

● Upcoming events

● World Meat Festa 世界の肉フェスタ

Meat lovers, take a culinary trip around the world at the Little World Museum of Man this spring, where the many tasty meat dishes on offer range from 1-pound American steak (Sat., Sun & nat. holidays; limited to 10 serves per day), to buffalo skewers from Africa (a 4-skewer set including crocodile, ostrich, camel and buffalo also available), and *Zhà qīngwā* (炸青蛙 / deep-fried frog) from Taiwan (Sat., Sun. & nat. holidays; limited to 15 serves per day). You can also take the 2929 ("Nikuniku") Burger challenge - that's 29cm wide x 29cm high - either alone or with friends (1 & 2 Jul., from 10:00; 2929 Burger limited to 3 per day; 10,000 Yen).



Image courtesy of Little World Museum of Man

There are also special events every weekend, including a Premium Beef Day (13 & 14 May), Urizun Matsuri (traditional Okinawan performances and Okinawan food; 20 & 21 May), a Czech Beer Festa (27 & 28 May), an Aussie Wine and Meat Fes (24 & 25 Jun.) and more.

When: Until Sun. **2 Jul.** (9:30 - 17:00)

Where: The Little World Museum of Man (野外民族博物館リトルワールド), Inuyama City (犬山市)

Access: From Inuyama Stn. (犬山駅) East Exit (東口) on the Meitetsu Inuyama Line (名鉄犬山線), take the Gifu Bus Community (岐阜バスコミュニティ) bound for Little World (リトルワールド); From Nagoya / Meitetsu Bus Center (名鉄バスセンター) take the Tohtetsu Kōsoku Bus (東濃鉄道高速バス) directly to Little World (Buses depart 9:45, 10:45, 11:45 weekdays; 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 on weekends and national holidays).

Admission: Adults & University students 1,700 Yen; Seniors (65 and over) 1,300 Yen; Senior HS students & Foreign students 1,100 Yen; Junior HS & Elementary school students 700 Yen; Pre-school-aged children (3 and over) 300 Yen. (※Proof of age required for seniors; Student ID required for foreign students.)

Charges apply for food and beverages.

Website: <http://www.littleworld.jp/>

● JST Nagoya Hawai'i Festival

JSTナゴヤ ハワイ フェスティバル

A tropical paradise in the heart of Nagoya, featuring Hawai'ian music and dance, sales of Hawai'ian products and displays of Hawai'ian art, as well as an array of workshops, multicultural food, and more to get you in a tropical mood. Don't miss it!

When: Fri. **26** to Sun. **28 May** (scheduled for 10:00 - 20:00)

Where: Oasis 21 (オアシス21) 26 to 28 May; Mochinoki Hiroba (もちの木広場), Nagoya TV Tower (テレビ塔) & Central Park (セントラルパーク) 27 & 28 May.

Access: All venues a short walk from Sakae Stn. (栄駅) on the Subway Higashiyama and Meijo Lines (地下鉄東山・名城線), and Sakaemachi Stn. (栄町駅) on the Meitetsu Seto Line (名鉄瀬戸線)

Admission: Free.

Website: <http://cte.jp/sp/hawaii-fes/>

● Beach Life in Shinmaiko ビーチライフin新舞子

Enjoy a day out at the beach at Shinmaiko, with a Chibikko Beach Undōkai (kids' sports tournament) featuring such events as 4 per team Beach Tug-of-War; as well as Shinmaiko de Beach Volleyball (4 per mixed gender team), Beach Flags, Beach Sandal Tossing and more.



Photo courtesy of Chita City

The Chubu Minato Oasis Tourism & Produce Exhibition (中部みなとオアシス

観光物産展) will also be running, with products from the Chubu-region port towns of Gamagōri (Aichi), Tsu, Toba (Mie), Yaizu, Omaezaki, Numazu (Shizuoka) and Chita City.

When: Sun. **28 May** (9:00 - 16:00)

Where: Blue Sun Beach (ブルーサンビーチ), Shinmaiko Marine Park (新舞子マリナパーク), Chita City (知多市)

Access: A 10-minute walk west (across the Fine Bridge [ファインブリッジ]) from Shinmaiko Stn. (新舞子駅) on the Meitetsu Tokoname Line (名鉄常滑線)

Website: <http://www.city.chita.lg.jp>

● Spring Events at the Museum Meiji-mura 博物館明治村[明治体感]

Take a trip back in time and experience the Meiji period (1868-1912) at the Museum Meiji-mura this spring.

Listen to a concert on a Meiji-era gramophone (weekdays ①11:40 ②14:20; Sat., Sun. & nat. holidays ①11:40 ②15:00; until 25 Jun. at Reception Hall of Marquis Tsugumichi Saigo [西郷従道邸]); try out an antique telephone and connect calls like an old-time telephone operator (weekdays ①11:30; Sat., Sun. & nat. holidays ①11:30 ②13:30; until 25 Jun. at Telephone Exchange, Sapporo [札幌電話交換局]); and see a lively 'Haikara Meiji'-themed variety stage show in the Kureha-za Theater (呉服座) (Sun. only between 4 and 25 Jun. ①13:00 ②15:00). For a more authentic experience, you can explore Meiji-mura in period-style dress (costume rental 3,000 Yen; limited to 10 people per day).



Photos courtesy of the Museum Meiji-mura

You can even experience the taste of the Meiji period, in the 'Meiji Restoration of Food' (until 25 Jun.) with a number of food items, popularized as Western cuisine amid the fusion of Japanese and Western cultures in the Meiji period, and given a Meiji-mura-style reimagining, including Kabuto Beer (first brewed in Handa, Aichi in 1889), rice pudding (adapted from a recipe from the Navy Accounting School), and Infantry 1st Regiment pork cutlet (adapted from the 1900 lunch menu of the Akasaka Infantry 1st Regiment), in addition to the regular menu.

Where: Museum Meiji-mura (博物館明治村), Inuyama City (犬山市)

Access: From Inuyama Stn. (犬山駅) East Exit (東口) on the Meitetsu Inuyama Line (名鉄犬山線), take the Gifu Bus (岐阜バス) bound for Meiji-Mura (明治村), disembark at final stop; From Nagoya (Meitetsu Bus Center / 名鉄バスセンター) take the bus directly to Meiji-Mura (Buses depart 8:40, 9:40 weekdays; 8:45, 9:40, 10:40 on weekends and national holidays).

Admission: Adults 1,700 Yen; University students and Seniors (over 65) 1,300 Yen; Senior HS students 1,000 Yen; Junior HS and Elementary students 600 Yen; Pre-school aged children free. (※Proof of age required for seniors; Student ID required for university and senior HS students.)

Website: <http://www.meijimura.com/>

● The 33rd Arimatsu Shibori Matsuri

第33回有松絞りまつり

Arimatsu in Midori Ward is a 400 year-old artisan's village famous for producing kimonos, handkerchiefs, and *shibori* (絞り) - the term for several methods of dyeing silk, hemp, and cotton cloth with a pattern by binding, stitching, folding, twisting, or compressing it. This festival features a parade, *shibori* demonstrations performed by some of the town's master *shibori* craftspeople, and a workshop where you can tie dye a small towel (1,000 Yen). There's also an Art Craft Fair where both amateur and professional artists will be exhibiting and selling original works.

When: Sat. **3** and Sun. **4 Jun.** (9:00 - 17:00).

Where: Arimatsu (有松), Midori Ward (緑区), Nagoya City

Access: Directly outside Arimatsu Station (有松駅) on the Meitetsu Nagoya Line (名鉄名古屋本線).

● Thai Festival in Nagoya 2017

タイフェスティバルin名古屋2017

A popular early summer event in Nagoya. In addition to Thai food, goods and information booths, there'll be Muay Thai (Thai boxing) and Thai dance performances on the stage, making it an event to enjoy the comforts of Thailand to your heart's content.

When: Sat. **3** and Sun. **4 Jun.** (10:00 - 20:00)

Where: Hisaya Hiroba (久屋広場) in Hisaya Odori Park (久屋大通公園), Sakae (栄)

Access: A 1-minute walk from Yaba-cho Stn. (矢場町駅), Exit 6 (6番出口) on the Meijo Subway Line (地下鉄名城線)

Admission: Free

Website: <http://www.thaifestival-nagoya.jp/> (Japanese)