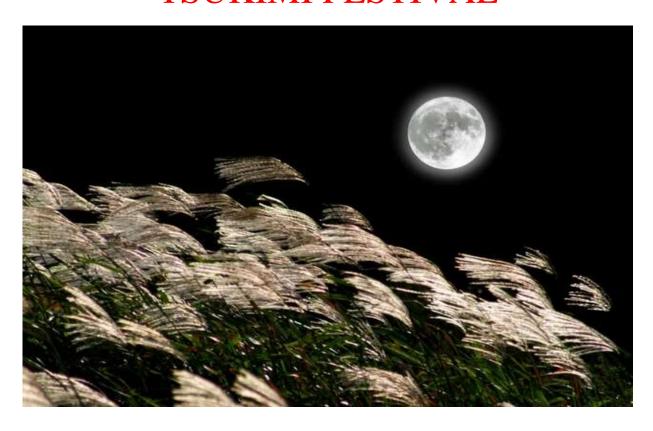
ASIA FALL JAPAN TSUKIMI FESTIVAL



• Dates of Organization:



→ The moon viewing festival usually takes place on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month. Tsukimi holidays change every year but usually fall in mid-September or early October according to the solar calendar. This is the time when the moon is full and the most beautiful.

• Festival Details:



♣Tsukimi Festival, like many Japanese festivals, the Tsukimi tradition is said to date back to the Nara period (710-794 AD). However, it was only during the Heian period (794-1185) that the celebration took effect.



♣The court nobles celebrated the moon viewing by enjoying sumptuous parties by ponds and lakes, performing and reciting poems under the moon.



♣This custom of viewing the moon was developed during the Edo period (1603-1868). Where farmers hold a harvest festival as a way to thank Mother Nature for a bountiful harvest.



♣Though traditions have been adapted to modern customs. But it's a time for reflection, thanksgiving, and prayer for good health for a year full of blessings.

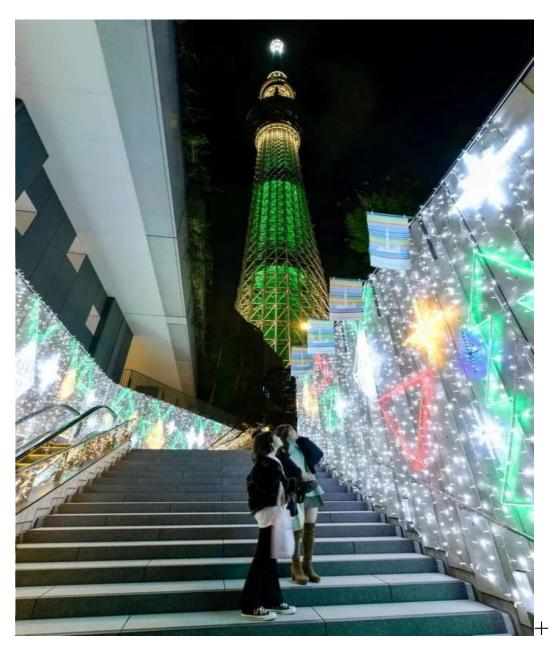


Many temples throughout Japan celebrate the Tsukimi event with performances such as traditional dances and recitations from the Heian period.



In most homes in Japan, Tsukimi is celebrated in a much more modest manner. People decorate objects such as pampas grass (susuki), clover (hagi) and autumn flowers. Near the window from which the moon can be seen, the light of rice sacks (Tsukimi Dango), persimmons, chestnuts, grapes and pears. These items are arranged on the porch facing south so that they can share a meal with the moon god.

♣The Tsukimi Moon Festival will include outstanding events taking place across the country. Includes the following major events:



+Tokyo Tower Light Festival



+Taiko drumming, performing other arts. The moon can then be viewed through the telescope at Himeji Castle.



+Live Jazz Performance at Tokyo Sky Tree.



+Poetry reading and musical performance at Ise Shrine.



+Release lanterns at Mukojima garden – Hyakaen.

♣Tsukimi festival dishes:



+Tsukimi Dango



+Mochi cake



+Fruits and vegetables



+Raw egg dish

♣Celebrate Tsukimi at your home:



+You can celebrate Tsukimi at home by incorporating some of the rituals of the home ceremony. Turn Tsukimi into a fun evening with a picnic and admire the beauty of the moonlight.