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Sightseeing & History of Ichinomiya City

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LUXURIOUS AND GORGEOUS ONE OF JAPAN'S THREE LARGEST STAR FESTIVALS



TEXTILE FESTIVAL-ICHINOMIYA STAR FESTIVAL

Yorozu-hatatoyo-akitsushi-hime-no-mikoto, mother of Ame-no-hoakari-no-mikoto, the spirit enshrined in Masumida Shrine, has long been known as the goddess of weaving. It has been said that it is under her divine protection that this region's weaving industry developed. Every year in July, for four days from the Thursday before the last Sunday, the annual Weaver's Thanksgiving Star Festival is held celebrating this deity and the meeting of the constellations Altair and Vega. The Ichinomiya Star Festival began in 1956 and is now the summer's biggest event due to its gorgeous displays. It has been praised as one of the three largest Star Festivals in Japan, alongside those in Sendai and Hiratsuka. Annually, the number of domestic and international visitors over one million during the four-day festival.

The festival includes the 300 meter-long Onzo Hoken Grand Procession, a parade to Masumida Shrine to pay respects to the goddess of weaving. Other colorful events include Rickshaw Star Festival Parade, a Bon Festival Dance, and Wassyo Ichinomiya.



Bon Festival Dance



Wassyo Ichinomiya





Rickshaw Star Festival Parade

Onzo Hoken Grand Procession



Musical Band Parade



Big Folk Dancing Parade



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POWERFUL NISHAKU BALLS THAT COLOR THE NIGHT SKY



Nobi Fireworks Festival

Every year on the night of August 13th a festival is held before the Nobi Fireworks on the 14th, on which the Nobi Fireworks Festival is jointly held with Hashima City in Gifu Prefecture. On the Kiso River, five makiwara (straw post-constructed) boats appear to provide magical coloring among the approximate 5,000 launched fireworks, including the Owari area's only nishaku (size 20) large firework balls.

The long history of the Nobi Fireworks Festival dates to 1892 (Meiji 25) in which exhibition fireworks and launched fireworks were first held at the Okoshi River Festival. In 1993, the scale of this fireworks festival expanded to surpass previous festivals. The festival has since been hosted jointly by two cities, Bisai City and Hashima City, both located along both narrow and close banks of the Kiso River. The city of Bisai has since been incorporated into Ichinomiya City.

In addition, the center pillar of the makiwara boats has 12 pillar hanging lanterns, representing the number of months in one year. Below these 12 lanterns are 365 small hanging lanterns, representing the number of days in one year. These lanterns, together with lanterns hanging decorated from the eaves of the yakata, which is the small castle roof of the boat, vividly color the surface of the river. (Okoshi)



Bisai Festival

The Bisai Festival is an event in which citizens take part on both Saturday and Sunday of the fourth weekend in October. The main event is held along a route between the Ichinomiya City Hall Bisai Government Office Building and the Bisai First Elementary School. Other than the Orihime Parade, in which two young girls, wearing 12-layer unlined kimonos, are carried in two traditional festival carriages there are also the other colorful parades presented of the Adult Portable Shrine and Costume Parade and the Child Portable Shrine and Costume Parade. (Higashi Itsushiro)

Kazutoyo Festival

The Kazutoyo Festival is held in memory of being the birthplace of Kazutoyo Yamauchi, a celebrated feudal general of the Azuchi-Momoyama Period. Along Ginza Dori of Kisogawa Town, the parade is held featuring Kazutoyo, who wears armor, and also his wife Ochiyo. In addition, various stage events are held for publicly honoring Kazutoyo for his unrecognized good deeds. (Kisogawa-cho Kuroda)



The National Chindon Festival

The National Chindon Festival is held every year in the Hagiwara Shopping District on the fourth Sunday of May and the festival is currently one of only a few festivals in Japan of its kind. The centerpiece of the festival is the National Chindon Contest, in which chindonman, who are musicians dressed in bright colors, play in the street for advertising purposes. Chindonman groups gather from all over Japan and compete to perform.

In addition, the Amateur Chindon Contest is held in the autumn.

(Hagiwara-cho Hagiwara Shopping District)



White Illumination

Every year from the middle to the end of December, While Illumination is a winter event in which the western side parking lot of the Bisai Government Office Building is brightly decorated with 100,000 light bulbs. Various events including live performances given by city residents and also a wadaiko (traditional Japanese wooden drum) performance are given, and the night glitters as a place to relax in the winter. (Higashi Itsushiro)

Event Calendar

| | Event name | Event location |
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| March 25 th to April 10 th | Ichinomiya Cherry Blossom Festival | On the banks of the Oe River |
| April 1 st to April 3 rd | Peach Flower Festival | Masumida Shrine |
| On the current, first Sunday after April 19 th | Iwato Festival | Iwato Shrine (Imaisecho Umayose) |
| End of April | Ichinomiya Azalea Festival | Asano Park |
| May 3 rd to May 5 th | Ichinomiya Riverside Festival | 138 Tower in the Kiso Sansen National Government Park |
| Beginning of May | Morinomiya Market | Held in the area of the Masumida Shrine grounds |
| Fourth Sunday of May | The National Chindon Festival | Hagiwara Shopping District |
| Beginning of June | Japanese Iris Festival | Manyo Park Takamatsu Adjunct Garden (HagiwarachoTakamatsu) |
| Middle of June | Bisai Hydrangea Festival | Mimo Shine(Sanjo) |
| Last Sunday of July and the four days leading up to that Sunday | Textile Festival-Ichinomiya Star Festival | Held throughout the city |
| August 14 th | Nobi Fireworks Festival | North of Nobi Ohashi along the Kiso River |
| Middle of September | Kazutoyo Festival | Kuroda Elementary School |
| August 1st on the Chinese calendar | Shibauma Festival | Hakusan Shrine(Asano) |
| Third Sunday of October | Amateur Chindon Contest | Hagiwara Shopping District |
| Fourth Sunday of October | Amazake Festival | Hachiman Shrine (Tanyouchu, Shigeyoshi) |
| Fourth Sunday and the previous day in October | Bisai Festival | Area around the Ichinomiya City Hall Bisai Government Office Building |
| Beginning of November | Chrysanthemum Flower Contest | 138 Tower in the Kiso Sansen National Government Park |
| Middle of November | Maple Leaf Festival | Bisai History and Folklore Museum Annex |
| Middle to end of December | White Illumination | Area around the Ichinomiya City Hall Bisai Government Office Building |

※The above schedule is planned but may change.