

## Local Events – April 2025

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kumihama Doll Festival

**Duration:** Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) ~ April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs.)

**Location:** Inaba Honke and throughout the Kumihama town area

**Open Hours:** 9:00AM ~ 4:00PM (Closed Wed.)

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Inaba Honke TEL 0772-82-2356



Stop by Kumihama's town center to see beautifully crafted Japanese *hina* dolls for a limited time. The Inaba Family Merchant House is famous for their doll display resembling the Imperial Palace in Kyoto. You may also purchase a *take-hina* doll display to commemorate your visit. Each of the *take-hina* dolls are handcrafted with care by local women's groups in Kumihama.

### Cherry Blossom Festival @ Tennyō no Sato

**Date:** April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Location:** Tennyō no Sato (Masudome, Mineyama)

**Time:** 10AM ~ 2PM

**Contact:** Tennyō no Sato TEL 0772-62-7720

Admire the beautiful cherry blossoms within the lush mountain area in Mineyama at this spring festival! There will be handmade soba and konjac jelly on sale, and sweet red bean soup to enjoy!



### CAR & MOTORBIKE 2025

**Date:** April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 10AM ~ 3PM

**Location:** Roadside Station  
Tenki Tenki Tango (Taiza,  
Tango)

**Contact:** Roadside Station  
Tenki Tenki Tango TEL 0772-  
75-2525



Check out a variety of vintage cars at this car event by the seaside! There will be thirty vintage cars and twenty motorbikes on display in the parking lot area. There will also be food trucks and booths! A must-go event for any car or motorbike enthusiast!

### 36<sup>th</sup> Fukuchiyama Castle Festival

**Dates:** April 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) ~ 6<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 10:00AM ~ 4:30PM

**Locations:** Goryo Park, Hirokoji Street, Fukuchiyama  
Castle, and the Welfare Hall Area

Enjoy food, shopping, stage performances, parades, and more family-friendly fun at this major festival in Fukuchiyama!



### Kotohira Shrine's Spring Festival

**Date:** April 9<sup>th</sup> (Wed.)

**Time:** Sunset ~ 9PM

**Location:** Kotohira Shrine (Mineyama)



**Contact:** Kotohira Shrine TEL 0772-62-0225

Food stalls and booths will line the shrine grounds for this seasonal event! Join the locals under the cherry blossoms to celebrate the blessings of spring!

## 95<sup>th</sup> Jyon Noren – Draft Beer & Live Music

**Date:** April 12<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Time:** 6:00PM ~ 9:00PM

**Location:** Former Mikami Residence (1850 Kawara, Miyazu)

**Access:** 14-min walk (5 min drive) from Miyazu Station.

**Admission:** Free (must order one drink)

Enjoy live music and drinks under the cherry blossoms at this traditional Japanese residence! All-you-can-drink alcohol course is 2300 yen. All-you-can-drink course (including soft drinks) is 3000 yen.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Hashidate Beach Cleanup

**Date:** April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 8:30AM ~ 10:00AM

**Location:** Amanohashidate Park (Miyazu)

**Contact:** Amanohashidate Conservation and Protection Office TEL 0772-22-8030



Amanohashidate is a famous landmark known for its sandy white beaches lining a row of green pine trees, resembling a dragon flying towards the heavens. Together with members of the local





community and local tourists, you can make a difference and maintain the natural beauty of one of Japan's Three Great Scenic Landscapes!

## Higiri Fudoson Buddhist Festival

**Date:** April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 9AM ~ 1PM

**Location:** Nyoiji Temple (Kumihama)

An auspicious festival rite performed at this Flower Temple overlooking Kumihama Bay, famous for its mountainsides dotted with fuchsia blooms from the *mitsuba-tsutsuji* azalea.

In the afternoon, visitors can listen to a "Flower Sermon" given by the monk-in-residence.



## Hanago Okada – 1<sup>st</sup> Flush

**Duration:** Mid-April to Early May

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

**Location:** Kitsu-Okada (Amino)

**Admission:** Adult – 900 yen

Child (Elementary School age) – 500 yen

Disabled Persons/Caretakers – 500 yen

Young children 5 & under – Free

Spring is here again, and Kyotango will soon be bursting in all sorts of wonderful colors and blooms. Spend a pleasant day outdoors to enjoy the first flush of blooming flowers at Hanago Okada nestled in the mountain area of Amino. The first flush will feature peach blossoms, begonias, weeping cherry blossoms, canola flowers, azaleas, moss phlox, tulips and more!



## Tango Ancient Village Museum

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Exhibition – “Memories of the Tango Earthquake”

**Duration:** Until April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Open Hours:** 9:30AM ~ 4:00PM (Closed on Tuesdays)

**Location:** Tango Ancient Village Museum (108 Miya, Tango-cho)

**Admission:** Adults – 290 yen

Children (Elementary to Junior High) – 150 yen

\*Group discounts available

It will soon be one hundred years since the Great Tango Earthquake that happened on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1927. Look back at life in the past when the earthquake happened at this special, limited-time exhibition.



## Moto-Ise Kono Shrine's Aoi Festival

**Date:** April 24<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.)

**Time:** 9:30AM ~ 3PM

**Location:** Moto-Ise Kono Shrine

A festival tradition that has continued for over 2500 years. The must-watch festival rites are the *tachifuri* and *kagura* performances.

The festival is also registered as a Kyoto Prefecture Intangible Cultural Property.



## YORU Renga

**Date:** April 25<sup>th</sup> (Fri.)

**Time:** 5PM ~ 9PM

**Location:** Maizuru Red Brick Park

Lively night market with good music, food, and vibes in a historic park by Maizuru Bay. It's the perfect place to relax and have fun after a long work-week. For more up-to-date information and list of vendors, please follow the Instagram account: @yoru\_renga



## Kayadani Festival

**Date:** April 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) ~ 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Times:** Varies depending on the area

**Locations:** Local districts within Kayadani and Nodagawa (excludes Migochi District)



The largest festival of the year in the Kayadani area. Experience the Japanese festival with processions of *mikoshi* shrine-bearers, *yatai* floats, *tachifuri* performances and more.

## O-Fudosan Iwayaji Temple Ritual

**Date:** April 28<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)

**Time:** From 4PM

**Location:** Iwayaji Temple (Taniuchi, Omiya)

**Access:** 7-min drive from Kyotango-Omiya Station, or 15-min walk from the Taniuchi Tankai Bus Stop.



Known by the local community as "O-Fudosan", Iwayaji Temple houses a sculpture of the Buddhist deity Acala (Fudo) that dates back to feudal Japan. On this day, the monks will chant prayers and perform wood-burning rituals for safety and plentiful harvests.

## **Mitsumasa Anno Exhibition**

### **Picture Books of Great Literary Works - Cover Art from the Chikuma Japanese Literary Anthology**

**Duration:** Until June 9<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)

**Hours:** 9:30AM ~ 5:00PM (Last Entry at 4:30PM)

\*Closed on 4/29 and 4/30 due to holiday.

**Location:** Mitsumasa Anno Museum (764 Tani,  
Kumihama-cho)

**Admission:** General – 1000 yen

Junior High/High School – 600 yen

Elementary School – 400 yen



Marvel at the illustrations depicting the works of great Japanese authors such as Kenji Miyazawa, Soseki Natsume, Junichiro Tanizaki, Yasunari Kawabata, and more as painted by watercolor artist Mitsumasa Anno. You can also enjoy the art as printed on the forty-three covers from the original Chikuma Japanese Literary Anthology.