

Meaning of the Flag

The flag's design embodies the country's nickname, Land of the Rising Sun. The basic design is called Nisshoki officially, which translates to "sun-mark flag."

Colors of the Flag

The Japanese flag has a very simple design with lots of meaning behind it. The flag features a white field. A large red disc is centered on the white field, representing the sun. This is important to the Japanese because of the sun's role in mythology and religion.

- Nihon / Japan
- *Area*: 377 835 km²
- Population (2019): 126.5 million
- Capital: Tokyo
- Main language: Japanese
- State: Monarchy

- The old capital was Kyoto. Now it is Tokyo; same letters, different order.
- 2. The most popular food in Japan for Christmas is a bucket of KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken).
- 3. There are 300 limited-edition seasonal and regional flavors of Kit Kat chocolate bars produced in Japan since 2000.
- 4. Japan is ranked #2 in the world on life expectancy. Women: 87.5 yrs Men: 81.3 yrs
- 1. Japan is an island group (archipelago) of **6,852** islands



















Gaming: Japan is considered the hub of gaming. Japanese developers have churned out quality video games in numbers and continue to do so. While not all the games have been successful, several games completely revolutionized the world of gaming.

Can you guess the games?

Nature

Japan has stunning nature.

Several public holidays are dedicated to the beauty of the country:

- Greenery Day
- Sea Day
- Mountain Day

"Sakura", flowering of the Cherry Blossom, is a national celebration whereby people flock the parks and streets, have food/drinks under the tree (Hanami) and enjoy the start of spring.







Sakura – Cherry Blossom





Mount Fuji

Nature

Japan is located in one of the world's most perilous regions in terms of natural disasters. The entire country is in the treacherous "Pacific Ring of Fire," an area that is highly susceptible to tectonic activities leading to volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Japan has around 108 active volcances. Typhoons also strike the region. Catastrophic natural disasters have hit Japan several times in the past, but the Japanese people have always managed to rapidly recover and rebuild their nation.



Tsunami : 04/30/2011 Fukushima Japan









Mochi





Miso soup

Famous Japanese



Also famous for:

- Samurai
- Geisha
- Sumo
- Judo
- Origami
- Godzilla
- Onsen
- Heated toilet, incl music

