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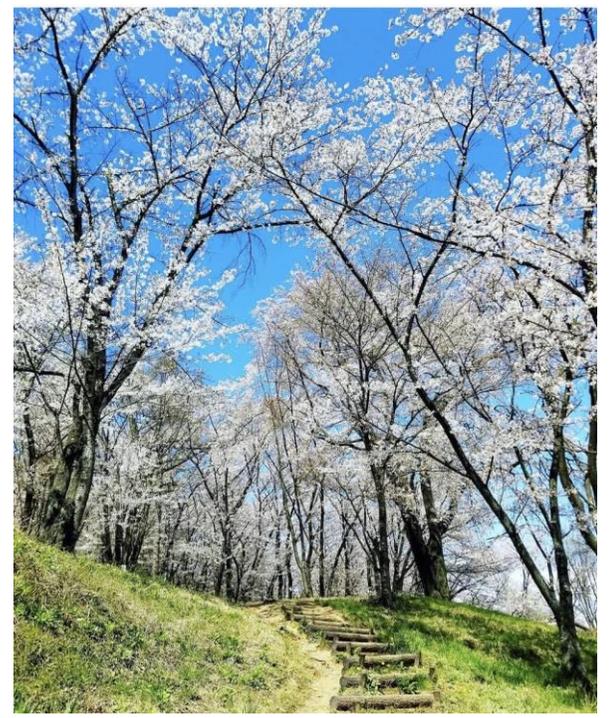
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Sakura for Japanese people



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Japanese people love cherry blossoms



According to a survey, about 98% of Japanese people say they like cherry blossoms.

Why do the Japanese like cherry blossoms?

- 🌸 The soft pink of Sakura always makes us feel happy.
 - 🌸 When Sakura bloom, We feel like spring is finally here!
 - 🌸 Cherry blossoms fall within one or two weeks of reaching full bloom. We find their rapid disappearance incredibly beautiful. They seem to say, 'Live in this moment with all your might.' We feel that they are giving their everything, both when they bloom and when they scatter.
- Sakura is more than just a flower; it is a part of the Japanese identity.

Enjoying Sakura viewing together

Hanami is a beloved Japanese tradition where we gather under blooming Sakura with friends and family to enjoy picnics and drinks, celebrating the arrival of spring.



Hanami etiquette

Please follow these rules so that everyone can have a pleasant time.

Don't break branches / climb trees

→ Cherry blossom trees are delicate.

Take your trash home with you.

→ No trash cans available.

Please take your garbage with you.

Don't be too loud

→ Please be mindful of those who wish to view the flowers in silence.



Nice cherry blossom spots



Weeping cherry tree at Shiojiri City Hall

The tree is approximately 100 years old. It is lit up at night.



Raisin Hall

The cherry blossoms at Raisin Hall, next to the city hall, are beautiful.



Matsumoto Dental University

About 1,000 Sakura trees bloom here.
The 150 double-flowered cherry trees are especially stunning.

Trivia

The reason why there are so many Sakura along the river

This is a story from about 300 years ago, during the Edo period, in the era of Shogun Tokugawa Yoshimune.

Due to frequent flooding during heavy rains,

Yoshimune instructed people to plant Sakura trees along the river. As the roots of Sakura trees spread deep and wide, they reinforce the soil and make the riverbanks much more durable.

People used to gather along rivers to enjoy Hanami (Sakura viewing), and it was thought that the heavy foot traffic helped harden the soil, strengthening the banks. Sakura trees were planted as a way to combine flood control with providing a beautiful public space for recreation.



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