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**JAPAN**

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*Japan is made up of 6,852 islands.*

*However, only 430 of these islands are inhabited.*

*Most of the population reside on just 4 of these islands: Honshu, Hokkaido, Shikoku, and Kyushu.*

*There are 8 regions in Japan:*

*Hokkaido*

*Tohoku*

*Kanto*

*Chubu*

*Kansai-Kinki*

*Chugoku*

*Shikoku*

*Kyushu-Okinawa*





*Tokyo is the capital city of Japan.*



### *Shibuya Crossing*

*Shibuya Crossing is in Tokyo, located outside Shibuya train station. It is one of the busiest pedestrian crossings in the world with up to 2500 people crossing in all directions at the same time. The location is also famous for its view of the many electronic billboards and bright lights on the surrounding buildings.*

# **TOKYO**

*It is the country's largest city with a population of about 8,956,000 people.*



# *Traditional Dress*

*Japan is known for its long history and traditions.*

*Traditional robes like the kimono are worn on formal public holidays and festivals, and special days such as coming of age celebrations, weddings and funerals.*

*Some people wear traditional robes everyday.*

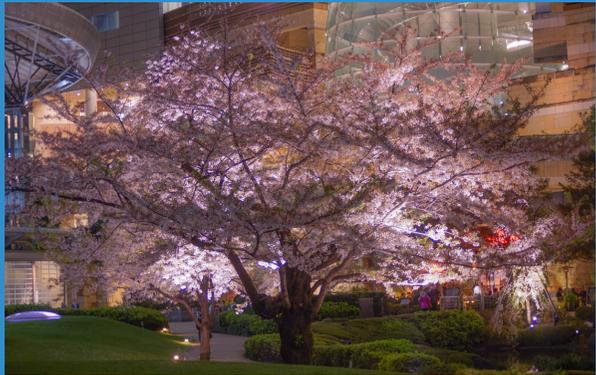


# Culture



## Mt Fuji

Mt Fuji is Japan's highest peak at 3776 m (12 388 ft). Still considered an active volcano, its last eruption was in 1707. It is located about 100km (60 miles) west of Tokyo.



## Cherry Blossom

The Japanese cherry blossom, or sakura, is the national flower of Japan. The beautiful blossoms are a traditional sign of spring. Cherry blossom viewing festivals, or Hanami, have been held in Japan for centuries.



## Food

Sushi is Japan's most famous food. The Japanese word *su* means vinegar and *shi* comes from the word *meshi* which means rice. Sushi can contain fish or meat and can be wrapped in a thin seaweed sheet called *nori*.