



SAWARA GRAND FESTIVAL Autumn Festival

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 (\mathcal{O}). 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.

This year's autumn festival will feature a three-day parade with each float pulled along a designated route. No-no-ji-mawashi, Sawara-bayashi and Te-odori will be preformed across all three days.



Sawara Grand Festival Digital guide map

