

Festivals/Events

Mid-April to Mid-May

Ikoma Highlands Poppy Festival (Kobayashi Region)
Roughly 250,000 poppy plants welcome visitors.
Location: Ikoma Highlands



Early May

Melon and Mango Fair
At this event, visitors can find local specialty products on sale, such as “Melo-melo Melons” and the “Fully Ripe Mangoes.” You can find them on sale at prices that are cheaper than those offered by typical stores.
Location: Nojirikopia



Late May to Early June

Idenoyama Firefly Love Festival
Visitors absolutely cannot miss this spectacular light show that is put on by the *genji* fireflies (*Luciola cruciata*) indigenous to the Idenoyama region (a rare sight to find in Japan).
Location: Idenoyama Park



Mid-August

Kobayashi City Suki Noryo (Evening Breeze) Fireworks Festival
The fireworks that reverberate throughout the mountains of Suki will absolutely astound the five senses. This seasonal summer tradition features stimulating *yamabiko* (echoing) fireworks that are used to paint the night sky.
Location: Suki Junior High School grounds

Around August

Lake Nojiri Festival
At this traditional seasonal summer event that is held at Nojirikopia, visitors can witness how the cheers of the crowd reverberate throughout the venue in reaction to a variety of on-stage events, lively *taiko* drumming performances, and an aerial firework show.
Location: Nojirikopia



Mid-September

Hagi-no-chaya Flower Festival
Hagi-no-chaya is located along National Highway Route 268. This flower festival is held in conjunction with the blooming of the “*hagi*” (bush clovers - from which the festival takes its name) and “*higanbana*” (cluster amaryllis) flowers. Location: Hagi-no-chaya



Mid-September

Yuparu Nojiri - Higanbana Event
At this event that is held in conjunction with the blooming of the *higanbana* flowers throughout Otsukabaru Park, visitors can find product and produce stalls
Location: Roadside “Station” Yuparu Nojiri



September (Autumnal Equinox)

Inyo-seki Festival
This festival is organized by residents in the local community. Local students delight visitors by putting on truly magnificent *wadaiko* (Japanese drum) dance performances.
Location: Inyo-seki

Mid-September

Suki Kuri (Chestnut) Festival
Taking chestnuts (a specialty product of Suki) as its theme, this festival also allows visitors to participate in chestnut hunting activities.
Location: Sukimuland Kajika-no-yu Hot Springs

Late September to late October

Ikoma Highlands Cosmos Festival
Held at Ikoma Highlands amidst a setting where roughly 1 million cosmos flowers are blooming, this sales event allows visitors to familiarize themselves with various gourmet and local products. Visitors are highly recommended to witness the “Night Cosmos” portion of this event, as they will be treated to a wonderful view of the autumn highlands being illuminated using the light of 20,000 candles and aerial fireworks.



Early November

Suki Hoze Festival
At this event, harvest ritual sumo matches, etc., are held to express gratitude for the year’s plentiful harvest. This festival has been held in the Suki region since antiquity.
Location: Pool-side area upstream from Miya-no-se Bridge

November 23rd (Labor Thanksgiving Day)

Kobayashi Autumn Festival
As this city’s largest event, this event features a *goshinko* (Shinto ritual) procession held to celebrate an abundant harvest of grains, as well as a parade that is held in the city center that features the *Shin-kobayashi-ondo* (dance) and other dance performances, etc.
Location: Kobayashi City center



November 23rd to early January

Kobayashi Winter Festival
It is said that the first ever illumination exhibition in Miyazaki Prefecture was unveiled here at the “Kobayashi Winter Festival.” The Automobile Club at Kobayashi Shuho High School crafts objects shaped as various characters they have designed, such as the “*Hikaru-ressha*” (illuminated train). Using vividly colored lightbulbs, these installations that are found in and around Kobayashi Station provide onlookers with an absolutely breathtaking scene. Visitors are sure to enjoy a dynamic light show.

November to early January

Nojiri-cho Illumination
This event features illumination exhibits that make use of more than 500,000 lightbulbs that are installed throughout the Nojiri-cho area. We encourage visitors to enjoy this wonderful “collaboration” between the “melon streetlamps” and the illumination exhibits.
Location: Oiwake region on National Highway Route 268



Late February

Miyazaki Two-Day March Kobayashi Kirishima Mountain Range Scenic Walk
This event features Miyazaki Prefecture’s largest walking competition. Through this two-day walking event, participants can enjoy walking along the base of the Kirishima Mountain Range and through Kobayashi City. Local community members will extend their warm hospitality to welcome event participants.
Location: Kobayashi General Athletic Park

Late March

Makiba Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival
Lined with 1,000 blooming *Somei-yoshino* trees, this “flower road” invites visitors to travel toward the Ikoma-fuji area. Each year, this area attracts a multitude of visitors who flock to view the cherry blossoms at Makiba. At this festival venue, visitors can find such things as local specialty good exhibitions, on-stage events, and nighttime cherry blossom fireworks, etc., among other most festive attractions. Location: Makiba, Hosono region

Late March

Nojirikopia Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival
300 cherry blossom trees can be found blooming within this park. Local specialty good exhibitions, on-stage events, and a raffle event add to this festival’s lively atmosphere.
Location: Nojirikopia

