

SAWARA GRAND FESTIVAL

Autumn Festival

UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

10 - 12 Oct 2025

10:00 - 22:00

Experience the magic of centuries-old floats, festival music, and vibrant dance that celebrates the spirit of Edo Japan.

It's a cultural spectacle you won't forget!



Highlight

No-no-ji mawashi





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The Sawara Grand Festival consists of 3 days during summer and 3 days during autumn. It has been designated as an Important Intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO and is considered one of the greatest float festivals in the Kanto region. The Autumn festival has 14 five-meter-tall floats which carry eye-catching dolls of a similar heights.

The festivals highlight is the acrobatic spinning of the floats called No-no-ji-mawashi, where the float is spun around to resemble the Japanese character (の). This requires immense strength and concentration so as not to stray from the axis. Additionally, the sounds of Sawara-bayashi, one of the three greatest festival musical performances in all of Japan accompanied by the skilful Te-odori dancing is sure to leave an impression.

The second day of this year's autumn festival will feature a once-every-three-years ceremony called Nenban Hikitsugi, where they pass the leader position to the next ward. The other two days, each float will be pulled along a designated route with No-no-ji-mawashi, Sawara-bayashi, and Te-odori on the way.

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Sawara Grand Festival
Digital guide map

Only a 30-minute train ride from JR Narita Station to Sawara Station.

Accessing Sawara

(Terminal 1) JR Narita Airport Sta.		Airport Terminal 2		JR Narita Sta.		Sawara Sta.	
Departure		Arrival		Departure		Arrival	
8:12	→	8:26		8:40	→	9:10	
9:04	→	9:16	→	9:40	→	10:10	
9:59	→	10:11	→	10:40	→	11:10	
10:59	→	11:11	→	11:40	→	12:11	
11:58	→	12:09	→	12:40	→	13:20	
12:59	→	13:11	Change	13:40	→	14:11	
13:58	→	14:09	platforms	14:40	→	15:11	
14:59	→	15:11	at the	15:36	→	16:06	
15:58	→	16:09	same	16:36	→	17:08	
16:32	→	16:47	station	17:09	→	17:43	
16:58	→	17:13	→	17:39	→	18:15	
17:32	→	17:47	→	18:09	→	18:42	
18:33	→	18:45	→	19:00	→	19:30	
18:53	→	19:08	→	19:37	→	20:07	
19:38	→	19:49	→	20:09	→	20:39	
20:28	→	20:40	→	20:43	→	21:12	

Trains from JR Sawara Station
back to JR Narita Station

Sawara Sta.		JR Narita Sta.
11:51	→	12:27
12:53	→	13:25
13:51	→	14:25
14:52	→	15:25
15:56	→	16:26
16:58	→	17:29
17:55	→	18:26
18:31	→	19:02
19:20	→	19:53
20:40	→	21:11
22:16	→	22:46
22:43	→	23:13