

You must visit Yokohama in summer!



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Mayor of Yokohama

Last year, Yokohama attracted a total of 37.61 million visitors who spent a total of 318.8 billion yen. Both of these figures were record-highs. In all parts of Yokohama, from Yamashita Park, the Minato Mirai 21 district, the Motomachi district, Chinatown, and other districts in the waterfront area to the suburban districts with their rich natural settings, events are held in all four seasons. Besides our citizens, these events draw large numbers of visitors and are very vibrant affairs.

It will soon be summer, and a host of fun-filled events are planned for Yokohama again this year. One of them is Yokohama Zoo at Night 2016, which will be held at Kanazawa Zoo, where visitors can observe koalas and eastern gray kangaroos, and two other zoos in the city. Visitors can get a precious look at the animals engaged in activity different from that in the daytime. Another is Maritime City Yokohama Umihaku 2016, where visitors will be able to have fun learning about the wonder of the sea. I would especially recommend it as a source of themes for free study by children during summer vacation. In summer, it is a good idea to go to art and natural science museums to cool off and spend some edifying hours in the process.

“Where should we go and what should we do this year?” With the approach of summer vacation, no doubt many people are enthusiastically making plans for outings or vacations with their children. Summer is the one time of year when they can take a fairly long span of time off. Why not use it as an opportunity to take up challenges long dreamt of or deepen communication with family and friends? Children can make memories they will savor forever as adults. I would like to encourage all to make such summer-vacation memories in Yokohama, which offers an abundance of nature and contact with culture and the arts.



Eastern gray kangaroos



A koala



A blue-winged kookaburra



Indian elephants

The renovated Region of Oceania Invitation to Kanagawa Zoo

The viewing path within the Region of Oceania exhibit brings visitors very close to eastern gray kangaroos.

In the rest area, visitors can observe the blue-winged kookaburra through glass windows.

Besides watching the cute koalas, they can also visit a summer-only zone where beetles crawl around freely, and see an Indian elephant in the Region of Eurasia section.



Beetles

Contact: Kanazawa Zoo

Tel: 045-783-9100

Fax: 045-782-9972

Website: <http://www2.kanazawa-zoo.org>

Yokohama Zoo at Night

Open until 8:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from August 6 (Sat.) to 28 (Sun.), and on August 11 (holiday).

- (1) Zoorasia No admission after 7:00 p.m.
- (2) Kanazawa Zoo No admission after 7:30 p.m.
- (3) Nogyama Zoo No admission after 8:00 p.m.

Admission Adults: (1) 800 yen (2) 500 yen, High school students: (1)(2) 300 yen, Elementary and junior high school students: (1)(2) 200 yen, (1) (2) Free admission for elementary, junior high, and high school students every Saturday (upon presentation of student registration card)

* Please check “From facilities” on the Hama Information page for the addresses, telephone/fax numbers, days when the zoo is closed, and other items for each zoo. Each zoo is normally open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (no admission after 4:00 p.m.).



A cheetah at Zoorasia

Yokohama Sparkling Twilight 2016

July 16 (Sat.) and 17 (Sun.)

11:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.

Yamashita Park and vicinity, and on the sea in front of Yamashita Park (Naka Ward)



Each of these two days, 3,000 fireworks will be launched to light up the nighttime sky in dazzling colors. The festivities include a parade of boats on the sea, a parade down Yamashita Park Street with a pronounced cosmopolitan flair, and food and beverage service at restaurants and bars in the park. Visitors thoroughly enjoy all the charms of Yokohama's waterfront and port area.



Fireworks sparkling in the nighttime sky over the port



A parade of a highly cosmopolitan character



Demonstration of sea rescue skills

Contact: Steering Committee

Tel: 045-681-2353 Fax: 045-681-3735

Know the sea Touch Learn Enjoy

Maritime City Yokohama Umihaku 2016

Yokohama, the city linked by the sea

July 22 (Fri.) and 23 (Sat.), 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Osanbashi Hall (1-1-4, Kaigandori, Naka Ward)

Featuring a presentation by the fish expert Sakana-kun and penguins from Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise, the program includes on-board tours of the deep-sea research vessel Kairei and the sea route survey vessel Baysearch. There is also a wide range of activities to assist free study during summer vacation, such as visits to a pool where visitors can touch waterside animals, a class on rope work, and a ship paper crafts class. Umihaku brings together many of Japan's leading sea-related companies and research organizations to showcase their latest research results and routine activities in simple terms, using scale models and videos. In one zone, visitors will be able to watch videos about the ocean while eating foods linked to the seas off Yokohama. Umihaku will allow people of all ages to have a firsthand experience of the diverse charms of the sea.



Photo courtesy of Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise



Kairei, the deep-sea exploration ship; photo courtesy of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)

Contact: Executive Secretariat

Tel: 045-663-9151 Fax: 045-227-0765 Website: <http://umihaku.jp>

DINO-A-LIVE × Kyoryu-kun

Dinosaur show and talk session

August 20 (Sat.), 21 (Sun.), 27 (Sat.), and 28 (Sun.)

(1) 11:30 a.m.– (2) 1:30 p.m.– (3) 3:30 p.m.– (about 30 minutes per show)

Zoorasia (1175-1, Kamishirane-cho, Asahi Ward)

Seating capacity: 300 per show

Application deadline: August 27 (Sat.)

Participation fee Adults: 1,400 yen, High school students: 900 yen, Elementary and junior high school students: 800 yen (each amount including the zoo admission fee), preschoolers at least 3 years old: 400 yen (free zoo admission)

* Tickets required. Please buy the tickets using the ticketing machines at convenience stores nationwide. At convenience stores other than Lawson, select "JTB Leisure Ticket."

Why not make summertime memories together with dinosaurs?

Zoorasia will hold DINO-A-LIVE, a live experience-oriented show in which two carnivorous dinosaurs will run around wildly right before the eyes of the visitors. The dinosaur expert Kyoryu-kun will also lead a session of talk about dinosaurs that will be entertaining for both young and old. There is also the Summer Night Dinosaurs program open to all free of charge.



Dinosaurs come right up to you!



The hugely popular live dinosaur show

Contact: Zoorasia

Tel: 045-959-1000 Fax: 045-959-1450 Website: <http://www2.zoorasia.org>

A perfect activity for summer – ice skating

Bank of Yokohama Ice Arena

(1-1, Hirodai Ota-machi, Kanagawa Ward)

10:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., open year-round

* Please contact the Arena for information on admission fees.

At the Bank of Yokohama Ice Arena, which opened last December, visitors can skate on the expansive main rink that meets international standards for rinks used in figure skating competitions and ice hockey matches. There is also a sub-rink where beginners can skate at their own pace. Regardless of whether or not you have ever put on a pair of ice skates, why not go for a skate in a cool, pleasant and refreshing indoor rink where you can forget about the heat outside? The Arena is also looking for students for various skating classes. For details, please contact it.



Enjoy an exhilarating skate on the main rink!

Contact: Bank of Yokohama Ice Arena

Tel: 045-411-8008 Fax: 045-411-8010

Website: <https://yokohama-icearena.jp>



Fun at a pool

Outdoor pools are open from July 9 (Sat.) to September 4 (Sun.).

Yokohama has all sorts of pools, including the Yokohama Pool Center and other outdoor pools as well as indoor pools that are open throughout the year. For details, please visit the website noted below.

Contact: Sports Information Center

Tel: 045-640-0055 Fax: 045-640-0024 Website: <http://www.hamaspo.com>

The river pool at the Yokohama Pool Center



Recommended for visiting this summer! Yokohama Tramount Museum

3-1-53, Takigashira, Isogo Ward

9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (no admission after 4:30 p.m.)

* Open every day during summer (July 21–August 31)

Admission fee: Adults and high school students: 100 yen, Elementary and junior high school students: 50 yen

● Free admission for persons aged 65 or over, preschoolers, and persons with certified disabilities (and one attendant)

● Free admission for high, junior high, and elementary school students on Saturday.

Tel: 045-754-8505 Fax: 045-754-8507 Website: <http://www.shiden.yokohama>

The Museum will hold a class for making a railroad model on August 17 (Wed.) and 18 (Thurs.). For details, please visit the website noted above.

<Municipal bus IC 1 day pass > Adults: 600 yen, Children: 300 yen

The pass yields a discount beginning with the third ride. If you purchase the pass by adding the charge for it on your IC card (Suica or PASMO), please tell the driver that you have an IC 1 day pass before touching the pass to the reader when boarding for the first ride.

Applications by reply-paid postcard will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis beginning on July 21 (Thurs.).



There will be an article about the Yokohama Tramount Museum in the quarterly magazine "Yokohama" (the issue out on July 6).

* Available for purchase at the Yokohama City Government Citizen Information Center and major bookstores in Kanagawa Prefecture and Tokyo.

Coming again this year!

Pikachu everywhere!

August 7 (Sun.) –14 (Sun.), Minato Mirai 21 district

This summer, the Minato Mirai 21 district will be filled with Pikachu.

There will be a big parade, a soaking-wet splash show, and numerous other attractions.

Make your most cherished memories of summer together with Pikachu!

Contact:

City Brand Promotion Office, Culture and Tourism Bureau

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Preventing heatstroke ~ Need for caution even indoors ~

Beware of heatstroke on days like this!

- High temperature
- High humidity
- Little or no breeze
- Sudden rise in temperature

To prevent heatstroke:

Take liquids and salt frequently, a little at a time

Wear cool clothes and use a parasol or put on a hat

Take little rests frequently

Try to stay in the shade

When you have heatstroke

- Take refuge in a cool place
- Take off your clothes and cool your body off
- Take liquids and salt

Cautions for the elderly

- Take liquids frequently, a little at a time, even if you are not thirsty!
- Frequently check the temperature in your room

The elderly are at particular risk of heatstroke because their bodies are slower to react to efforts to lower body temperature, and they are liable to be unaware of the onset of heatstroke.

Infants and toddlers require particular attention!

Infants and toddlers require particular attention, because their physical faculties for adjustment of bodily temperature are not yet fully developed. On sunny days, the temperature is higher closer to the ground. Infants and toddlers are therefore in a much hotter environment than adults.

Contact: Ambulance Service Division, Fire Bureau

Tel: 045-334-6748 Fax: 045-334-6785

Website: <http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/shobo>

Let's save electricity and conserve energy again this summer!

The exercise of ingenuity to pass the summer in greater coolness and comfort is linked to savings of electricity and conservation of energy. Try and practice such measures, but make sure you do not put an undue strain on yourself.

- Keep the air conditioning thermostat of the air conditioner in the cooling mode at 28 degrees.
- Keep the air conditioner on for only short periods, and only when necessary (but do not overdo it).
- Interiors are more comfortable if an electric fan is used in combination with the air conditioner.
- Keep sunlight out with curtains or screens.
- When you are going out, it is effective to close the curtains even during the daytime.

Contact: Environmental Energy Division, Environmental Planning Bureau

Tel: 045-671-2675 Fax: 045-641-3490

Website: <http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kankyo/ondan/setsuden/>