

A Festival of Light From Long Ago

Every year, the Yamaga Toro (Lantern) Festival fills the town of Yamaga with a fantastic glow. Hundreds of women dressed in traditional *yukata* and wearing ornate golden lanterns balanced on their heads dance elegantly in the summer

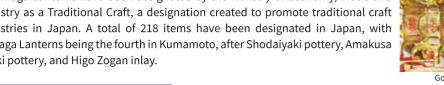
night to the airy melody of the Yoheho song.

The most famous event of the Lantern Festival is the Sennin Toro (Thousand Lantern) Dance, where the flickering lights of innumerable dancers shine in the moonlight as they slowly wind their way around the main stage.

	August 15th Friday			Festi		ival	Sc	hec	lule		August 16th Saturday	
	Kikuchi Riverside	Festival Plaza	Omiya Shrine	Yachiyoza	Yamaga ES Gym	Engei Stage		Festival Plaza	Thousand Lantern Dance Yamaga ES Grounds	Omiya Shrine	Yachiyoza	Engei Stage
10AM				9AM - Open to public 10AM - 4PM Yachiyoza Noryo Show			10AM			10AM-11AM Omiya Shrine Festival Kenpei-shiki	9AM- Open to public 10AM-4PM Yachiyoza Noryo Show	
4PM				4PM - 10PM Open to public	3PM - 8PM	4PM - Culture Association	4PM				4PM -10PM Open to public	
5PM			5PM-10PM Yamaga JC Omatsuri Hiroba (food trucks)		Thousand	ST 3	5PM			5PM-10PM Yamaga JC Omatsuri Hiroba (food trucks)		OT VI
6PM		6:40PM-7:10PM Yamaga Lantern	(tood trucks)		Lantern Dance L	Kuradan Cosplay- zero station- anime song LIVE Deer King ~the Local character Porformance		6:40PM-7:10PM Lantern Dance Kamoto Aq. HS	6:30PM Venue Open 6:40PM-	(lood trucks)		Makoto Umeda nursery rhyme etc. 6:30PM- CRAIN Live
7PM		7:15PM-7:35PM Lantern Dance Kamoto Ag. HS	7:10PM-7:30PM Hi Parade 7:30PM- Purification		Thousand Lantern Dance Lantern Exhibition	Physical Communication Kids dance 7:30PM- Hula Dance	7PM	7:20PM - 7:50PM Yamaga Lantern Nagashi Dance Culture Association	Introduction 7:10PM- Children's lantern			7PM- 07 th train 7:30PM- Capua aloha Rani Live
8PM	8PM-8:50PM Fireworks	Folk Performance Club 7:50PM-8:20PM Yamaga Lantern Nagashi Dance Culture Association 8:30PM-8:50PM Lantern Dance	7:45PM-8PM Lantern offering dance			BPM- Lantern Dance Kamoto Ag. HS Folk Performance Club	8PM	8PM-8:20PM Kids Lantern Dance 8:40PM-9:10PM	8PM-9PM Thousand Lantern Dance			of Era hula dance studio 8:30PM- Old Silent Live
9PM		Lantern Dance Preservation Society 9:25PM-9:45PM Lantern Dance Kamoto Ag, HS Folk Performance Club	rformance (Dal-ich) Shinkin B			9PM- Sanjo Maya song show	9PM	Yamaga Lantern Nagashi Dance Culture Association	9PM-9:30PM Yamaga Taiko			9PM - Kamoto Sanshin Group Okinawa Folk Songs Uta & Shamisen
10PM		10PM-10:30PM Lantern Dance Lantern Dance Preservation Society	8/15(Fri)1Pl 8/16(Sat)10/	Yunohata Park M-10:30PM AM-10:30PM emergency ser	vices.	10PM- Lantern Dance Kamoto Ag. HS Folk Performance Club	10PM	Lantern Dance Yamaga Resident & Non-Resident Participants 10PM - 10:30PM Lantern Dance Lantern Dance Preservation Society		10PM - 12AM Agari Toro Naorai		10PM - Lantern Dance Kamoto Ag, HS Folk Performance Club
11PM	D* 30	Check out the	stamp rally d on both days	esk(until 10:3 	OPM	atest info	11PM			11:40PM-12AM Lantern Dance Lantern Dance Preservation Society		

Yamaga Lanterns - A Traditional Japanese Craft

Yamaga Lanterns have been designated by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry as a Traditional Craft, a designation created to promote traditional craft industries in Japan. A total of 218 items have been designated in Japan, with Yamaga Lanterns being the fourth in Kumamoto, after Shodaiyaki pottery, Amakusa Tojiki pottery, and Higo Zogan inlay.



About Yamaga Lanterns

Yamaga Lanterns are three-dimensional pieces crafted by skilled lantern artists, who carefully fold and glue traditional washi paper into spectacular designs. No metal or wood pieces are used—just paper and glue. As such, they are referred to as hone-nashi toro, meaning literally "boneless lanterns." The Yamaga Lantern tradition started in the Muromachi era (14th-16th centuries), and in addition to their original ceremonial uses, they are now popular as decorations, presents, and souvenirs.



See the lanterns up close! The lanterns paraded to the shrine on

the 16th are available for viewing during the festival at the locations numbered 1 through 30 on the map.



