

Takayama Autumn Festival (Hachiman Matsuri)

October 9, 2023 – October 10, 2023

Yatai Float Festival were registered on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List
Since Dec.1st, 2016

Welcome to the 2023 Takayama Autumn Festival.

Even though the origin of the festival is unknown, it is believed that it started between 1586 and 1692 when the Kanamori family governed the Hida Takayama area. Takayama Festival is regarded as one of the three most beautiful festivals in Japan, mainly due to its magnificent *Yatai*, or festival floats, which have been preserved for around 300 years.

All floats are beautifully decorated with carvings, dolls, elaborately woven thick curtains, lacquerware, and bamboo blinds. These exquisite decorations are found not only on the outside where they are seen by the crowds, but also on the inside, such as under the roof and behind the doors, where elaborate carvings are waiting to be seen.

October 9, 2023

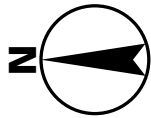
- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Floats Exhibition:
- One float at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- Ten floats on Omotesando Street
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 1:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Procession with traditional costumes, music and performance.
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Four floats parade
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Night Festival – Illuminated float parade
- 8:30 p.m. The floats return to their storehouses.
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October 10, 2023

- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Procession with traditional costumes, music and performance.
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Floats Exhibition:
- One float at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- Ten floats on Omotesando Street etc.
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Procession with traditional costumes, music and performance.
- 4:00 p.m. The floats return to their storehouses.

Please be aware that parades and exhibitions may be cancelled due to rain or risk of rainy day. In this case, you can see the floats inside their storehouses. Please do not touch the floats as they are fragile.

The Float Parade Routes (October 9th)



Legend:



Float Storehouse



Marionette Performance (Daytime only)



Information



Daytime Parade (Only on 9th)



Night Parade (Only on 9th)