

What is the 1300th Anniversary of Enshrinement?

The National Treasure "Usa Jingu," one of Oita Prefecture's most renowned tourist sites, is the head shrine of approx. 40,000 Hachiman shrines across Japan. It is also known as the birthplace of Shinbutsu-shugo (the combination of Shinto and Buddhism). This year marks the 1300th anniversary since Hachiman Okami, the divine spirit of Emperor Ojin, was enshrined in the First Hall of Usa Jingu in year 725.



First Hall



South Central Tower Gate
(Imperial Envoy Gate)

Rinji Hobeisai (Chokusai)

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There are 16 shrines nationwide that are known as "Shrines of the Chokushi's Visit," and one of them is Usa Jingu. Additionally, the Kure Bridge becomes a rare sacred bridge that the Chokushi crosses once every ten years.



Chokusai in 2015



Kure Bridge

Events (Will be Updated)	Dates	Places
Noh Theatre Appreciation Event	4/1	Usa Jingu
West Gate Completion Celebration Ceremony	5/2	Usa Jingu
Special Worth Ship at the National Treasure Main Shrine	5/3~6	Usa Jingu
The 83rd Shogi Meijin Match, Game 4	5/17~18	Usa Jingu
Miko (Shrine-Maiden) Experience	Start from June	Usa Jingu
Goshinkosai & Yabusame Ritual	7/31~8/2	Usa Jingu
Rinji Hobeisai (Chokusai) 、 Ogasawara & Takeda School Yabusame Ritual, Fireworks Festival	Beginning of Oct.	Usa Jingu
【TBD】 Ancient Usa Era Festival	Oct.	Usa Jingu
The 9th Usa Jingu Marathon	Dec.	Usa City

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Related Events	Overviews
Noh Theatre Appreciation Event	This is a Noh performance appreciation event featuring distinguished artists, including Tomoyuki Takeda, a Kanze-style Noh actor and a holder of the Comprehensive Certification for Important Intangible Cultural Properties, as well as Mansai Nomura, an Izumi-style Kyogen actor, among other renowned performers.
West Gate Completion Celebration Ceremony	The celebration ceremony of completion renovation of West gate project. Before the festival, a parade will take place, and a limited number of celebratory rice cakes will be distributed.
Special Worth Ship at the National Treasure Main Shrine	You will have a rare opportunity to closely view the Hachiman-style Main Shrine, a National Treasure, which is usually hidden behind corridors.
The 83rd Shogi Meijin Match, Game 4	The 4th game of the Meijin Tournament will be held, and Meijin Sota Fujii will visit the prefecture.
Miko (Shrine-Maiden) Experience ※Details will be announced later (Spring).	To celebrate the 1300th anniversary of the shrine's enshrinement, a Miko (shrine maiden) experience will begin at Usa Jingu.
Goshinkosai & Yabusame Ritual	The event is held every year over three days from July 31 to August 2. On July 31, the procession from the Upper Shrine to the Lower Shrine is called "O-Kudari." On August 2, the procession from the Lower Shrine to the Upper Shrine is called "O-Nobori." On August 1, Yabusame Ritual (Horseback Archery) will take place.
Rinji Hobeisai (Chokusai) 、 Ogasawara & Takeda School Yabusame Ritual, Fireworks Festival ※Details will be announced later (Spring).	Once every ten years, the Emperor sends a messenger (Chokushi) to a shrine to offer offerings (Heihaku) on behalf of the Emperor. To celebrate this important event, a horseback archery ceremony from the Ogasawara and Takeda schools, and a fireworks also planned.
【TBD】 Ancient Usa Era Festival ※Details will be announced later (Spring).	The parade featuring the theme of Ancient Usa will be held, with Usa Jingu as the final destination, through various locations in Usa City.
The 9th Usa Jingu Marathon	A marathon with various divisions ranging from 2 km to a half marathon, will start from Usa Jingu.