

Seasonal Topics

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Beginning of January Doya Doya Sa

A traditional event in Uchinoura. Locals set up a tall pillar of bamboo and burn it, praying for the health and safety of their children. The popping sound of burning bamboo is believed to ward off bad luck.

February to April Cherry Blossoms (Sakura)

* February: Rocket Sakura, as they are lovingly called by the locals, bloom at the JAXA Uchinoura Space Center. They are bright pink flowers.
* End of March: A single cherry tree, named the Tekoten Sakura, blooms bright white on the mountainside.
* April: A row of pale pink sakura trees spanning 280 meters bloom along the river near the Nikaido House.

End of April and September to October

Spring / Fall Eggane Festival

Eggane refers to Japanese spiny lobster in local dialect. Enjoy this seasonal delicacy with sashimi or miso soup in Uchinoura, where eggane is locally fished. To avoid the summer hatching season and the winter off season, the event will be held separately in spring and autumn.

August Summer Festivals

* Uchinoura Rocket Festival: A festival with fireworks, performances, and portable shrines. Takes place at the event space next to the Uchinoura Ginga Arena.
* Nagoshi Don: An event with over 600 years of history, featuring a traditional dance at Kishira Beach. Held from afternoon until evening on August 14th every year.

End of November to Early December

Autumn leaves

The maples at the Doryuji Ruins turn red while the ginkgo at the entrance to the Trace of Koyama Castle turns yellow. Both keep their bright foliage for about two weeks. Because Kimotsuki has a warm climate, these autumnal spots are a special sight.

Third Sunday of October

Koyama Yabusame Festival

An event featuring yabusame, traditional horseback archery (p.3). It is held at Shijukusho Shrine, while other festivities, including a fireworks show the night before, occur in the surrounding area.



Sakura near the Nikaido House



Uchinoura Rocket Festival



Nagoshi Don



Ginkgo at the entrance to the Trace of Koyama Castle

Beaches Uchinoura Beach

Right by hotel Cosmopia Uchinoura. Greater amberjack and yellowtail are raised in the ocean here.

Kishira Beach

(background photo)

Loggerhead sea turtles lay their eggs here in early summer. The babies hatch and leave their nests in August.

Hetsuka Beach

A secluded beach. Surrounded by rivers, mountains, and the ocean, you can experience serene, untouched natural beauty here.

Caution: All beaches have rough waves and sudden deep spots. Swimming is not recommended.

