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# Takayama Spring Festival

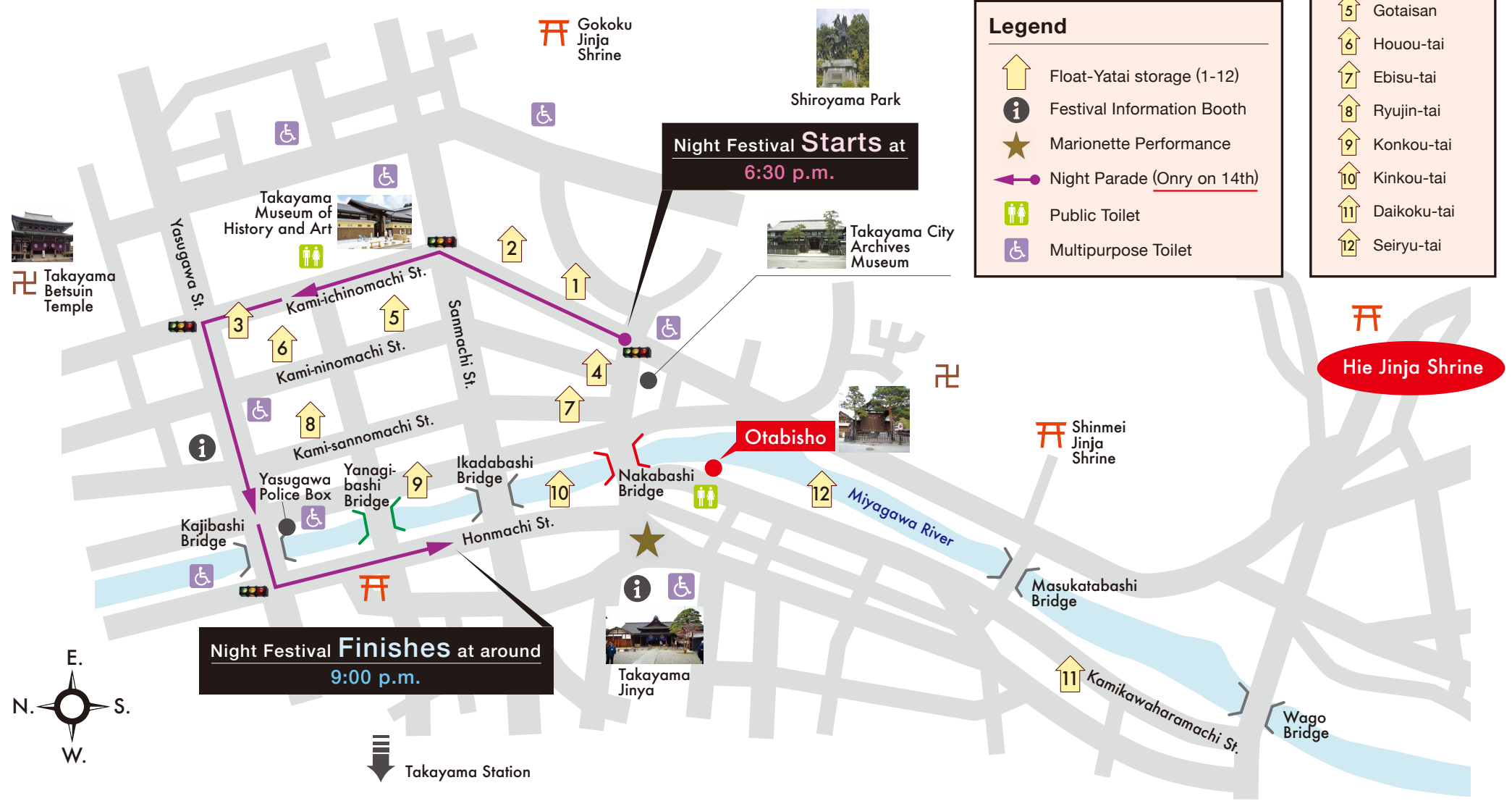
Night festival (Only on the 14th)  
 - Twelve floats parade throughout the town



- 1 Kagura-tai
- 2 Sanba-sou
- 3 Kirin-tai
- 4 Shakkyou-tai
- 5 Gotaisan
- 6 Houou-tai
- 7 Ebisu-tai
- 8 Ryujin-tai
- 9 Konkou-tai
- 10 Kinkou-tai
- 11 Daikoku-tai
- 12 Seiryu-tai

**Legend**

- Float-Yatai storage (1-12)
- Festival Information Booth
- Marionette Performance
- Night Parade (Only on 14th)
- Public Toilet
- Multipurpose Toilet



Takayama Station

# Takayama Spring Festival (Sanno Matsuri)

April 14, 2017 – April 15, 2017

Yatai Float Festival UNESCO'S Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity  
Since Dec.1<sup>st</sup>,2016

Welcome to Takayama spring Festival in 2017.

Even though the origin of the festival is unknown, it is believed that the festival started between 1586 and 1692 when the Kanamori family governed the Hida Takayama area. Takayama Festival is regarded as one of the three most beautiful festivals in Japan. The predominant reason for this is that the main attractions of the Takayama Festival are the magnificent Yatai or festival floats, which have been preserved for about 300 years.

All floats are beautifully decorated with carvings, dolls, elaborately woven thick curtains, lacquerware, and bamboo blinds. These exquisite decorations are found not only on the outside where they are seen by the crowds, but also on the inside, such as under the roof and behind the doors, where elaborate carvings can be found.

## April 14, 2017

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| 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.     | Gathering of the yatai floats:<br>- Eight floats on Shinmei-cho Street<br>- Four floats near the Nakabashi Red Bridge                              |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | Karakuri Marionette Performance at Otabisho near the Nakabashi Red Bridge  |
| 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.   | Gojyunko Procession - A Procession with hundreds of townspeople donning various traditional costume are led by traditional music and lian dancing. |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.   | Karakuri Marionette Performance at Otabisho near the Nakabashi Red Bridge  |
| 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.   | Night Festival - Twelve Yatai floats are paraded   |
| 9:00 p.m.               | Floats are returned to their storehouses   |

## April 15, 2017

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| 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   | Gathering of the yatai floats:<br>- Six floats on San-machi Street<br>- Two floats on Hon-machi Street<br>- Four floats near the Nakabashi Red Bridge |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Karakuri Marionette Performance at Otabisho near the Nakabashi Red Bridge   |
| 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  | Gojyunko Procession - A Procession with hundreds of townspeople donning various traditional costume are hed by traditional music and lian dancing.    |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.   | Karakuri Marionette Performance at Otabisho near the red Nakabashi Bridge   |
| 4:00 p.m.               | Floats are returned to their storehouses  |

*Incase of rain or it is likely to rain, the floats are not gathered on the streets. They are kept in storehouses.*

*Please do not touch the floats, and do not obstruct the procession.*