

Newsletter from Gunma G'-now

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Hello! This is G'-now, the tourism newsletter from Gunma Prefecture.

Summer festival is an opportunity to touch with tradition and culture different in each area. Here in Gunma, we have various kinds of summer festivals traditionally organized by local people. Also, fireworks are launched to make the night of summer more excite and alive.

Why not take a chance to visit exciting summer festivals in Gunma!



@ Kiryu Yagibushi Festival

From traditional to the unique, various types of portable shrines are carried in the festivals in Gunma!
You can also get involved in the traditional dance at the festival!

Note: Changes of date and contents of the events (both festivals and fireworks) introduced may occur.

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Gunma-chan,
the mascot character of Gunma Prefecture

1. Shibukawa Heso Festival

Watch the parade of people who paint a face on their belly dancing through the street!

Date: 27 (Sat) July 2013

Place: Around town area of Shibukawa-shi, Gunma

Website:

<http://www.city.shibukawa.lg.jp/kankou/matsuri/shibukawaheso.html> (Japanese)



27 July



3-4 Aug.
(Scheduled)

4. Takasaki Festival

The street of Takasaki gets alive with Dashi floats, portable shrines including Daruma Mikoshi!

Date: 3 (Sat), 4 (Sun) August 2013

Place: Around the area of JR Takasaki Station West Exit

Website: <http://www.takasaki-kankouyukai.or.jp/event/e13.html>

(Japanese)

2. Kiryu Yagibushi Festival

At the festival, people dance traditional, famous Yagibushi dance to the rhythm of hitting barrels.

Date: 2 (Fri), 3 (Sat), and 4 (Sun) August 2013

Place: Honmachi, Suehiro and other Streets in Kiryu-shi, Gunma

Website:

<http://www.city.kiryu.gunma.jp/web/home.nsf/0/540a9bb74311d8f949256a1100092508>

(Japanese)



2-4 Aug.



14-15 Aug.

5. Ojima Neputa Festival

Large neputa floats up to 7-meters-high parade through the town.

Date: 14 (Sun), 15 (Mon/Holiday) August 2013

Place: Main Shopping Street of Ojima-cho, Ota-shi, Gunma

Website: <http://www.ota-kanko.jp/event/summer.htm#0803>

(Japanese)

3. Numata Festival

"Dai-Tengu Mikoshi" portable shrine carried exclusively by women is a sight to see at this festival.

Date: 3 (Sat), 4 (Sun), 5 (Mon) August 2013

Place: Around town area of Numata-shi, Gunma

Website:

<http://www.city.numata.gunma.jp/matsuri/matsuri.html> (Japanese)



3-5 Aug.



14-15 Aug.

6. Ohinata no Hitoboshi

Get the fantastic view of fire rings that are created by spinning the rope with fired straw on the end.

Date: 14 (Sun), 15 (Mon/Holiday) August 2013

Place: Ohinata Bridge in Ohinata Area, Nanmoku-mura, Kanra-gun, Gunma

Website: http://www.nanmoku.ne.jp/modules/kanko/index.php?content_id=6 (Japanese)

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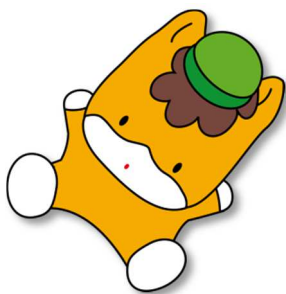


15 July
(Scheduled)

A. Tamamura Fireworks

Come enjoy the earliest fireworks in Gunma! Some 10,000 fireworks are launched amidst the paddy field so you can enjoy the gorgeous sight with nothing to obscure.
Date: 15 (Mon/Holiday) July 2013 (Scheduled)

Place: Near Tamamura Fire Station
(Fukujima, Tamamura-machi, Sawa-gun, Gunma)
Website: <http://www.town.tamamura.lg.jp/index.html> (Japanese)



C. Takasaki Fireworks

As a part of Takasaki Festival, 15,000 fireworks are launched from the riverbed of Karasu River. Take a chance to see the splendid view from close up!

Date: 4 (Sun) August 2013 (Scheduled)
Place: Riverbed on Karasu River
(Takamatsu-cho, Takasaki-shi, Gunma)
Website: <http://www.takasaki-kankoukyoukai.or.jp/event/e13.html> (Japanese)



4 Aug.
(Scheduled)



27 July

B. Tatebayashi Tezutsu Fireworks

Brave tezutsu Fireworks (fireworks holding by a person) is rare display in Kanto Region. Beautiful starmine fireworks are another sight to see.
Date: 27 (Sat) July 2013
Place: Eastern Park of Tatebayashi City Office (1-1 Shiro-machi, Tatebayashishi, Gunma)
Website: <http://www.utyututuji.jp/season-summer.html> (Japanese)



10 Aug.

D. Maebashi Fireworks

13,000 fireworks are launched from the riverbed on Tone River. The main fireworks display is "Niagara" that are set on the bridge and launched continuously to make them like waterfall.

Date: 10 (Sat) August 2013
Place: Riverbed on Tone River
(Iwagami-machi, Maebashi-shi, Gunma)
Website: <http://www.city.maebashi.gunma.jp/kan/ko/398/p004171.html> (Japanese)



24 Aug.

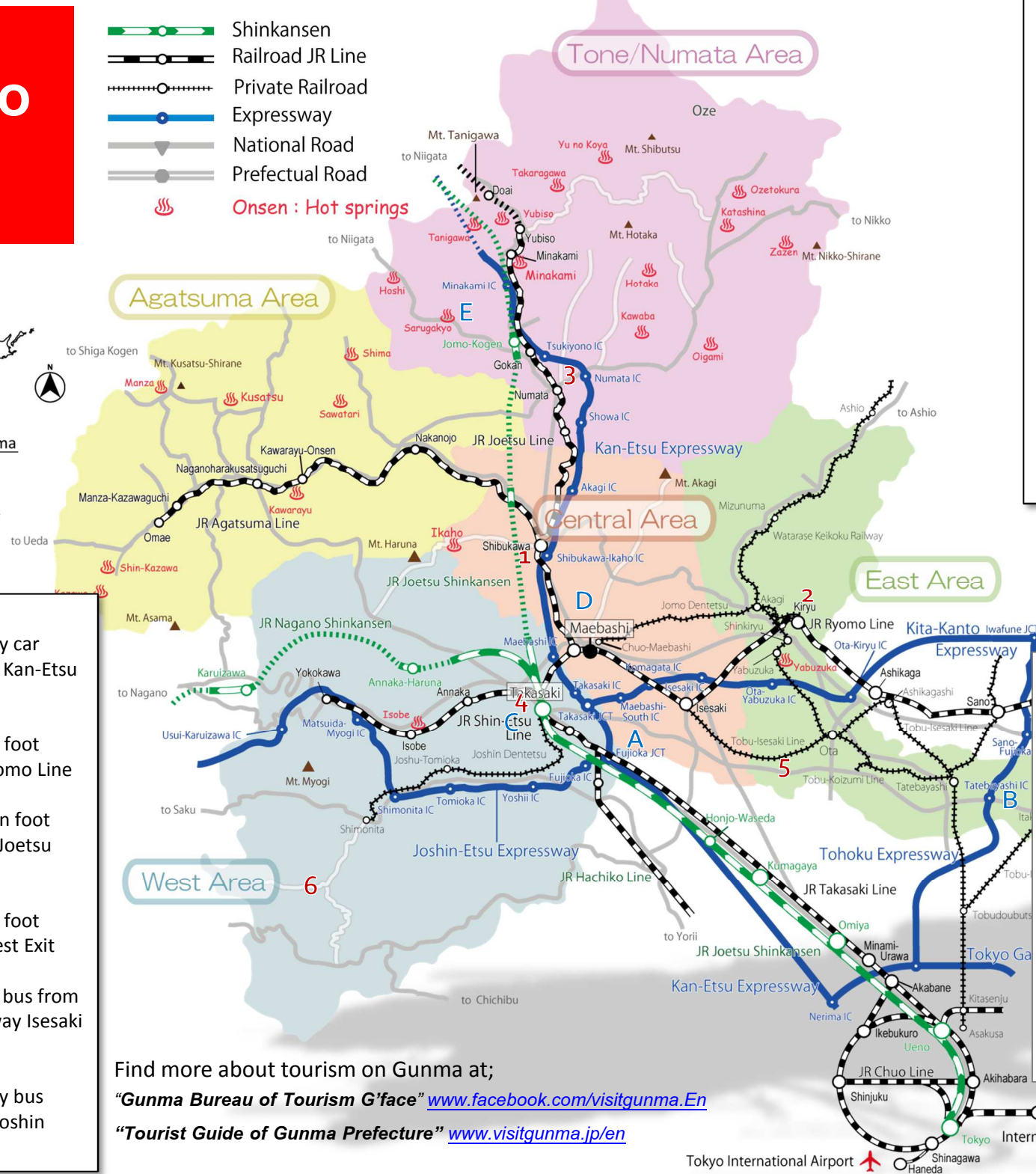
E. Sarugakyo Onsen Lake Akaya Fireworks

Lake Akaya beautifully reflects the colors of about 8,000 fireworks launched from the pier on the lake.

Various events are also organized.
Date: 24 (Sat) August 2013
Place: Sarugakyo Onsen, Minakamimachi, Tone-gun, Gunma
Website: [http://www.saru-gakyo.com/index.html#id1](http://www.sarugakyo.com/index.html#id1) (Japanese)

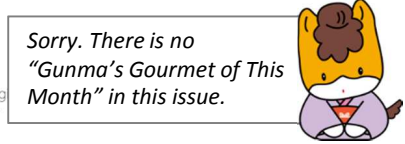
Access to Gunma

-  Shinkansen
-  Railroad JR Line
-  Private Railroad
-  Expressway
-  National Road
-  Prefectural Road
-  Onsen : Hot springs



- A. Tamamura Fireworks**
Access: About 25 minutes by bus from Shinmachi Station on JR Takasaki Line
- B. Tatebayashi Tezutsu Festival**
Access: About 15 minutes on foot from Isesaki Station on Tobu Railway Isesaki Line
- C. Takasaki Fireworks**
Access: About 20 minutes on foot from JR Takasaki Station West Exit
- D. Maebashi Fireworks**
Access: About 10 minutes by bus from Maebashi Station on JR Ryomo Line
- E. Sarugakyo Onsen Lake Akaya Fireworks**
Access: About 20 minutes by car from Tsukiyono IC of Kan-Etsu Expressway

- 1. Shibukawa Heso Festival**
Access: About 10 minutes by car from Shibukawa-Ikaho IC of Kan-Etsu Expressway
- 2. Kiryu Yagibushi Festival**
Access: About 5 minutes on foot from Kiryu Station on JR Ryomo Line
- 3. Numata Festival**
Access: About 10 minutes on foot from Numata Station on JR Joetsu Line
- 4. Takasaki Festival**
Access: About 5 minutes on foot from JR Takasaki Station West Exit
- 5. Ojima Neputa Festival**
Access: About 5 minutes by bus from Kizaki Station on Tobu Railway Isesaki Line
- 6. Ohinata no Hitoboshi**
Access: About 20 minutes by bus from Shimonita Station on Joshin Dentetsu



Sorry. There is no "Gunma's Gourmet of This Month" in this issue.

- Transportation to Takasaki Sta.**
- From Tokyo:**
 - Kan-Etsu Expressway About 60 min (From Nerima IC to Takasaki IC)
 - Joetsu Shinkansen About 50 min
 - Nagano Shinkansen About 50 min (From Tokyo Sta. to Takasaki Sta.)
 - From Haneda Airport:**
 - Express Bus About 135 min (From Haneda Airport to Takasaki Sta. West Exit)
 - From Narita Int'l Airport:**
 - Express Bus About 180 min (From Narita Int'l Airport to Takasaki Sta. West Exit)

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