

HYPER JAPAN CHRISTMAS MARKET RETURNS TO TOBACCO DOCK FOR 2016

The UK's one-stop shop for Japanese-themed Christmas shopping is back



HYPER JAPAN, the UK's biggest celebration of **Japanese culture, cuisine and cool**, returns to London's **Tobacco Dock** from 25th – 27th November. Now in its 6th year, this event continues to bring a taste of Japanese tradition, modernity and the latest trends to the heart of our city.

This year's Christmas market boasts a variety of performers, special guests, exhibitors, food stalls, creative workshops - *and most importantly* - plenty of kawaii and kooky gift ideas. The ultimate destination to discover truly unique presents for the festive season.

The HYPER JAPAN live stage will see performances from the androgynous, acrobatic girl group, **THE HOOPERS**, metal chanteuse, **Fuki**, and the reincarnation of 80s pop sensation, **SHOHJYOTAI**. For those with a more classical ear, soprano **Nao Masaoka**, a retired *otokoyaku* (a female who plays a male role) of the all-woman **Takarazuka Revue**, will be gracing the stage too.

Event-goers will also be treated to a rarely seen, traditional form of Japanese magic called *Tezuma* performed by **Taiju Fujiyama**. Using a wide array of props, such as folding fans, paper parasols and traditional masks, *Tezuma*'s rich 300-year history has cemented it as a must-see act, and an important cultural asset.

There will also be a rare appearance by **PEACH-PIT**, the two-woman manga team behind cult classics **Rozen Maiden** and **Shugo Chara!**

Those who love a Japanese inspired tippie can take part in the voting for the second annual **Sake Cocktail Awards**, which will see talented mixologists pairing sake with unexpected ingredients including egg, yoghurt and toffee sauce! For foodies, there's something to whet every appetite, with stalls offering culinary delights - from hot Japanese curry to traditional *wagashi* sweets.

Shoppers looking for the perfect Christmas gift will enjoy browsing the wide variety of exhibitors. From traditional Japanese crafts, artwork and kimonos, to the latest anime goods, *kawaii* clothing and accessories, you won't be stumped to find the perfect present for the person who has everything!

For those who would rather go DIY, HYPER JAPAN offers numerous craft courses in its creative studio, ranging from paint-your-own *kistune* (fox) masks, to *kokeshi* doll decoration. The HYPER JAPAN Christmas Market is a truly unique event offering fun, food and culture for the whole family. From the dedicated **Japanophile**, to those simply seeking a tasty treat or an alternative gift to the standard socks, scarves and pants this year, the market at Tobacco Dock has something for everyone.

General entry tickets for Friday and pre 2.30pm on Saturday are **£15**

Tickets for post 2.30pm on Saturday and all day Sunday are **£17**

For more information on ticketing, please visit: <http://hyperjapan.co.uk/tickets/>

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