



Japan-related Events in NYC

Overview

A wide range of Japan-related events are held in and around New York City each year by cultural organizations, student groups, businesses, and community partners. This calendar is intended to help Japan Club members and Japanese-language students identify events worth attending during the year. If you know of an event that should be added, please e-mail the following information to tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu: (1) event name, (2) the most recent date or season, (3) location, (4) price, (5) URL, and (6) a very short description.

The following events typically take place across the year, although exact dates, prices, and venues may change:

| Date | Event | Address | Price | Description |
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| Monthly | Japan Society's Film Screenings | Japan Society (333 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017) | \$12-\$20 | The Japan Society screens a diverse selection of classic and contemporary Japanese cinema throughout the year – including retrospectives of seminal directors, thematic series, and special screenings of international, U.S., and NY premieres – and hosts JAPAN CUTS, the largest festival of its kind in North America, in July. https://japansociety.org |
| Monthly | Japan Society's Programs | Japan Society (333 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017) | free - \$40 | Japan Society offers a variety of educational programs in Business & Policy, Family Programs, Community Programs, and Performing Arts. Membership for discount tickets. https://japansociety.org |
| Monthly | Urasenke Chanoyu Center (Tea Ceremony) | 153 E 69th St, New York, NY 10021 | \$315 for 20 ppl | The Urasenke Chanoyu Center offers tea ceremony demonstration sessions. Group demonstration takes place every Wednesday. Please contact them directly for arrangements. http://www.urasenkenewyork.org |
| Monthly | JapanFes (Japanese Street Fair) | Various locations in NYC | Free | JAPANFes hosts Japanese-themed street fairs across different locations in NYC, featuring Japanese cuisine, traditional crafts, art, and entertainment to share Japanese culture with New Yorkers. https://www.japanfes.com |
| Monthly | Events at Japan Village | 934 3rd Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11232 | Free | Japan Village hosts various events including Anime Matsuri, Anime Song Karaoke, Shamisen Performance, and New Year celebration. https://japanvillage.com/ |
| 1st week of January | Mitsuwa NJ: New Year's Special Event and New Year Lucky Bag | 595 River Rd, Edgewater, NJ 07020 | Free | Mitsuwa New Jersey celebrates New Year with traditional Japanese events like Taiko drumming, Mochi pounding, and a Shishimai lion dance. https://www.mitsuwa.com/nj/ |
| late March | Columbia Japan Society Matsuri | Columbia University (New York, NY 10027) | Free | The Columbia Japan Society organizes Matsuri, showcasing Japanese culture through traditional practices, food, and performances for the Columbia community. https://www.columbia.edu/cu/japansociety/ |
| April | NECTJ Virtual Haru Matsuri | Virtual (subject to change) | Free or donation | Nectj Harumatsuri, hosted by the Northeast Council of Teachers of Japanese, is a spring festival with professional performances and cultural activities. |
| April | Roosevelt Island Cherry Blossom Festival | Roosevelt Island | Free | Celebrate cherry blossoms with traditional and modern Japanese performances and a cultural fair on Roosevelt Island. |
| late April | Brooklyn Botanic Garden Sakura Matsuri | 990 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225 | \$18 (\$12 students) | The Sakura Matsuri festival at Brooklyn Botanic Garden celebrates Japanese culture with a wide range of performances and activities. https://www.bbg.org |
| early May | Japan Parade | Central Park | Free | The Japan Parade in NYC is an annual cultural event celebrating Japanese heritage and friendship between Japan and the United States. It features traditional music, dance, martial arts demonstrations, colorful floats, and performances, promoting cultural exchange and community bonding. https://www.japanparadenyc.org |



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| mid May | Asian (AAPI) Heritage Celebration @ LaGuardia Community College | 31-10 Thomson Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101 | Free | LaGuardia Community College hosts an Asian (AAPI) Heritage Celebration with diverse cultural showcases and events celebrating AAPI heritage. |
| late July | Obon Dance (Bon Dance) Festival | Bryant Park | Free | Hosted by the New York Buddhist Church, experience traditional Bon dances in Bryant Park. https://www.newyorkbuddhistchurch.org |
| late August | Anime NYC | Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, 429 11th Ave, New York, NY 10001, USA | \$65+ | Anime NYC is a massive anime convention featuring screenings, panels, premieres, and cosplay. https://animenyc.com |
| July | Japan Cuts (Japanese Film Festival) | Japan Society (333 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017) | \$10-\$25 | Japan Cuts is the largest festival of contemporary Japanese cinema in North America. https://japansociety.org |
| August | Mitsuwa NJ Summer Festival | 595 River Rd, Edgewater, NJ 07020 | Free | Mitsuwa's Summer Festival features food, cultural performances, and family-friendly activities. https://www.mitsuwa.com/nj/ |
| early October | New York Comic Con | Jacob K. Javits Convention Center | \$200+ | New York Comic Con features comics, manga, anime, video games, and pop culture with panels, exhibits, and guest signings. https://www.newyorkcomiccon.com |
| November | New York Japan CineFest | Asia Society (725 Park Ave, New York, NY 10021) | \$12-\$20 | New York Japan CineFest showcases short films and promotes unique talent within the Japanese cinema scene. https://asiasociety.org |

Links

- Japanese Option webpage: <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/>
- Japanese Option Blog: <https://chrysanthemum.commonscs.cuny.edu>
- Japanese Option Discord: Contact tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu for the invitation link
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