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"Yura-yurari" hot springs discount ticket campaign in Yumoto



While you might want to stay indoors during the chilling winter, this time of year is also the best for dipping in a natural hot springs bath. That is why Iwaki's hot springs town is holding a discount ticket campaign throughout all of February.

After purchasing a set of 5 coupons for ¥3000 these tickets can be exchanged for free admission at hot spring facilities (1 of the 5 tickets can only be exchanged for hot springs admission), food/drink at restaurants, products and retail stores meals, or other items and discounts at other participating stores. The tickets can even be exchanged for participation in cultural workshops including kimono wearing, jangara performance, how to enter a Japanese onsen bath and more (reservations are required up to 2 days before the workshop).

Some restaurants/shops may require two tickets for the free item. Also bear in mind that not all businesses are participating in the campaign. The tickets can be purchased at Iwaki Yumoto Hot Springs Association or the Wai Wai Shop, which are both located in front of Yumoto Station. They can also be purchased from the Iwaki Town Planning Bureau (inside Horuru), several hot spring facilities and restaurants in Yumoto.

For more information about where you can use the tickets or to apply for the cultural workshops please contact the **Iwaki Yumoto Hot Springs Association (TEL: 0246-43-3017)**.

Once you have purchased the tickets, they are valid until the campaign ends on 28 February 2019. However, there are only a limited number of tickets available and they may sell out quickly.

"Hamacom" brainstorming event for local revitalisation

Do you have some interesting ideas about how to revitalise Iwaki and attract more tourists to the city? Even if you haven't thought of something just yet, you may be inspired after hearing what some locals have come up with in order to help bring life back to Iwaki.

"Hamacom" is an abbreviation of "Hamadori" and "Community". These events involve presentations by people who are passionate about the Hamadori region and have an idea they would like to implement but aren't quite sure how to make it materialise.

For this "Hamacom" event, eight people will present their unique ideas or projects with one of the themes relating to how we can bring more overseas tourists to Iwaki. If you would like to share your thoughts about how we can make Iwaki more attractive for foreign tourists, please come along and contribute to the brainstorming session. Application is not required for the event.

- Date:** Friday 8th February
- Time:** Main Session – 6:30pm-9:00pm (reception opens at 6:00pm); Party – 9:00pm-10:00pm
- Venue:** Furutakiya Hot Springs, Yumoto
- Participants:** Anyone who is passionate about the Hamadori region or is interested in the presentation themes.
- Fee:** ¥1000 (¥500 for university students; free for high school students and younger) ¥1500 for party (Includes 1 drink and 1 food item)
- Inquiries:** Tatakiaje Japan
TEL: 070-6952-6994
Email: info@tatakiaje.jp
Website: <http://hamacom.jp>



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Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): Japanese
10am-6pm daily.
TEL: 0246-25-9344.



Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations on Wednesdays (excluding first Wednesday of month). Please contact **City Hall (Hometown Revitalisation Division TEL 0246-22-7438)** and confirm the date, time and place. Reservations are required for consultations.

For Iwaki City Council of Social Welfare consultations (held at the **Social Welfare Centre**), please contact 0246-23-3320.

Iwaki International Association (IIA)

Official Website: <http://www.iaa-fukushima.or.jp>
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(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.



Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Tsurushibina Festival	Sat 2 nd – Mon 4 th Feb; From 10am-4pm Seiko-kan, Nakanosaku, Onahama	Tsurushibina are decorative hanging ornaments which will be hung around the Nakanosaku area. There will also be cafes, local goods stalls as well as a tea party on the 2nd floor of the Seiko-kan building (held on the 3 rd only). Entry into the building is ¥100 and a further ¥500 to take part in the tea party.	Nakanosaku Project TEL: 0246-55-8177 Email: nakanosakuproject@gmail.com
Setsubun Festival	Sun 3 rd Feb; from 9am (bean throwing from around 11am) Iwaki City Museum of Folklore and Traditional Housing, Kashima, Onahama	Setsubun is a traditional bean-throwing festival held around this time of year to help drive away evil spirits associated with misfortune. At this festival, you can see special charms made of sardine and holly branch placed in front of the entrances of houses to ward off demons. Sweets will also be thrown out to visitors during the bean-throwing.	Iwaki City Museum of Folklore and Traditional Housing TEL: 0246-29-2230
Setsubun Festival	Sun 3 rd Feb; from 11am and 2pm West side plaza of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	At La La Mew's unique Setsubun festival, ehomaki sushi, sightseeing cruise ship tickets, dried sardines and other things will be thrown for the visitors to catch.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Setsubun Festival	Sun 3 rd Feb; from 1pm Shogyo Temple, Yumoto, Joban	For this Setsubun festival, the temple's monks will walk in procession around the neighbourhood while throwing beans.	Shogyo Temple TEL: 0246-43-2576
Setsubun Festival	Sun 3 rd Feb; from 2pm Iino-Hachiman Shrine, Taira	In addition to the bean throwing, arrows are fired at several locations to ward off evil spirits. You can pick up the arrow and take it home as a good-luck charm. Mochi rice cakes will also be thrown out as part of the bean throwing ceremony.	Iino-Hachiman Shrine TEL: 0246-21-2444 Email: hatiman@noteplan.net
Magatama Bead-making in Pairs	Sat 9 th Feb; morning session 9:30am-11:30am, afternoon session 1:30pm-3:30pm Iwaki City Archaeological Centre, Joban	In the lead up to Valentine's Day, why not try and make a special pink-coloured magatama bead with your partner, friend or family? Participants will also receive free magatama-shaped cookies and a hot drink. Participation is ¥500 per person. Pre-registration required by 8 th February. Limit of 20 pairs for each session.	Iwaki City Archaeological Centre TEL: 0246-43-0391
Iwaki Sunshine Marathon	Sun 10 th Feb; full marathon starts at 9am Full Marathon Start: Iwaki Athletics Stadium, Taira Finish: Aquamarine Park, Onahama (all other races start and finish here)	Courses: Full marathon, 10km, 5km and 2km runs plus 2km parent-child team event. Although the entries have long closed for the marathon, you are more than welcome to come along and cheer for the runners for free. Free shuttle buses run frequently from Iwaki, Yumoto and Izumi Stations as well as other locations towards the start and finish points.	Iwaki Sunshine Marathon Executive Committee TEL: 0246-22-7607 Website: http://www.iwaki-marathon.jp/
Thousand String Lottery	Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th Feb; from 9am Central entrance area of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	You can take one attempt at the lottery for every ¥2000 worth of purchases inside La La Mew. Prizes include La La Mew shopping coupons and more.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Thai Festival in Iwaki Yumoto	Sun 24 th Feb; 10am-3pm Furutakiya Hot Springs, Yumoto, Joban	This is a great chance to learn Thai cuisine, Thai-style yoga or soap carving. There will be Thai food, sweets, dance performances and a Thai massage booth among many more attractions. Those who participate in the activities or purchase something at the event will receive a discount entry coupon for Furutakiya Hot Springs.	Hashimoto Liquor Shop - Community Café and Bar TEL: 0246-42-2248

**The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.*

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