Kagura Festival in Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan

■ Date: 2019/10/5 11:00~21:00 (TBC)

■ Place: Aso City, Kumamoto Prefecture

■ Description: The Namino area of Aso City has a flourishing kagura dance scene. In this festival, a variety of troupes come together to show their moves on an open-air stage at Michi-no-Eki Namino Kaguraen Roadside Station. Some troupes even let you dance with them! When night falls, the performances get even more dramatic, with flaming torches lighting the stage. *May be held indoors in the Aso Gymnasium from this year

INFORMATION

■ Station:

- Getting to the venue: Around 20 minutes by car from Aso Roadside Station
- Official website/social media: Available (Japanese only)
- Attendees: Around 1,000 people

■ Local attractions:

- Visit Yakushima Hot Springs or sample snacks such as manju (a bun with a sweet bean paste filling) from stores nearby
- Enjoy a meal at a local restaurant after watching the kagura dancing performances



Experience program

Experience program name: Special Kagura Experience

Read about kagura performances before donning a costume and trying kagura dancing for yourself. Get the most out of the spectacular performances with an up-close look at kagura dancing.

■Selling Points

- ✓ Watch kagura performances from special seats that are only available for participants in this program.
- √ Take a photo wearing real kagura costumes in a group of up to 10 people (TBC).







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■Schedule

- ➤ 11:00 Start of check in for the performances.
 Visitors will be given a leaflet about the performers at check-in.
- ➤ 12:00 Dress in a kagura costume
- ➤ 13:00~Watch kagura performances from special seats
- **Selling price**: ¥2,000 (admission, dressing in costume, special seats)
- Capacity: 10 people per day (special seats + dressing in costume)

■ Memo

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■ Payment method

*To be discussed with each agency.

■ Cancellation fee

Not expected at this stage.

