

Japan's Vibrant June & July 2026: Major Festivals, Anime Expo, and Sumo Sp

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1. What is the primary focus of the Sanno Matsuri, which is considered a major festival year in 2026, and when does its highlight, the Jinkosai grand procession, take place?

- A) It focuses on traditional crafts and occurs on June 15.
- B) It commemorates the founding of Kanazawa domain and occurs on June 7.
- C) It is one of Edo's great festivals, with the Jinkosai grand procession on June 12.**
- D) It celebrates the rice planting season and occurs on June 24.

2. AnimeJapan 2026, a major anime event, is scheduled to be held at Tokyo Big Sight. Which dates in March 2026 did this year's event take place?

- A) March 15-16, 2026
- B) March 22-23, 2026
- C) March 28-29, 2026**
- D) March 30-31, 2026

3. The Gion Matsuri in Kyoto is a month-long festival. What are the specific dates for the main Yamahoko-Junko (Float Procession) events in 2026?

- A) July 10 and July 18
- B) July 17 and July 24**
- C) July 14 and July 21
- D) July 1 and July 31

4. Fuji Rock Festival 2026 is set to take place at Naeba Ski Resort. What are the confirmed dates for this annual music event in July 2026?

- A) July 10-12, 2026
- B) July 17-19, 2026
- C) July 24-26, 2026**
- D) July 31-August 2, 2026

5. A significant international sumo event is scheduled for June 2026 in Paris, France. Which iconic wrestlers are slated to participate in this tournament?

- A) Asashoryu and Hakuho
- B) Chiyonofuji and Futabayama
- C) Yokozuna Hoshoryu and Onosato**
- D) Taiho and Kitanoumi

6. The Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival celebrates the founding of the Kaga domain. In which specific dates in June 2026 will this festival take place?

- A) June 5-7, 2026**
- B) June 12-14, 2026
- C) June 20-22, 2026
- D) June 28-30, 2026

7. The Tsukiji Shishi Matsuri, or Lion Dance Festival, in Tokyo is happening in its grandest form in 2026. On which date is the main event, featuring a series of mikoshi parades and the lion dance?

- A) June 7, 2026
- B) June 11, 2026
- C) June 14, 2026**
- D) June 30, 2026

8. AnimeJapan 2026 saw an expansion in its exhibition space. In addition to the East Exhibition Hall, which other areas of Tokyo Big Sight were utilized for the event?

- A) West Exhibition Hall and the Sky Arena
- B) South Exhibition Hall and Rooftop Exhibition Area**
- C) Central Exhibition Hall and the Conference Tower
- D) North Exhibition Hall and the Aquatic Arena

9. The Nagoshi no Harae, a purification ritual, occurs nationwide. On what specific date in June 2026 do participants pass through the chinowa (large grass ring) to ward off misfortune?

- A) June 7, 2026
- B) June 14, 2026
- C) June 24, 2026
- D) June 30, 2026**

10. Which of the following is NOT among the confirmed headliners for the Fuji Rock Festival 2026?

- A) Massive Attack
- B) Khruangbin
- C) The xx
- D) Kendrick Lamar**