

Welcome to Atami SGG International Club and our April newsletter. We are a group of like-minded volunteers, Japanese and foreign, all living in Atami.

If you have any language problem, please contact us. We have several members who, between us, speak English, German, Spanish, Italian, French and Chinese.

Izusan Shrine sits 170 meters above street level. Visitors can climb the 837 stone steps for prayer & a beautiful view. Minamoto Yoritomo prayed at Izusan Shrine during his exile in Izu. It was here that he met and married Hojo Masako. It is said that Izusan shrine brings good fortune for matchmaking.

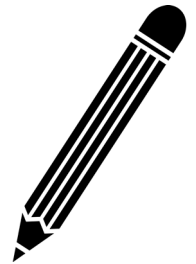


Izusan Shrine

The annual Izusan shrine festival will be April 14-16 with the main event on the 15th. You'll be able to experience two kinds of Mai (Japanese dance). At another location, sanzankutabasamishiki (bow ceremony) will be held. Archers wear historical costumes and compete for the highest points. It is believed that the sound which cuts the wind vanquishes the devil.

During the festival, four mikoshi are carried by participants and descend the steep steps. The mikoshi are brought back up after being blessed at the lower shrine. There will be plenty of food and activities for everyone so please visit.

**Japanese Language Class** Atami SGG will start Japanese language classes from April. If you would like to study Japanese, please contact SGG at [info@atamisgg.com](mailto:info@atamisgg.com). There will be a coordinator to match teacher & student according to level and schedule. Some SGG members also want to exchange Japanese, English or Chinese, etc. so please let us know if you are interested in language exchange. The Japanese lesson is free, but we hope students will become an assistant member of Atami SGG Int'l Club. The annual fee is 1,000 yen. SGG will look for a free meeting space, but it depends on the schedule, etc. Please use this chance to improve your Japanese.



### April 2024 Events

- 4/8 14:30-15:30 Atami SGG Monthly meeting; 15:30-17:00 Dr. Kinoshita's English Lesson (Iki Iki Plaza, 6th Fl)
- 4/4 13:30 Tanna tunnel Memorial service (Atami side of Tanna tunnel)
- 4/6-7, 20-21, 27, 29 Market at Nagahama Kaihin Park
- 4/11 10:00 Myousui shrine Reitaisai (Annual Festival)
- 4/13 Fireworks at Atami seaside
- 4/14-16 Izusan shrine Reitaisai (Annual Festival)
- 4/14, 28 Sunday morning market at Nagisasho Park
- 4/20 - 5/6 Himenosawa Park Annual Flower Festival (Azalia and Koinobori/Carp streamer)



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Aizome Coffee

**Aizome Coffee Shop** After the Izusan landslide accident, the volunteer group "Ten kara Sen" opened Aizome Café at Izusan. The objective was to make a place where anyone could meet freely and chat together regardless if they were local citizens or tourists. The café has prepared special coffee, French toast, and hand-made sweets, etc. Please drop in anytime to relax and enjoy the beautiful view of Sagami Bay & chat with new friends. Address: Izusan 579-37-4F Tel:0557-88-5733 Open: 11:00~18:00.

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