

Events and Festivals イベント・祭り

Name	Venue, Date, Contact, etc.
<p>Yosakoi Dance Festival よさこい祭り</p> <p>Well over 100 groups of dancers from around Japan participate in the festival. They dance passionately through day and night with Kochi-style castanets in hand. They compete with each other for prizes based on the originality of their dance steps and costumes.</p>	<p>Venue: Selected places in Kochi City Date: 9th 12th August Enquiry: Tourism Division, Kochi City ☎ 088-823-9457</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th August, 18:30 22:00 Yosakoi Dance Festival Eve at Central Park • 10th and 11th August, 12:30 22:00 Yosakoi Dance Festival at Otesuji, Central Park, Saenba, Atago-machi, Umegatsuji, Masugata, Kami-machi, Mama, Asahi, Chiyori-cho, Obiya-machi • 12th August, 18:30 22:00 Closing Yosakoi Dance Festival • 12th August, 14:00 22:00 All Japan Yosakoi Dance Competition at Central Park and Obiya-machi shopping street • 13th August, 19:30 21:00 Fireworks at Kagami River banks
<p>Doronko (Mud) Festival だろんこ祭り</p> <p>Women paint men with the mud taken from the paddy fields dedicated to the local god. It is hoped that the god will grant good harvests and good health. The men covered with mud are said to enjoy in good health throughout the year.</p>	<p>Venue: Nagahama, Kochi City Date: For a period of three days starting from the first Saturday in April Enquiry: Wakamiya Hachiman-gu Shrine ☎088-841-2464</p>
<p><i>Sawachi</i> Festival (tentative) 南国土佐皿鉢祭り</p> <p>An exhibition of <i>sawachi</i> food, served on grand and gorgeous plates. This cuisine is unique to Kochi.</p>	<p>Venue: Ohashi-dori shopping street, Kochi City Date: In the middle of March (tentative) Enquiry: Tourism Division, Kochi City ☎ 088-823-9457</p>
<p>Manga (comic drawing) Tournament</p> <p>High school students from across Japan compete to show their manga skills.</p>	<p>Venue: Cul-port cultural plaza, Kochi City Date: 8th 9th August Enquiry: Department of Culture and the Environment, Kochi Prefectural office ☎088-823-9791</p>
<p>Ryoma Festival</p> <p>Many events are held to commemorate the birth of Ryoma on 15th November. These include a ceremony to mark his birthday, exhibitions, films, a <i>kendo</i> (martial art) tournament, a tour tracing Ryoma's footsteps, and a symposium.</p>	<p>Venue: Katsurahama Beach, Kochi City, and other places Date: In the middle of November Enquiry: Tourism Division, Kochi City ☎ 088-823-9457</p>