1572

Opera "Kaguyahime" (Japanese)

Kuse Espace Hall, Maniwa City

Mar 29th 15:00~ ¥2000 (SHS¥1000)

Ph. 0867-42-7000

Les Ballets Grandiva

Okayama Symphony Hall, Okayama

Comedy Ballet by men in tutus.

Jun 19th 18:30 ¥8000

Ph. 086-224-6066

FLEA MARKETS

South Village Flea Market

Farmers Market Nadasaki, Okayama

Mar 1st, 21st & 29th 9:00~15:00

Cancelled if rain. No food or drink stalls

¥1200 per stall. Ph. 086-944-8215

Okayama New City Flea Market

The open area in front of JR Kitanagase

Station, near Okayama Dome

Mar 8th, 15th & 22nd 9:00~13:00

Cancelled if rain

No food or drink stalls permitted

¥1200 per stall. Ph. 086-944-8216

Sakaso Okayama Flea Market

Okayama Dome, Kitanagase

[Covered. Goes ahead even if it rains.]

Mar 14th 9:00~14:00

No food or drink stalls permitted

¥1500 per stall. Ph. 086-944-8215

Saidaiji Flea Market

In the park next to the site of the Saidaiji

Eyo (Naked Man) Festival

Mar 14th 9:00~13:00

Cancelled if rain. No food or drink stalls

¥1200 per stall. Ph. 086-944-8216

Oranda Dori Flea Market

Oranda Dori (Holland Street), Omotecho

(The paved street parallel to Omotecho

Shopping Mall, behind Symphony Hall)

Mar 15th 10:00~16:00 Cancelled if rain

¥1500 per stall (Food vendors ¥3000)

Ph. 090-4657-4291

All dates and times subject to change. Expect telephone contacts to speak Japanese only, unless otherwise indicated.