

Japan's May 2026: Golden Week, Sumo, and Vibrant Festivals Unveiled!

Japan Holidays · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. During which period in late April to early May 2026 does Japan experience its longest consecutive holiday break, leading to significant domestic travel?

- A) Silver Week
- B) Cherry Blossom Week
- C) Golden Week**
- D) Autumnal Equinox Week

2. Which of the following national holidays is part of Japan's Golden Week in May 2026, commemorating the ratification of the Japanese constitution in 1947?

- A) Showa Day
- B) Children's Day
- C) Greenery Day
- D) Constitution Memorial Day**

3. What is the name of Tokyo's largest and most famous traditional festival, known for its energetic processions of mikoshi (portable shrines), scheduled for May 2026?

- A) Kanda Matsuri
- B) Sanno Matsuri
- C) Sanja Matsuri**
- D) Aoi Matsuri

4. In May 2026, Tokyo will host the May Grand Sumo Tournament. In which location within Tokyo will this event take place?

- A) Yoyogi Park
- B) Ryogoku Kokugikan**
- C) Asakusa
- D) Shibuya Crossing

5. Children's Day in Japan, celebrated on May 5th as part of Golden Week, is visually marked by the flying of colorful carp streamers. What are these streamers called?

- A) Koinobori**
- B) Tango no Sekku
- C) Kodomo no Hi
- D) Hatsumode

6. The Hakata Dontaku Festival, considered Japan's largest Golden Week festival, is held annually in which city?

- A) Kyoto
- B) Osaka
- C) Fukuoka**
- D) Tokyo

7. Which traditional Japanese performing art, featuring masked actors and stylized dance, can be seen during street performances in Ginza in May 2026?

- A) Kabuki
- B) Nohgaku**
- C) Bunraku
- D) Kyogen

8. Showa Day, observed on April 29th, commemorates the birthday of which former Emperor of Japan?

- A) Emperor Meiji
- B) Emperor Akihito
- C) Emperor Hirohito (Showa)**
- D) Emperor Naruhito

9. The Aoi Matsuri (Hollyhock Festival) is one of Kyoto's major festivals, held annually on May 15th. What does its name refer to?

- A) A type of traditional music
- B) A type of Japanese dance
- C) A hollyhock-like plant used for decoration**
- D) A historical battle site

10. The Tsuetate Onsen Koinobori Festival, where thousands of carp streamers are hung over a river, takes place in which prefecture?

- A) Tokyo
- B) Kyoto
- C) Kumamoto**
- D) Hokkaido

11. Which festival, held in Asakusa, Tokyo, is known for its energetic processions of mikoshi and attracts millions of visitors, typically in the third weekend of May?

- A) Kanda Matsuri
- B) Sanno Matsuri
- C) Sanja Matsuri**
- D) Gion Matsuri

12. Greenery Day (Midori no hi) in Japan, celebrated on May 4th, is dedicated to what?

- A) Honoring military veterans
- B) Celebrating national unity
- C) The environment and nature**
- D) The country's industrial achievements

13. The Fuji Shibazakura Festival, featuring vast fields of pink moss flowers, typically runs from April to May. In which prefecture is it located?

- A) Kanagawa
- B) Yamanashi**
- C) Shizuoka
- D) Nagano

14. What is the primary focus of Constitution Memorial Day (Kenpo Kinenbi) in Japan, observed on May 3rd?

- A) Commemorating the Emperor's reign
- B) Celebrating military achievements
- C) Reflecting on the nation's postwar constitution and democracy**
- D) Honoring agricultural traditions

15. The Thai Festival Tokyo, featuring authentic Thai food and cultural performances, is held annually in which popular Tokyo park during May?

- A) Shinjuku Gyoen
- B) Ueno Park
- C) Yoyogi Park**
- D) Inokashira Park