

Things to do in Narita 2019



Narita is an international tourism city, home to Naritasan Shinshoji Temple, long renowned as a sacred place; and Narita International Airport, Japan's gateway to the sky. Experience all that Narita has to offer.

Narita Plum Festival

Sat. February 16--Sun. March 3
10am--3pm (The event will be cancelled
in case of rain)/Naritasan Park

About 500 plum trees in the park start to
bloom in February.



Dedication to Naritasan The 31st Narita Drum Festival

Sat. April 13 & Sun. April 14
10am-7pm (till 5pm on 14th)/Naritasan Shinshoji
Temple's precinct & Naritasan Omotesando

- Sengan-hana Taiko (Grand performance joined by hundreds of drummers)/Starts at 10am on both days
- Naritasan 1000year-night Stage (Starts at 5pm on 13th)
- Drum Parade (Starts at 3pm on the 14th)



Sogoreido Hydrangea Festival

Sun. June 2--Sun. June 23
10am-3pm/Sogoreido Temple

Over 7000 hydrangeas of various
kinds are planted in the temple
grounds for the viewing pleasure
of its visitors.

Narita Gion Festival

Fri. July 5-Sun. July 7
Around Naritasan Omotesando Street,
Naritasan Shinshoji Temple among other places

The temple's portal shrine and 10 floats
and stalls are paraded throughout the town
accompanied by dance and music troupes.



To do #1 Stroll along Omotesando Street that retains the ambience of old Edo, and enjoy the old townscape registered as a Japan Heritage.*

Narita has thrived as a temple town to welcome visitor to Naritasan Shinshoji. Omotesando Street, stretching 800 meters from JR/Keisei Narita to the temple is lined with a variety of eateries and souvenir shops. Narita Tourist Pavillion situated amid the street offers visitors information on what to see in the surrounding areas as well as a display of "Dashi", a float to be paraded during the Narita Gion Festival. Townscapes of Naritasan Omotesando are popular among domestic and overseas visitors alike.

*Japan Heritage: Narita City, for being an "Edo" closest to overseas, has been designated as a Japan Heritage site, under the title "An Edo Travelogue through Four Hokusyo Cities", along with Sakura, Katori, and Choshi.

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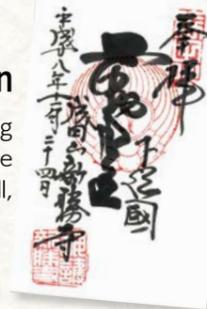


To do #6 Commemorate your visit to the temple Get "Goshuin" (a stamp in red ink) to mark your visit to Naritasan

Goshuin is a note book made for collecting the unique stamps and calligraphy writing to prove your visit to a temple/shrine. Naritasan's Goshuin features the image of the temple's main deity. You can have your notebook stamped at the grand main hall, Komyo hall, Shaka hall, Shusse-inari, and the peace tower.



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To do #2 Taste the local EEL cuisine, freshly served

Blessed with fisheries of Tone River and Lake Imba, Narita has been serving eel cuisine to its visitors. Restaurants offering this specialty line up Naritasan Omotesando Street; some of which give a show of filleting eel at the storefront.

More about the experience Eateries offering eel dishes are mainly clustered around Naritasan Omotesando St. and Lake Imba.



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※Narita Eel Festival takes place every year between mid-July and late August at Omotesando St. along with other places in the city. You can join the "stamp rally" that gives you chances to win a lottery for grand prizes by dining or shopping at member shops/restaurants.

To do #3 A Line up of Items Available Only in Narita Shopping around for souvenirs in Narita

Take a stroll in Narita and you will come across a variety of souvenirs, namely, Tsukudani (Food cooked in soy sauce for preservation), pickles, rice crackers, Yokan (Sweet Bean Jelly), dairy products, Sake, bamboo artefacts, herbs, Unari-kun (City Mascot) and much more. Eat and shop around Narita to find items of your fancy.



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To do #4 Explore Japanese and other cuisines of the world in Narita

Popularly visited by guests from overseas including tourists, airport staff and crew, Omotesando Street offers dozens of choices for restaurants that foreign visitors can easily gain access to. Italian, French, Chinese, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese--- name it and you'll find a restaurant that satisfies your palate right there. The street is also lined with restaurants that offer Japanese cuisines such as Tempura, Sushi, Soba, and other traditional dishes.

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To do #5 Pray at the 1st Goma Ritual and make your wish come true at Shinshoji Temple Stay in Narita and experience morning Goma ritual

Goma is a wood-burning ritual practiced every day at Naritasan's main hall; not a single day has gone by without this ritual since the temple's opening. No ritual can be more purifying to one's mind than the prayer made in the quiet and solemn hours of morning. It's best to stay at the temple to participate in the morning practice.

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Stay

Goma



Sho-Go-Ku Mairi (January-May-September Visit)
It's been said that visiting the temple in January, May, and September will get you more blessings than in other months.



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To do #7 Experience peaceful moments

Take a brush and try your hand at Shakyo (Transcription of sutras)

Shakyo is provided daily at the peace tower's Reiko-den hall. On the Shakyo paper lightly inked copy of a sutra is printed, allowing the beginners to practice calligraphy easily by tracing the copy. Get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and relax in peace and serenity through Shakyo.

More about the experience Place: Shakyo Dojo, Reiko-den hall, Peace Tower 1F Time: 8am-4pm (Reception closes at 3pm) ※No reservation required Fee: Hannya Shingyo (Heart Sutra)/2000yen Gohogo (Sutra's short version)/1000yen



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To do #8 Take a stroll through the Japanese Gardens of Naritasan, enjoyable year around Tour of Naritasan Park



At the back of Naritasan Shinshoji Temple stretches Naritasan Gardens rich in nature. The 16.5ha park is adorned with falls and ponds as well as seasonal fauna and flora such as plum and cherry blossom trees, azaleas, maple trees. Inside the park is also Naritasan Calligraphy Museum that showcases both modern and ancient works of China and Japan, captivating the attention of experts and amateurs alike. One of the must-sees at the museum is "Suikinkutsu", a garden ornament in the shape of a jar designed to create a graceful sound.



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To do #9 Heading to Narita Airport Enjoy what the airport offers



All are welcome to Narita Airport. The airport terminals 1 and 2 offer views of runways along with planes taking off and landing at all times. Visitors can enjoy not only shopping and dining, but a variety of fun events including art exhibitions. Nearby is the Museum of Aeronautical Science, the first of its kind in Japan that allows its visitors to enjoy a hands-on experience of the cockpit.

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To do #10 The City's Prime Spot for Watching Planes "Aircraft Spotting" is the name of the game at Sakura-no-yama.

Sakura-no-yama park overlooks Narita Airport's runways and Terminal 1 that offers a close look at planes taking-off and landing. It is often used as a prime location for shooting TV dramas and films, and is named among the 100 most scenic views in Chiba. It's also famed for cherry blossom viewing in spring. Inside is Sora-no-eki Sakurakan where fresh local produce, specialties, and souvenirs are on sale.

※Other plane spotting haunts in Narita: Sakura-no-oka Hill and Touun-no-oka Hill

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Naritasan Shinshoji Temple Antique Fair
Every 28th of every month (except January)
Opens from 7am to 4pm at the temple's front square

New Year's Visit to Naritasan Shinshoji Temple (January)
The temple is one of Japan's leading temples with a history of over 1000 years, drawing some 3 million visitors in the first three days of a new year. Sogo Reido is a renowned sanctuary dedicated to Sogo Sakura, a martyr of the Edo period.

Setsubun-e (Bean Throwing Ceremony) Sun. February 3
Naritasan is famous for its Setsubun-e Festival. Actors of the NHK Taiga drama (historical drama) come to the venue to scatter beans to celebrate the occasion. At Sogo-Reido sanctuary, stunts such as the "women's bean scatter" and "ladder top" will be performed.

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— Narita Seasonal Festivals — Event Information for 2019

Narita offers a variety of seasonal events, below is the list of events that you can enjoy in Narita.

| January | |
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| 1 | Hatsumode (New Year's Visit to Shinshoji Temple) New Year Celebration for Aviation Safety |
| February | |
| 3 | Naritasan Setsubun-e (Bean Throwing Festival) Sogo Reido Sanctuary Setsubun-e |
| 16-March 3 | Naria Plum Blossom Festival |
| April | |
| 1-8 | Naritasan Flower Festival (Parade on 7th) |
| 3 | Odori Hanami Dance (Folk Dance wishing for good harvest) |
| 13&14 | Narita Drum Festival |
| 14-29 | Fudo Deity's Grand Tea Ceremony (every Sat. Sun.& official holidays) |
| May | |
| 11 | Naritasan Peace Pagoda Festival/Grand Dance Performance Dedication |
| 18 | Naritasan Candle Noh(traditional dance) Show |
| June | |
| 2-23 | Sogo Reido Sanctuary Hydrangea Festival (every Sunday) |
| July | |
| 5-7 | Narita Gion Festival |
| 13&14 | Hanyu Shrine Morning Glory/Lantern Plant Festival |
| mid July-late August | Narita Eel Festival |
| August | |
| 9 | Namekawa Kannon/Bodhisattva Festival (Lantern Plant Festival) |
| 23&24 | Naritasan Mitama Festival Bon Dance Festival |
| late September | Narita Furusato Festival |
| 31&Sept.1 | Sogo Reido Sanctuary Night Festival |
| September | |
| mid | Narita Traditional Performing Arts Festival |
| mid | Sora-no-hi (Sky Day) Festival |
| October | |
| mid | 2019 NARITA Fire Works Festival in Imba |
| 19 & 20 | Narita String Festival |
| 20-Nov.15 | Naritasan Chrysanthemum Exhibition |
| mid-October-mid-Nov. | Sogo Reido Sanctuary Chrysanthemum Exhibition |
| November | |
| mid-late | Naritasan Park Autumnal Leaves Festival (every Sat., Sun., official holidays) |
| December | |
| 28 | Osame Fudo (Year-end Burning Talisman Ritual) |

To do #11 Walking from the station

Pay a visit to Sogo-Reido and take a stroll along Gimin Road

Areas surrounding Sogo-Reido Temple and Lake Imba are blessed with nature and numerous historic sites. To mark the 350th passing of Matyr Sogo Sakura, Gimin (Martyr) Road has been built on the 7km stretch from Sogo Sando Station to Jinbei Park. Recommended tour course: Visit the museum and treasure house dedicated to Sogoro at the sanctuary, followed by a visit to Magata Shrine filled with mystical ambience while appreciating a 1200 year-old cypress tree, the biggest of its kind in the entire Kanto region. Drop by at the former residence of Sogo and feel the season while enjoying the views of Lake Imba.



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To do #12 Take a dip and relax at Amber-colored hot spring

Enjoy a natural hot spring in Narita

Hot springs in the Hokusou area are of sodium chloride. The ocean-derived spring has moisturizing properties and are effective in relieving fatigue. Why not take a dip and unwind after travelling.



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To do #13 Get in touch with animals

Try your hand at milking a cow at Narita Yume Farm

Besides lectures on how to milk a cow (Holstein) provided twice a day, you can also enjoy a range of other activities such as making sausages, jam, butter, and Cowboy Bread.

More about the experience Milking Experience: 11:30 and 14:30 Free ※You need to pay admission fee to the farm for this experience.
Inquiry: ☎0476-96-1001

※The morning schedule is subject to change during school excursion seasons which run from May to June; and from late September to early November. Please check for schedule updates the day before your visit.

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To do #14 Camping Made Easy at Sakatagaike Park

Camping at Sakatagaike Park



Covering an area as wide as 17ha with Sakatagaike Pond at its center, this park offers an abundance of nature and comfort to citizens. Here you can try camping with ease. 27 tent-pitching sites and outside kitchens are available. A perfect place for a BBQ in nature.

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[Access Information]

■By Train

▶JR

Approx. 60 min. from Tokyo, Shinagawa, Shinjuku station to Narita station by limited express* Narita Express*
Approx. 75 min. from Tokyo station to Narita station by rapid train "Airport Narita" direct line from JR Yokosuka line-Sobu line. Approx. 60 min. by limited express.

▶Keisei

Approx. 36 min. from Keisei Nippori station to Narita Airport Terminal 2 station by Skyliner on Narita Sky Access Line
Approx. 41 min. from Keisei Ueno station to Narita Airport Terminal 2 station by Skyliner on Narita Sky Access Line
64 min. from Keisei Ueno station to Keisei Narita station on Keisei Main Line

■By Car Tokyo to Narita(Get off at Narita IC or Tomisato IC of Higashi Kanto Express Way)

[Access from Narita Airport to Downtown Narita]

■By Train Approx.10 min. from Narita Airport Terminal station or Narita Airport Terminal 2 station to Narita station by JR or Keisei Line

■By Bus Free Shuttle Bus service is available between hotel near Narita Airport and Downtown Narita

[Inquiry]

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