

# Sakura\*Cherry Blossoms\*

## Forecast 2018

The Japan Meteorological Corporation has released its annual cherry blossom forecast for this year, predicting when will be the best time to view the stunning pink flowers at each city across Japan this year.

According to this year's forecast, cherry blossoms in Eastern Japan (Tokyo) and Western Japan (Kyoto) are expected to start blooming earlier than the annual average blooming period. Meanwhile, in the Northern part of Japan, the cherry blossoms are expected to bloom around the annual average blooming. The timing of the flowers opening up depend on the temperature during the winter and since we've been having warm temperatures in the east this year, the flowers are expected to bloom a little early.

Please note that, blooming dates estimated below may slightly vary from the actual blooming period. Knowing it as a reference, you can estimate yourself when would be the best time to travel to Japan this year!

City	Date of Bloom	Date of Full Bloom
Sapporo(Hokkaido)	1st May	5th May
Hakodate(Hokkaido)	28th April	2nd May
Nikko	28th March	4th April
Tokyo	17th March	24th March
Kamakura	20th March	28th March
Hakone	23rd March	31st March
Mt. Fuji	23rd March	31st March
Kanazawa	1st April	7th April
Takayama	23th March	31st March
Kyoto	22nd March	31st March
Osaka	22nd March	30th March
Hiroshima	20th March	29th March
Fukuoka	18th March	27th March
Naha(Okinawa)	10th January	30th January

\*Please note that this is only a forecast and based on the data on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Feel free to contact us about arranging your cherry blossom discovering trip to JAPAN!

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