



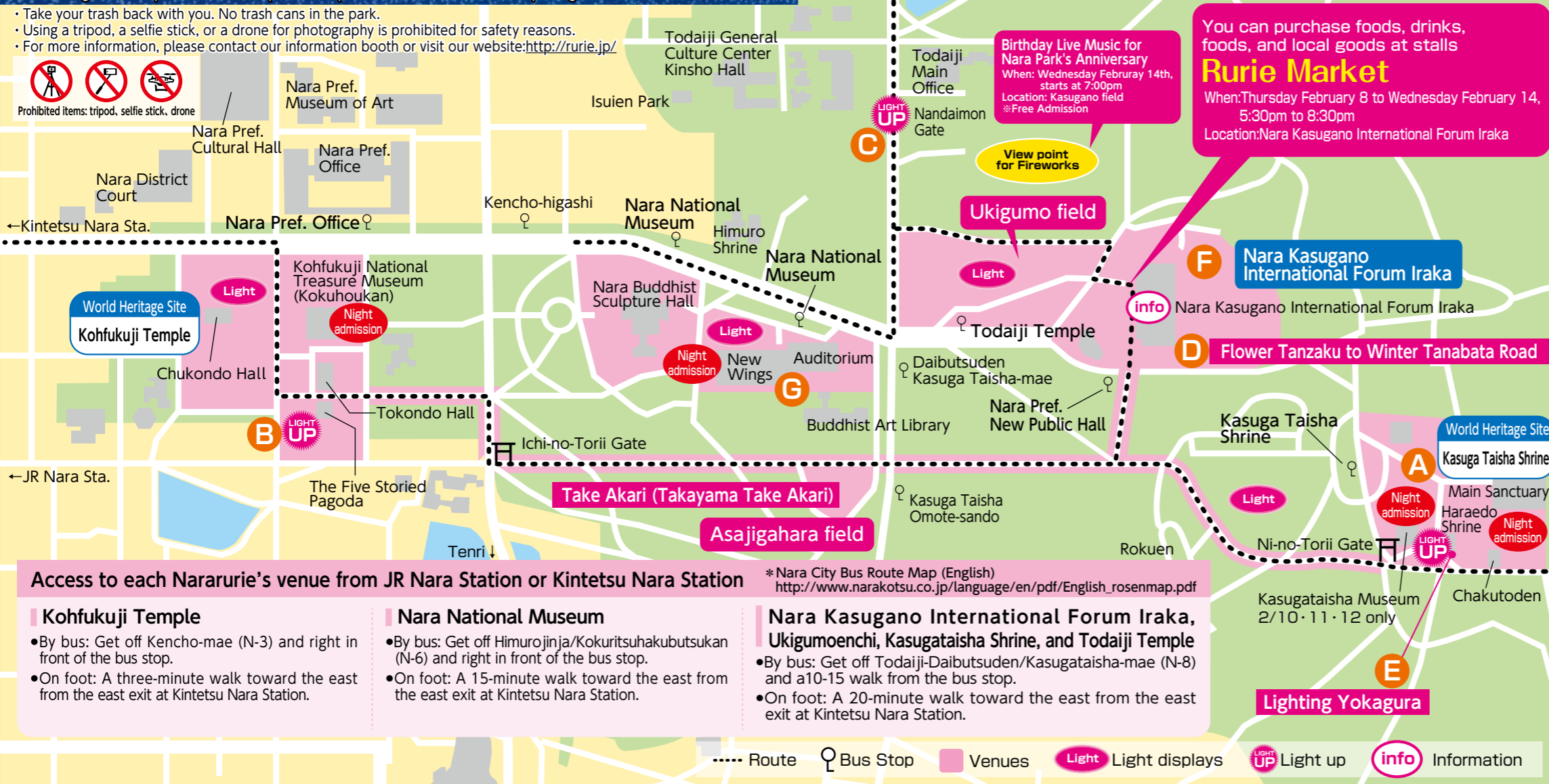
2018 Nara Rurie-Illumination Events

◆When: Thursday February 8 to Wednesday 14, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
◆Location: Nara Park

Venue Map ※Information booth of Rurie will operate at Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka (see Map F)

Attention!
• Will be canceled in case of extreme weather conditions (no postponement for rain).
• The event schedules are subject to change. For schedule updates, please check the event notifications of the day on our website: <http://rurie.jp/>.
• Traffic congestion is expected. Please use public transportation. There is no dedicated parking lot.

• Take your trash back with you. No trash cans in the park.
• Using a tripod, a selfie stick, or a drone for photography is prohibited for safety reasons.
• For more information, please contact our information booth or visit our website: <http://rurie.jp/>



Access to each Nararurie's venue from JR Nara Station or Kintetsu Nara Station

- Kohfukuji Temple**
 - By bus: Get off Kencho-mae (N-3) and right in front of the bus stop.
 - On foot: A three-minute walk toward the east from the east exit at Kintetsu Nara Station.
- Nara National Museum**
 - By bus: Get off Himurojinja/Kokuritsuahakubutsukan (N-6) and right in front of the bus stop.
 - On foot: A 15-minute walk toward the east from the east exit at Kintetsu Nara Station.

*Nara City Bus Route Map (English)
http://www.narakotsu.co.jp/language/en/pdf/English_rosenmap.pdf

- Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka, Ukigumoenchi, Kasugataisha Shrine, and Todaiji Temple**
 - By bus: Get off Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kasugataisha-mae (N-8) and a 10-15 walk from the bus stop.
 - On foot: A 20-minute walk toward the east from the east exit at Kintetsu Nara Station.

About "Happiness Corridor NaraRurie"

Corridor is a passageway that surrounds buildings or courtyards of shrines or temples. Corridor is written "廻" in Japanese and it means "to go around", which exactly expresses what a corridor is. "Happiness (Shiawase) expresses bringing the wrinkled (shiwa) hands together (awase). Ancient Japanese people brought their hands together toward objects that they respect. People in Nara close their eyes, bow, and bring their hands together in their ordinary lives and this has not been changed since ancient times. Ruri (azure) came to Japan through the Silk Road and has been regarded as a valuable ore and a sacred color. People in Nara have been attracted to this deep blue of Ruri since the ancient times. "Happiness Corridor NaraRurie" takes you a beautiful world of Ruri by lighting up the corridors that connects Nara's representative sacred sites: Kasugataisha-shrine, Kohfukuji-temple, and Todaiji-temple.

We hope you can clear your mind at prayer at NaraRurie and this can bring you happiness. We also hope for the world peace and the eternal brightness of the stars. Visitors at NaraRurie will be surrounded by warm beautiful lights.

A Kasugataisha Shrine B Kohfukuji Temple C Todaiji Temple special admission at night

[Date] From Thursday February 8 to Wednesday 14, 2018

[Venue·Hours]

◎Kasugataisha
Lanterns that adorn the shrine's inner corridors will be lit up and Gohonden (main sanctuary) will be open for extended hours during the period.
※ Admission fees will be required for entering a part of the shrine. Gohonden will be open until 8:30pm.



◎Kohfukuji Temple
The five-story pagoda at Kohfukuji temple will be lit up and East Golden Hall (National Treasure) will be open for extended hours during the period.
※ Admission fees will be required for East Golden Hall. Last admission will be at 7:45pm and will be closed at 8:00pm.



◎Todaiji Temple
Nandaimon (Great South Gate) and Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall) at Todaiji temple will be lit up. Visitors can view the Daibutsuden from outside of Chumon (Center Gate). The front window of the main hall will be open and visitors can view Buddha's face through it. The octagonal lantern on the passage to the Daibutsuden will also be lit up.
※ Free admission. Visitors can enter the area around Chumon until 8:30pm. Two guardian statues at Nandaimon called Kongorikishi will be lit up until 9:00pm.



D Flower Tanzaku to Winter Tanabata Road



Tanzaku is a slip paper that you can write your wish on. You can purchase a flower-shaped slip paper for 500 yen and hang it on the trees located at the end of Winter Tanabata Road. Make a wish at this opportunity!

[Date] From Thursday February 8 to Wednesday 14, 2018
[Hours] 6:00pm to 8:45pm
[Venue] In front of Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka
[Price] ¥500

E Lighting Yokagura

Yokagura is a sacred Shinto dance with music performed at night.

[Date] Thursday February 8 to Wednesday 14, 2018
[Hours] Starts at 7:00pm to 8:00pm
[Venue] Haraedo Shrine in Kasugataisha Shrine grounds (Chakutoden Hall in case it rains)
[Price] Free of charge



Fireworks and Live Music for Nara Park's Anniversary

February 14th will be the 138th anniversary of the founding of Nara Park. Let's celebrate it together! (No postpone when cancelled)

[Date] Wednesday February 14, 2018
[Hours] Starts at 7:30pm (Live music will be performed from 7:00pm to 7:30pm)
[Venue] Kasuganoenchi Park
[Price] Free of charge



F Nara Rurie Information Booth

[Date] From Thursday February 8 to Wednesday 14, 2018
[Opening hours] 5:30pm to 8:30pm
[Venue] Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka

G Nara National Museum Special Admission at Night (admission fee is required)

The museum will be open for extended hours.
① [Date] Wednesday February 8, from Sunday 11 to Wednesday 14, 2018
[Hours] 9:30am to 8:30pm (Last admission at 8:00pm)
② [Date] Friday February 9 & Saturday 10, 2018
[Hours] 9:30am to 9:00pm (Last admission at 8:30pm)
※ Admission fees will be required.