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SAKURA MATSURI AT GARDENS BY THE BAY

Japan spring fever sweeps Gardens by the Bay in March with the inaugural **Sakura Matsuri**, or Cherry Blossom Festival. Anchoring the fiesta is the annual **cherry blossom floral display** in Flower Dome, which will be complemented by **Flower Dome programmes** such as Japanese tea ceremony demonstrations, performing arts and a kimono parade. Fans of Japanese pop culture will be in for a treat at **Anime Garden**, an anime-themed weekend featuring free anisong concerts, celebrity cosplayer appearances and a Pikachu dance parade. Rounding off the festivities at the end of the month is **Sakura Japan Fair** featuring Japanese food and retail options, workshops and performances.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FLORAL DISPLAY

The beauty of cherry blossoms returns to Singapore with Flower Dome's annual sakura floral display. Experience once more the robust pink blooms of *Prunus* 'Accolade', the romantic weeping form of *Prunus* 'Snow Fountain' and the classic white flowers of *Prunus yeodensis*. Stroll along cherry blossom tree-lined pathways and discover picturesque Japanese-themed elements like a tea house, rickshaw and torii gates. Lifelike dolls – an element of Japanese sub-culture and on loan from speciality collectors – are dressed in elegant kimonos and pose in meticulously-created miniature scenes of life amidst sakura.

Date: Friday, 16 March – Sunday, 8 April

Time: 9am – 9pm

Location: Flower Dome

Details: Admission charge to the conservatories applies.

CURIOUS TO FIND OUT MORE?

Pick up a Sakura Matsuri Garden Trail for more interesting information or join us for daily "ASK Me!" tours by our friendly Display Interpreters as they share fascinating botanical facts and anecdotes about the floral display.

Date: Friday, 16 March – Sunday, 8 April

Time: Daily at 11am and 3pm (2pm – 5pm on 24, 25, 31 March, and 1 April)

Details:

- Guided tours are free, but admission charge to the Flower Dome applies.
- Tours last approximately 15 minutes and are available on a first-come-first-served basis.
- To participate, gather at the "ASK Me!" poster near the Flower Field. Tour will begin when a group of five or more visitors is assembled.
- Tours will not be conducted on Flower Dome closure dates.

FLOWER DOME PROGRAMMES

Amidst the pretty pink and white blooms of the cherry blossom floral display, immerse in Japanese culture with a selection of performances and demonstrations brought to you in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in Singapore's Japan Creative Centre (JCC).

Date: Saturday, 17 March – Sunday, 18 March;

Saturday, 31 March – Sunday, 1 April;

Saturday, 7 April – Sunday, 8 April

Time: Various timings (refer to programme below)

Location: Flower Dome and The Canopy

Details: Programmes are free. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies. Visit www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/whatson for more information.

Programme*	Presented by	Date	Time	Location
Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration	The Japanese Association, Singapore	17, 18, 31 March & 1, 7, 8 April	10am – 10.40am	Flower Dome
			11am – 11.40am	
		12pm – 12.40pm		
		1pm – 1.40pm		
Japanese Drum Performances	HIBIKIYA, Hiro Hayashida and Super Taiko Junior	17 March	2.15pm – 2.30pm 3pm – 3.15pm	The Canopy
		18 March	5pm – 6.30pm	
<i>Kendo</i> Demonstration	Singapore Kendo Club	17 March	10.45am – 11am	Flower Dome
Kimono Parade	Japanese Cultural Society		4pm – 4.20pm	
Japanese Dance Performance	The Japanese Association, Singapore	18 March	10.45am – 11am	
Koto Performance			11.45am – 12pm	
Choral Performance			1pm – 1.15pm	
Flute and Soprano Performance			2pm – 2.15pm 3pm – 3.15pm	
		4pm – 4.15pm		

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Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration

Known as the Way of Tea (*chado* or *sado*), the Japanese tea ceremony (*chanoya*) is a ritualised preparation of green tea in the presence of guests. Discover the grace and elegance of this tradition in a demonstration conducted by Professor Soho Ueda Tomoko, who founded Hoseikai, Singapore.

Japanese Drum Performances

Be entertained by the energetic beats of Japanese drums in a performance by The Japanese Association Singapore's Taiko Group on 17 March. On 18 March, HIBIKIYA (Singapore) will introduce traditional Taiko and Shamisen music, while guest performers from Japan – Hiro Hayashida and Super Taiko Junior – delight the audience with their contemporary Taiko music.

***Kendo* Demonstration**

Enjoy a showcase of *kendo*, a Japanese martial art, presented by the Singapore Kendo Club.

Kimono Parade

Admire the intricate patterns and embroidery of Japan's traditional dress in this kimono parade presented by the Japanese Cultural Society.

Japanese Dance Performance

Be captivated by the graceful moves of traditional Japanese dance in this presentation by The Japanese Association Singapore's Minyo Club.

Koto Performance

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the *koto*, a Japanese string instrument, in this performance by The Japanese Association Singapore's Koto Group.

Choral Performance

Be entertained by the melodic voices of The Japanese Association Singapore's Ladies Chorus Group.

Flute and Soprano Performance

Enjoy a flute and soprano performance by The Japanese Association Singapore's Music Society.

ANIME GARDEN

Get ready for an anime-filled weekend as Supertree Grove transforms into an Anime Garden, with colourful themed activities including anisong concerts, celebrity cosplayer appearances, and a Pikachu parade!

Date: Saturday, 17 March – Sunday, 18 March

Time: Various timings (refer to programme below)

Location: Supertree Grove, The Canopy and Flower Dome

Details: Programmes are free. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies. Visit www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/whatson for more information.

Programme*	Date	Time	Location
a.M.A.Z.E. in Wonderland	17 & 18 March	3.30pm – 11pm	Supertree Grove
Pokémon Game Booths	17 & 18 March		
Pikachu Mascot Parade & Dance and Meet & Greet	17 March	1pm (Meet & Greet)	The Canopy
		2.30pm (Parade & Dance)	Supertree Grove
		3.30pm (Meet & Greet)	
		5pm (Meet & Greet)	
Anisong Concert	17 March	7pm (Mika Kobayashi) 8pm (May'n)	Supertree Grove
	18 March	7pm (Mashiro Ayano) 8pm (Luna Haruna) 9pm (GARNiDELiA)	
Anime Screening: Your Name	17 March	9pm – 11pm	
Celebrity Cosplayer Meet & Greet (Autograph)	17 March	5pm – 6.45pm	
	18 March	5pm – 5.30pm	
Celebrity Cosplayer Meet & Greet (Photo-taking)	17 & 18 March	2pm – 3pm 3pm – 4pm	Flower Dome
Cosplay Parade	18 March	4.30pm – 5pm	The Canopy to Supertree Grove
Cosplay Competition	18 March	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Supertree Grove

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a.M.A.Z.E. in Wonderland

Find your way through a maze made of giant cards and meet other colourful characters in this anime-inspired version of the classic novel "Alice in Wonderland".

Pokémon Game Booths

Try your hand at the Pokémon Game Booths and stand a chance to win Pokémon-related prizes.

Pikachu Mascot Parade & Dance and Meet & Greet

Don't miss this adorable parade featuring popular Pokémon mascot, Pikachu, dancing amidst the Supertrees!

Anisong Concert

Featuring popular anisong artistes GARNiDELiA, Luna Haruna, Mashiro Ayano, May'n and Mika Kobayashi, these two concerts are not to be missed especially for anime lovers!

Anime Screening: Your Name

Sit back and relax at the lawn in Supertree Grove as you enjoy an anime movie under the stars.

Celebrity Cosplayer Meet & Greet

Get up close with your favourite celebrity cosplayers including Angie (Malaysia), Ely (Taiwan), SAIDA (Korea) and Thames Malerose (Thailand) as they make special appearances in Flower Dome and at Supertree Grove.

Cosplay Competition

Dress up as your favourite anime character and vie for the title of Best Dressed Cosplayer! Register at tinyurl.com/animegardencosplaycompetition.

Cosplay Parade

Don your costumes and join us in this free-for-all fun parade from The Canopy to the Supertree Grove! Register at tinyurl.com/animegardencosplayparade.

SAKURA JAPAN FAIR

Rounding off the festivities at Sakura Matsuri is a specially curated Japanese fair organised in partnership with JTB Pte Ltd. Held over the last week of the cherry blossom floral display, Sakura Japan Fair features an array of food and retail options, weekend performances, and exciting workshops on selected dates.

Date: Friday, 30 March – Sunday, 8 April

Time: Various timings (refer to programme below)

Location: Flower Dome (Flower Field Hall and Waterview Room)

Details: Admission to the fair is free, except on weekends where admission charge to Flower Dome applies. Visit gardensbythebay.com.sg/whatson for more information.

Programme*

	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 – 6 April	7 April	8 April	
Food and Beverage Booths	10am – 8pm						
Japanese Prefecture Booths							
Photo Booth							
Yukata Rental	10am – 8pm (Last rental: 7pm, <i>yukata</i> to be returned by 8pm)						
Bento Workshop	2pm – 3.30pm						
Sake Appreciation Workshop	6.30pm – 8pm						
Baking Workshop		10am – 12pm					
<i>Kokedama</i> Workshop		5pm – 6pm					
Yamaha Electone Performance	7pm – 7.30pm						
<i>Suzume Odori</i> Dance		2pm – 2.30pm 6pm – 6.30pm	2pm – 2.30pm 4pm – 4.30pm				
EYS Performance		3pm – 3.30pm 5pm – 5.30pm	3pm – 3.30pm				
Okinawa Combined Performance							11.30am – 12.30pm
Japanese <i>Shinobue</i> Flute and Dance Performance							2pm – 2.30pm
Niigata Combined Performance							4pm – 4.45pm

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Food and Beverage Booths

Savour a variety of delicious treats including *ramen*, *yakisoba*, *takoyaki*, and more! Charges apply.

Japanese Prefecture Booths

Discover the unique charm and culture of different prefectures in Japan, and what each destination has to offer.

Photo Booth

Bring home a photo souvenir of Sakura Japan Fair! Free prints in limited quantities will be offered at selected timings throughout the day on a first come, first served basis. Limited to one snap per visitor/group.

Yukata Rental

Make your visit to Sakura Matsuri even more memorable by renting a *yukata* and strolling amidst the sakura trees! Visitors renting a *yukata* will be given priority to take one free picture at the photo booth. *Yukatas* are available in adult sizes only. Rental charge applies.

Bento Workshop*

Learn the art of creating *kawaii* lunch boxes that are as pleasing to the eye as they are to the palate! In this workshop, you can create a bento featuring an adorable bear enjoying a picnic under sakura trees.

Sake Appreciation Workshop*

Learn the basics of Japanese saké, the different categories and how they are paired with food. Participants can sample four types of sake paired with a selection of tapas during the workshop.

Baking Workshop*

Let Boulangerie Asanoya Singapore's Head Baker, Goto Tatsuya, take you through this workshop to bake two items – Pão de queijo and Sakura Cookies - using his very own recipe.

Kokedama Workshop*

Add a touch of green to your home with *kokedama*, a form of bonsai where the roots of the plant are wrapped in moss and transformed into a work of art.

Yamaha Electone Performance

Delight in the contemporary sounds of the Electone, an electronic organ produced by Yamaha.

Suzume Odori Dance

Soak up the joyous atmosphere as dancers perform the Sparrow Dance with fans.

Performance by EYS

EYS, an up-and-coming band from Japan, will be in Singapore to serenade the crowd for one weekend only.

Okinawa Combined Performance

Enjoy an Okinawan cultural performance combining the traditional *Eisa* dance and the unique tones of Okinawa's three-stringed instrument, *sanshin*.

Japanese Shinobue Flute and Dance Performance

Be entranced by the melodic sounds of the *Shinobue* and the enchanting traditional Japanese dance.



Niigata Combined Performance

Enjoy the best of Niigata Prefecture's modern and traditional entertainment through a combined performance by Albirex Niigata Singapore Cheer Dance School's young and energetic cheerleaders, lively *Souodori* dancers, and the beautiful sounds of the *Taishogoto* Japanese harp.

**Registration for workshops is required and charges apply. Please visit <https://sakurajapan.peatix.com/> for details.*