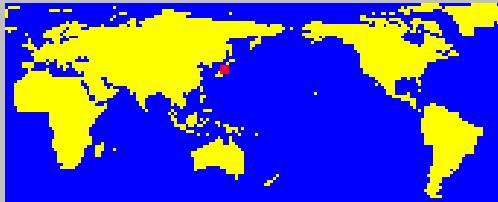
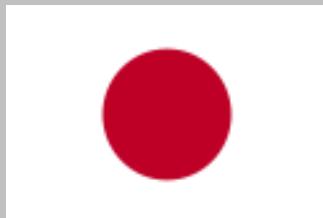


# JAPAN



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1	1	New Year's Day
1	10	Coming of Age Day
2	11	National Foundation Day
3	21	Vernal Equinox
4	29	Showa Day
5	3	Constitution Memorial Day
5	4	Greenery Day
5	5	Children's Day
7	18	Marine Day
9	19	Respect for the Aged Day
9	23	Autumnal Equinox
10	10	Sports Day
11	3	Culture Day
11	23	Labour Thanksgiving Day
12	23	Birthday of the Emperor

CAPITAL	TOKYO
CURRENCY	YEN
POPULATION	127,156,000 (2009)
TIME ZONE (GMT)	+9
SUMMER TIME (GMT)	NONE
COUNTRY CODE	81
GDP:	US\$4,828.9 billion (2007)

## Religion:

Shintoism and Buddhism (most Japanese follow both religions, although religion does not play a major everyday role in most Japanese lives, with frequent temple visits being more usually attributed to tourism). There is a Christian minority, and in the island of Okinawa, some people believe in Niraikanai, a paradise that lies beyond the sea.

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## Note:

When there is a single day between two national holidays, it is also taken as a holiday.

Between 29 December and 3 January government offices and many shops and offices are closed.