Local Festivals

The site introduces Shiga’s autumn festivals taking place in October, including the Otsu Festival, one of the three biggest festivals in Shiga.

The Otsu Festival
Yoimiya: October 10(Sat), Honmatsuri: 11(Sun)
The Otsu Festival, with its 13 hikiyama floats that parade around, has been hosted by Tenson Shrine since the early Edo period. It is designated a Shiga Intangible Folklore Cultural Asset. During the "Yoimiya" evening, visitors can get a close-up look at the wind-up dolls and float decorations displayed at the town’s executive residences. On the following day, the 13 floats parade from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm during "Honmatsuri". Festival music is played throughout the parade and good luck chimaki rice cakes are scattered about. The town is filled with vibrant crowds.

Tenson Shrine 3-3-36 Kyomachi, Otsu City
3 min. walk from Otsu Station (JR Biwako Line)
Inquiries: NPO Otsu Festival Hikiyama Federation
TEL: 077−525−0505 URL: http://www.otsu-matsuri.jp

Nagahama Kimono Garden Party
October 17(Sat) 10:00～16:00
"Nagahama Kimono Garden Party" is Japan’s largest Kimono event, where some one thousand women from all over Japan dress in traditional Japanese Kimono and stroll through Nagahama city. Kimono contrasts favorably with the old town and this is Nagahama’s most spectacular day of the year. Many other events and stage performances also take place.

Throughout Nagahama City Motohamacho, Nagahama
15 min. walk from Nagahama Station (JR Hokuriku Main Line)
Inquiries: Nagahama Kimono Garden Party Steering Committee (within Nagahama City Office, Tourism Promotion Section)

Ujisato Festival “Rakuichi Rakuza” 2105
October 24(Sat) 10:00～16:00, 25(Sun) 9:00～16:00
You can enjoy shopping for Hino’s local agricultural products and specialties as well as specialties from Matsusaka and Aizuwakamatsu. Performance of Hino Gun Squad and Samurai Parade re-enact the vibrant period of the warlord Gamo Ujisato.※The contents of the event are subject to change.

Around Hino Town Hall 1-1 Kawara, Hinocho, Gamogun
About 20 min. drive from Shin-Meishin Expressway Koka-Tsuchiyama IC or Meishin Expressway Yokaichi IC.
Inquiries: Hinocho Event Executive Committee (Hino Town Hall Commerce and Tourism Division)
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