

YOSAKOI Sasebo Dance Festival in Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

- **Date:** 2019/10/18(Fri)- 2019/10/20(Sun)
- **Place:** Sasebo City, Nagasaki Prefecture
- **Description:** The biggest event in Sasebo's calendar! Take in the amazing energy of around 170 yosakoi dance troupes in over 10 venues around the city, including the main venue at Nagiri Festival Square. Dancers of all stripes - male and female, young and old - give powerful performances, shaking small wooden clappers called naruko in time to the music.

INFORMATION

- **Station:** JR Sasebo Station
- **Getting to the venue:** 15-minute walk from the nearest station
- **Official website/social media:**
<http://yosa.jp/> (Japanese only)
- **Attendees:** around 265,000 people
- **Local attractions:**
 - Sasebo has an abundance of beautiful nature spots. The jewel in the crown is the Kujukushima Islands (99 Islands), which are a member of the Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club.
 - A large number of historic buildings, such as the Miura-cho Catholic Church.



Experience program

Experience program name: "Jump Into YOSAKOI" Tour

Learn all about yosakoi from an expert guide (a Welcome Supporter or member of the festival planning committee) and have a go yourself. Participants will be given your own pair of naruko, which can be kept after the tour. This is followed by the chance to watch performances from the stands and join in the so-odori (a dance performed by all of the troupes) in the evening.

■ **Selling Points**

- Unique opportunity to join the so-odori dance.
- Hear a talk about yosakoi beforehand - understanding what it's about makes it all the more fun.



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■ Schedule

- **13:00** Meet at JR Sasebo Station (a member of the festival planning committee or a Welcome Supporter will show participants to the dance area)
- **13:30** Hear a talk about yosakoi and try it yourself (participants will wear a happi coat and makeup and be given their own naruko)
- **15:00** Watch yosakoi dancing from the stands at the Nagiri square
- **16:30** Join in the so-odori dance at the parade venue
- **17:00** Tour ends

*Schedule and activities may change slightly by the time of the festival

■ Memo

- This experience program is held on October 19 only
 - Official website of Yosakoi Sasebo Festival: <http://yosa.jp>
 - Yosakoi Sasebo Festival Planning Committee
TEL:0956-33-4351 / FAX:0956-33-1133/E-mail: mail@yosa.jp
- Soup-Up Sasebo, 2F Tourist Exchange Centre, 2-5 Hitsukushi-machi, Sasebo City 857-085257-0852

■ **Selling price:** ¥5,000 (including tax)

■ **Capacity:** Around 10-30 people (October 19 only)

■ Inquiries and reservations

- Inquiry form on the website (Japanese or English OK): <http://yosa.jp/inquiry> • Email address for registration (Japanese or English OK): mail@yosa.jp
- TEL (Japanese only): 0956-33-4351

■ Payment method

Cash payment on the day

■ Cancellation fee

In the unlikely event that you would like to arrange a group tour for this experience, additional discussion about cancellation fees is needed. If a group tour is cancelled, there may be almost no other participants in the activity.