

Local Events – May 2024

Tango Kingdom Dog Run Festa

Dates: May 4th ~ 5th

Open Hours: 9AM ~ 5PM

Location: Tango Kingdom “Syoku no Miyako” (Tottori, Yasaka-cho)

Admission: Free

Spend a nice day running free with your best buddy and other pups at Tango Kingdom’s Dog Run Festa. There will be experiences and games to play with your dog, stalls selling doggie food and clothes, and a dog disc-trick performance on the 4th!



Iris Planting Festival

Date: May 5th (Sun.)

Time: From 11AM

Place: Tenman Shrine (Ichinono, Kumihama-cho)

This local festival, celebrated since the Edo period, prays for health and abundant harvests and is known to



be celebrated in only three places in Japan. Although the event itself does not involve rice planting, the local children sing folk songs and toss iris leaves high up into the sky. It is also registered as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in Kyoto Prefecture.

Golden *Nishijin* Textile Exhibition

Dates: May 10th ~ 12th

Time: 10AM ~ 5PM (Until 4PM on the 12th)

Location: Amity Tango 2F Multipurpose Hall

Admission: Free

Browse through a gallery containing detailed *Nishijin*-style replicas of famous artworks that showcase the mastery of Tango's weavers! Replicas of famous works such as Klimt's "The Kiss" and Hokusai's "Fine Wind, Clear Morning" (plus many more) will be on display.



Japanese Poetry Banquet – *Kyokusui no Utage*

Date: May 18th (Sat.)

Time: 10AM ~ 12PM

Location: Komachi Park (Ikaga, Omiya-cho)

Contact: Kyotango City

International Association

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Enjoy the sensibilities of the season in a traditional Japanese way. Tanka, a centuries-old Japanese poetic tradition with a 5-7-5-7-7 syllabic structure, will be written on the banks of a stream by kimono-clad poets. Poems will be written and read in both English and Japanese for people of all nationalities to enjoy.

If you are an international resident living in the Tango area and are interested in experiencing traditional Japanese culture, please contact the Kyotango City International Association (KIA).

U.S. Army Japan Band Performance

Date: May 25th (Sat.)

Times: Part 1 – 11:00~11:45AM

Part 2 – 1:00~1:45PM

Location: Information Exchange Center @ Tango Kingdom



The U.S. Army Japan Brass Band from Camp Zama will be coming to Kyotango for one of their final shows! Listen to classic favorites and upbeat pops in a casual outdoor setting.

Tango Heavenly Sake Festival

Dates: May 25th ~ 26th

Times: 10AM ~ 5PM

Admission: Free

To reserve a bus tour:

From Kyoto, Osaka, or Kobe –

Hankyuu Bus TEL 0570-01-5589

From Fukuchiyama or

Amanohashidate – Plus Tourist TEL

0773-42-2055



Love Japanese sake?

Experience the finest of Tango's

alcoholic libations in a two-day sake festival! There are bus tours departing from major areas such as Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe, Fukuchiyama, and Amanohashidate. You can also purchase one-day train passes to get around car-free in the area!

There will be free and paid sake tasting options at the breweries. Food will be sold separately at each venue.

Please note that Japan has a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving. Please be safe and coordinate your own transportation to enjoy the event.

Participating Sake Breweries

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- Tamagawa – Kinoshita Sake Brewery (Kumihama)
- Yasakazuru – Takeno Sake Brewery (Yasaka)
- Yoza-musume – Yozamusume Sake Brewery (Yosano)
- Shuten Doji – Hakurei Sake Brewery (Miyazu)

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- Kumi-no-ura – Kumano Sake Brewery (Kumihama)
- Shirakiku – Shirasugi Sake Brewery (Omiya)
- Tango Oukoku – Taniguchi Sake Brewery (Yosano)
- Ikegumo – Ikeda Sake Brewery (Maizuru)

Kumihama “Wan”Paku –

Kumihama Bay Expo

Date: May 26th (Sun.)

Time: 10AM ~ 3PM

Location: Amenity Kumihama Park
(Kumihama-cho)

Enjoy stalls, food trucks, and family-friendly fun along the scenic Kumihama Bay!



Hanago Okada – Now Open!

Dates: 1st Flush – 4/18 ~ Mid-May

2nd Flush – End of May ~ Mid-June

Open Hours: 9:30AM ~ 4:30PM (Last Entry at 4PM)

Admission: Adult – 800 yen

Child – 500 yen

Young children under 6 years old enter for free

*Park will be closed in the event of poor weather.

Come see some seasonal blooms at Hanago Okada! While viewing the rows of colorful blossoms, you can also enjoy their house-made strawberry sweets, like strawberry daifuku. It's a wonderful way to spend a bright spring day!

