

2020 Public Holidays in Japan

When traveling, tourist crowds are part of the equation. But sometimes the crowds are a lil' bit busier than normal... Because of local public holidays! The most important public holiday period to know about is Golden Week, which runs from the end of April to the start of May. Check out the table below for more information!

In 2020, Tokyo is hosting the Summer Olympics. If you're planning a visit to Japan this year (and you're not keen on the Olympics) this is something to be careful of! Flights will cost more and there will be a higher demand for accommodation.

In Japan, public holidays usually mean extra busy long weekends, so we've outlined the busy period too. The column titled "Date" is the date of the actual public holiday. The column titled "Long Weekend" is the estimated long weekend.

	Public Holiday	Date	Long Weekend
January	New Years Day	1st January	
	Coming of Age Day	13th January	11th - 13th January
February	Foundation Day	11th February	8th - 11th February
March	Vernal Equinox Day	20th March	20th - 22nd March
April + May	Showa Day	29th April	These public holidays are combined to form what is known as Golden Week. This busy period is between 27th April - 6th May
	Constitution Memorial Day	3rd May	
	Greenery Day	4th May	
	Children's Day	5th May	
June	None		

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July	Marine Day	23rd July	Eve of Olympics Opening Ceremony
	Health and Sports Day	24th July	Day of Olympics Opening Ceremony
August	Mountain Day	10th August	Day after Olympics Closing Ceremony
September	Respect for the Aged Day	21st September	19th - 22nd September
	Autumn Equinox Day	22nd September	
November	Culture Day	3rd November	2nd - 4th November
	Labor Thanksgiving Day	23rd November	21st - 23rd November
December	None		