

『Miyazaki's Summer Festivals』

宮崎の夏のお祭り

As the rainy season comes to an end, summer truly begins, bringing with it a host of summer festivals held across the country. For this month's *Living in Miyazaki*, I'd like to recommend three Miyazaki summer festivals, so you can get the most out of summer in our prefecture.



Miyakonojo Roggaddō Okage Festival

The “Roggaddō” is a festival to pray for sound health and a bountiful harvest, and is one of the key events that signal summer's arrival in the Miyakonojo basin. On 8th July, a procession is held from Yasaka Shrine to Kanbashira Shrine with nine floats, all lavishly decorated, featuring large paper lanterns, flute players and taiko drummers. During the main festival on 9th July, there is a ceremonial performance on a 2.5 meter-wide “Okage” taiko drum, followed by the traditional lion dance, and the parade of four *mikoshi* shrines to Kanbashira Shrine.

Date and time: 8th July (Tue) 19:45~21:20; 9th July (Wed) 18:45~19:50

Location: Yasaka Shrine, Kanbashira Shrine, Nishimiyakonojo Station, Miyakonojo Station

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Matsuri Erekokcha Miyazaki 2025

Enjoy a host of dance events held across the center of Miyazaki city, between Kusunamiki-dōri and Tachibana-dōri. There are various stage performances, such as the citizens' general dance, the dance contest, and taiko performances, as well as plenty of food and drink stalls.

Date: 26th July (Sat); 27th July (Sun)

Location: Tachibanadōri, Kusunamiki-dōri

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Hyuga Hyottoko Summer Festival

The Hyuga Hyottoko Summer Festival is a unique event, centered around a traditional dance from Hyuga City. The dancers wear red outfits and masks depicting the “Hyottoko”, “Okame” and “Kitsune” characters, and perform a cheerful, humorous dance down the streets, to a melody played on flute and taiko.

Date and time: 1st August (Fri) 18:00~21:00, 2nd August (Sat) 15:00~21:30

Location: Akugare Plaza (Hyuga-shi Station), Parade Course, Hyuga City town center

Inquiries: Hyuga Hyottoko Summer Festival Committee, 0982-55-0235



Check out these events to experience some Japanese culture and liven up your summer!

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