

● **Transportation**

By JR (via JR Kanazawa station)

From Tokyo station via Hokuriku Shinkansen
 – Approx. 2 hours 30 min
 From Osaka station via Limited Express Thunderbird
 – Approx. 3 hours 20 min
 From Nagoya station via Limited Express Shirasagi
 – Approx. 3 hours 10 min

By Bus

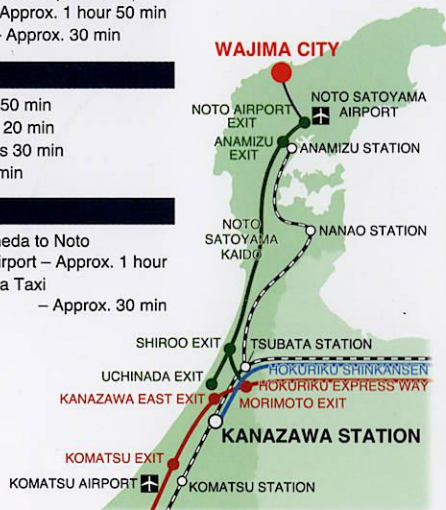
From Kanazawa station (Hokutetsu Express Bus)
 – Approx. 1 hour 50 min
 From Noto Satoyama Airport – Approx. 30 min

By Car

From Tokyo – Approx. 6 hours 50 min
 From Osaka – Approx. 5 hours 20 min
 From Nagoya – Approx. 4 hours 30 min
 From Kanazawa – Approx. 90 min

By Airplane

Tokyo International Airport Haneda to Noto Satoyama Airport – Approx. 1 hour
 From Noto Satoyama Airport via Taxi
 – Approx. 30 min



● **Wajima Kiriko Art Museum Admission Fees**
 (5 years old and under: Free)

	Admission fee per person per visit	
	Individual	Group Discount (more than 20 people)
Adults	630yen	450yen
High School Students	480yen	370yen
Elementary & Junior High School Students	370yen	320yen

● **Hours of Operation/ 8:00 to 17:00 (Open Daily)**

● **Free Parking Available for cars and buses**



輪島キリコ会館
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Sprits energize

People dance

Festivals in Noto sparkle



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Wajima Kiriko Art Museum was registered
 on the Japan Heritage in April, 2015.
 Enthusiastic Kiriko Lantern Festivals
 in the Noto Peninsula

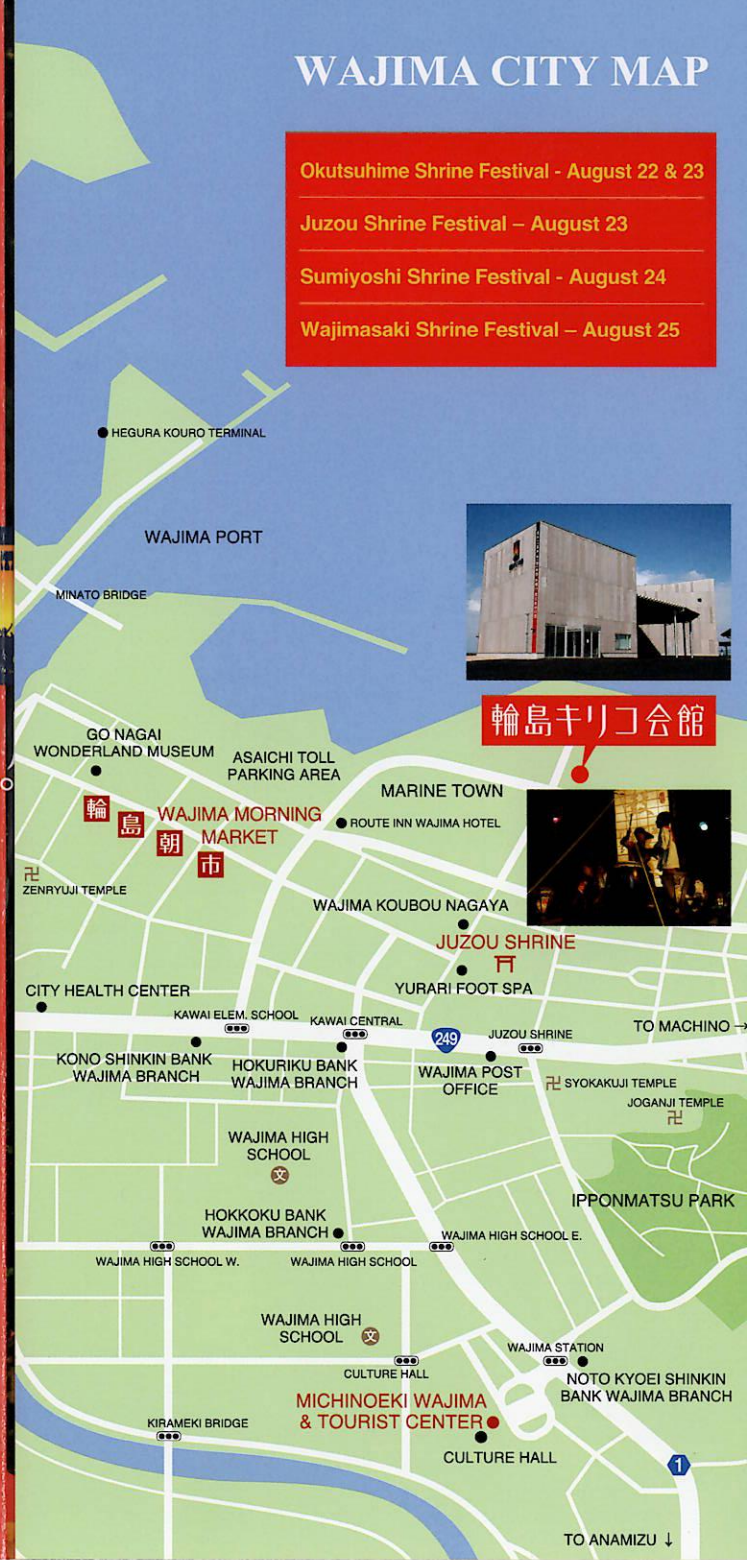
WAJIMA CITY MAP

Okutsuhime Shrine Festival - August 22 & 23

Juzou Shrine Festival - August 23

Sumiyoshi Shrine Festival - August 24

Wajimasaki Shrine Festival - August 25



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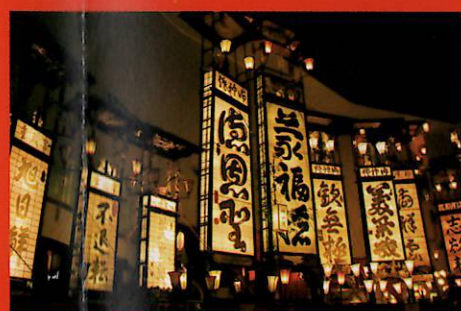


Kiriko embodies the spirit of the festival.

The bright lights of Kiriko burst into the dark night,



Keeping hundreds of years of tradition.



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The people have shared the legend of Noto region for many generations.

The ritual of carrying the portable shrine brings God's blessing of the 'Satoyama Satoumi'.

Projecting into Japan Sea, Noto Peninsula has developed its own unique culture and become 'Treasure Box of Festivals'. "Kiriko Festivals" are the biggest events in Noto. Accompanying portable shrines, gigantic festival lanterns called Kiriko are carried by the parishioners in countryside. Some of Kiriko lanterns can be as tall as 15 meters and as heavy as 2 tons. These types of festivals

can be seen only in the Noto region and take place in more than 200 different areas during the summer season.



Guide to "Kiriko" in the Noto Peninsula

Kiriko (切籠) originally comes from Kiriko-toro (切子 - 灯笼).

From summer to autumn across several areas in the Noto Peninsula, accompanying portable shrines (Mikoshi), gigantic festival lanterns called "Kiriko" are carried throughout the town by the parishioners.

Kiriko is the abbreviated name for "Kiriko-toro" and it is also called "Hoto or Oakashi" around Nakanoto area.

Kiriko in rectangular parallelepiped was set up to all sides and pictured some words written in kanji (Ukiji).

Like family crests with beautiful pictures. Kirikos are decorated with paper lamps (Bonbori) and straw ropes (shimenawa), And when the Kiriko lights are turned on, these images are projected fantastically.

These Kiriko Lanterns with shouldering poles are carried out at night by many people. Some areas have gorgeous Kirikos decorated with elaborated carvings, coated with urushi lacquer and gold leaves. They are sometimes called as "The Floating Lanterns".

The size of the Kirikos range from giant ones over 12 meters in height and 2 tons in weigh that need more than 100 bearers to carry it. Children carries small Kiriko in lively movement.

However, the reduction in sizes of Kirikos can be seen from 4 to 5 meters in height due to appearance of electrical wires and cables.

Main Kiriko Festivals Calendar

As of July 2019

Date	Event	Venue
The 1st Fri. & Sat. in Jul.	Abare Festival	Noto-cho
The 2nd Sat. in Jul.	Nanao Gion Festival	Nanao-shi
The day before Marine Day	Koiji Fire Festival	Noto-cho
The 4th Sat. in Jul.	Matsunami Doll Kiriko Festival	Noto-cho
The 4th Sat. in Jul.	Shiotsukagari Fire-Love Festival	Nanao-shi
The last Sat. in Jul.	Notojima Kouda Fire Festival	Nanao-shi
Jul. 31 - Aug. 1	Nafune Grand Festiva	Wajima-shi
The 1st Sat. in Aug.	Issaki Hoto Festival	Nanao-shi
The 1st Sat. in Aug.	Horyu Tanabata Kiriko Festival	Suzu-shi
Aug. 14	Shingoh Summer Festiva	Nanao-shi
Aug. 14	Saikai Festival	Shika-machi
Aug. 14 - Aug. 15	Okinami Tairyō Festival	Anamizu-machi
Aug. 17	Sosogi Grand Festival	Wajima-shi
Aug. 22 - Aug. 25	Wajima Grand Festival	Wajima-shi
The 4th Sat. in Aug.	Niwaka Festival	Noto-cho
The last Sat. & Sun. in Aug.	Togi-Hassaku Festival	Shika-machi
The 2nd Sat. in Sep.	Omachi/Kawajima Festival	Anamizu-machi
The 2nd Sat. in Sep.	Jike Kiriko Festival	Suzu-shi
Sep. 10 - Sep. 11	Takojima Kiriko Festival/	Suzu-shi
The 2nd Sat. & Sun. in Sep.	Otani Kiriko Festival	Suzu-shi
Sep. 14 - Sep. 15	Syounin Kiriko Festival/Yakkoburi	Suzu-shi
Sep. 16	Yanagida Grand Festival	Noto-cho
The 3rd Sat. & Sun. in Sep.	Ogisode Kiriko Festival	Noto-cho

For further information, please contact each municipal office.