



Summer in Japan



Summer in Japan is filled with festivals (matsuri) and fireworks (hanabi). During this time you'll see women dressed in light, colorful summer clothing (yukata), and the men as well (jinbei). Japanese wind chimes (furin) are a symbolic summertime sound, as well as the cicadas (semi), which can be very noisy! It helps to be prepared for the very hot and humid weather. The rainy season begins in June, but rainfall is usually light and misty. A small umbrella should be fine, and they are easy to find at any convenience store. When you need to cool off, look for the iconic symbol for ice (kori) 氷. Shaved ice (kakigori) is a summertime treat, and it's traditional to add sweet cream and fruits to your shaved ice.

As you explore, take advantage of the many vending machines to stay hydrated (I love Pocari Sweat), and it helps to carry a small, personal fan, or a thin cotton towel (tenugui) to wipe the sweat off and cool down. Wear light clothing, a hat, and sunscreen to make your travels more comfortable. Temperatures will range between 70 and 90 degrees on average. Summer is a lively, vibrant, and youthful season in Japan!



Surviving Summer:

<https://www.japan-experience.com/to-know/understanding-japan/5-ways-to-survive-summer-in-japan>

Dressing for Summer:

<https://www.japan-experience.com/to-know/visiting-japan/yukata-and-jinbei>

