

# Japan Facts

- Japanese take off their shoes when entering a home and wear slippers indoors.
- Mount Fuji is a sacred mountain for most Japanese. Pilgrimages are made to the mountain every year.
- Atomic bombs were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki towards the end of World War II.
- Tokyo is the capital of Japan. It is considered to be the largest metropolitan area in the world with over 32 million people.
- Instant ramen noodles were invented in Osaka in 1958.
- Japan is a country of over 3000 islands. It shares no land border with any other country.
- More than 127 million people live in Japan.
- Japan has one of the highest life expectancy rates in the world. In 2006, the life expectancy was 81.25 years.
- A Japanese is considered to be an adult upon his 20th birthday.
- Japanese greet and show respect to one another with bows. Though children learn this from a young age, it is considered of such great importance that some companies will give their employees training in the proper way to execute a bow.
- The percentage of Christians in Japan is less than 1%, a statistic that has remained unchanged for 450 years.

