

Introducing “Fukui Phoenix SGG”

This volunteer group dedicates itself to guiding foreign visitors around Fukui using their English prowess. SGG, Systematized Goodwill Guides, groups are all over the country, but we will introduce Fukui City’s local SGG group.

The Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) promotes the SGG program, and you can even request a group to escort you around a place of your choosing!

Fukui City’s SGG holds monthly meetings and even study sessions for the aforementioned requests when deemed necessary. They also conduct their own events here in Fukui City! For example, trying out *Zazen* at Eihei-ji Temple and making soba somewhere in the city, along with other activities, have been hosted by Fukui City’s SGG group in the past, and their planned activities have received positive feedback by its participants!

SGG consists of members who have gone overseas, those who study English as a hobby, but overall, the most common reason for joining has been “I thought it would be a waste if I were to do nothing with my English studies,” according to the head of Fukui City’s SGG group. Their motto is to simply “have fun without pushing yourself” as they will happily greet new members with a warm smile.

If you have any questions, the name is “Fukui Phoenix SGG” and the contact number is 090-2127-8148



Hina Matsuri at Osagoe

Have you ever heard of Hina Matsuri? It's a celebration where dolls are arranged to represent the emperor, empress, and others in traditional Heian Period attire. This event is to help decorate the dolls at Fukui's famous cultural asset, Osagoe Minkaen Folk Village Museum.

When: Feb. 19 (Thu.) – Mar. 3 (Tue.) from 9:00 – 17:15

*Final admission at 16:45

Where: Osagoe Minkaen Folk Village Museum

Info: 0776-35-1015

William E. Griffis and Katsu Kaishu

William E. Griffis was a man of many connections. During this special exhibition, Griffis and count Katsu Kaishu's relationship and more will be explained by a curator.

When: Mar. 14 (Sat.), 13:00 – 14:30

Exhibition: Feb. 22 (Sat.) – Mar. 22 (Sun.)

Where: Griffis Museum

Yoshitoshi: A Genius Ukiyo-e Master in a Turbulent Time

Said to be the last painter to create a window to daily life in the Edo Period, Yoshitoshi painted from the beginning of the Edo Period until the middle of the Meiji Period. This special exhibition will be introducing around 200 pieces of his work.

Where: Fukui City Art Museum

Duration: Feb. 22 (Sat.) – Mar. 29 (Sun.)

Open: 9:00 – 17:15

*Final admission at 16:45. Exhibition opens at 10:00 on opening day (Feb. 22).

Closed: Feb. 25 (Tue.), every Monday in March

Prices:

Adults:	1000 yen
High school / University students	800 yen
Elementary / Middle school students	500 yen

*Those younger will be granted free admission.
Those with disabilities and their assistant will be granted free admission as well.



- ✓ Discussion: Life in Edo, Tsukioka Yoshitoshi, and more!

Join former Curator Manager at Hiroshige Museum of Art, Maeda Shiori and the current Director of the Fukui City Art Museum, Ishido Hiroaki as they talk about daily life in the Edo Period, the exhibit, and other topics!

When: Feb. 29 (Sat.) from 14:00 onward

- ✓ Curator Exhibition Explanation

When: Mar. 1 (Sun.), 15 (Sun.), 22 (Sun.) from 14:00 onward

- ✓ Atelier Corner: 100 yen per person

1. Color-in art: Monsters by Yoshitoshi

When: Days the museum is open from 9:00 – 16:45

2. Special Coloring Corner

When: Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays from 10:00 – 16:45

***Exhibit ticket holders are granted one free Atelier activity. For example, if you participate in “Monsters by Yoshitoshi”, you cannot take part in the Special Coloring Corner without paying and vice versa.

- ✓ Open Atelier “Children’s Art Museum” (museum ticket required)

There will be various activities all around the museum.

When: Mar. 21 (Sat.) from 10:00 – 15:30

Also Hosting: Fukui University Art Management lecture

Visit the Birthplace of Furi-Cha

Fukui City's Atagozaka Tea Ceremony Museum will be introducing an art form that still lives on in Niigata, Toyama, Aichi, Shimane, Ehime, Kagoshima, and Okinawa prefecture. This unique type of tea is called "Furi-Cha". Related utensils, pictures, archives, etc. will be on display!

Where: Atagozaka Tea Ceremony Museum

When: Mar. 1 (Sun.) – May 10 (Sun.)

Open: 9:00 – 17:15

*During the Atagozaka Light Up period (3/28 – 4/12), the museum will be open until 21:00. Final admission is set to 30 minutes before closing.

Entrance Fee: 200 yen (middle school students and younger, those over the age of 70, and those with mental and/or physical disabilities will be granted free admission.

****There will be more details regarding this event (such as the usual tea ceremonies), so for more, please read the follow-up soon to come in the Feb. 25, 2020 Fukui City Newsletter!**



←Buku-Buku Cha (Okinawa)

Make note the bubbly texture!

Furi-Cha (Kagoshima)→

