

INTRODUCTION TO **Rugby World Cup 2019™, Japan**

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This Introduction to Japan 2019™ gives you an insight into the event, while our Official Travel Program Brochure contains the important product and travel information. You can find this here: events.com.au/rwc2019

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We look forward to helping you travel to Japan to experience RWC 2019!

— **Glenn Hedley**
Founder, Events Travel



The Rugby

Tevita Kuridrani of Australia during the RWC 2015 Final

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Rugby World Cup 2019™ is a six week tournament consisting of 48 matches; kicking-off 20 September 2019 at Tokyo Stadium, where host country Japan takes on Russia. The tournament concludes with the final at International Stadium Yokohama, south west of Tokyo on 2 November 2019. The world's top 16 rugby nations will compete for the highest prize in rugby, The Webb Ellis Cup. Reigning champions New Zealand, who defeated Australia in the RWC 2015 final at Twickenham will be looking to make it a hat-trick, after claiming the 2011 World Cup in New Zealand by defeating France in the final.

Of the eight World Cup's held to date, New Zealand has been most successful nation, winning three titles, followed by Australia with two. RWC 2019 will be fiercely contested and the first World Cup held in Asia and outside the traditional heartland of rugby. Japan are coming off a tremendous RWC 2015 where they upset South Africa 34-32 in Pool B. South Africa went on to claim third place.

As always, it's anyone's game.

Pool Draw

Pool A

Ireland
Scotland
Japan
Russia
Play-off winner

Pool B

New Zealand
South Africa
Italy
Africa 1
Repechage winner

Pool C

England
France
Argentina
USA
Tonga

Pool D

Australia
Wales
Georgia
Fiji
Uruguay



Venues

This iconic edition of Rugby World Cup has 12 venues across Japan, from the mountaneous city of Sapporo (popular for skiing) on the northern island of Hokkaido to the sub-tropical cities of Fukuoka, Kumamoto and Oita on the southern main island of Kyushu. Stadium sizes range from 16,187 at Kamaishi Stadium to 72,327 at International Stadium Yokohama. The geographical spread of stadiums will ensure travellers who follow their teams through the pool matches have the opportunity to explore the diversity that Japan has to offer. Fans who travel for the knockout stages and finals will be based around Tokyo and neighbouring cities, with the opportunity to explore the highlights of Japan with their RWC 2019 experience.

Japan has the fourth largest population of rugby union players on the planet and densely populated cities which will ensure sell-out crowds and a fantastic atmosphere.

City Highlights

OSAKA - Japan's second largest city and economic powerhouse is a vibrant destination; home to Japan's first purpose-built rugby stadium, completed in 1929.

OITA - Famous for volcanic mountain ranges and thermal hot springs, a fantastic traveller destination.

KOBE - Known for its signature marbled beef, 3rd century Shinto Shrines and stunning setting where mountains frame the magnificent harbour.





Japan

Kyoto, Japan

Japan is vibrant, ancient and captivating. A timeless country where ancient traditions practiced for thousands of years intersect the latest in technology and trends of the 21st century. Travelling throughout the country is an eye-opening experience and offers glimpses of Japan's rich and colourful past.

Spend a night in a Ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn, sleeping on mats, best experienced for short stays. Take a plunge in a traditional bathhouse, called an Onsen. Learn how to brew Matcha with a tea master. Taste the traditional fermented rice wine, Sake, perfected over thousands of years or try your hand at Sushi making. Spot the splendour of Kyoto's Geishas walking through the historic town, contemplate life in Zen rock gardens or hit the big cities for a night at a Sumo competition or sing the night away in a 24-hour Karaoke bar. The options are endless.

Throughout Japan's diverse cities you can experience the nuances that make this destination one of the world's rising stars for tourism, sports, events, food, culture and business.

Glossary

Ryokans: Traditional Japanese Inn

Onsens: Japanese bathhouses

Sumo: Larger than life contact sport

Geishas: Traditional hostesses

Matcha: Ubiquitous green powdered tea

Our Tips to Start

Nature: Explore mountains in the north to beaches and forests in the south. Mt Fuji is always popular, there is a low chance of it being snow capped during RWC 2019.

Autumn will bring changing of the leaves and incredible backdrops across the country. Cherry blossom season is in May/April.

Food: Tokyo boasts some of the world's best restaurants from Sushi bars to top Michelin star restaurants. Find local Ramen diners and Robot cafes in hidden nooks where you least expect. Look out for sushi, ramen, sashimi, yakitori, soba, udon, tempura, tepekyaki, sake and wagyu, all Japanese favourites.

Beer: Look for local craft beers in Sapporo and down hidden streets of Tokyo. The main brewers across Japan are Asahi, Kirin, and Ichiban.

Events Travel

We are proud to be an Official Travel Agent for Rugby World Cup 2019™ in Japan. We have a long history with the event, having helped fans travel to the last six World Cups. South Africa in 1995, United Kingdom in 1999, Australia in 2003, France in 2007, New Zealand in 2011 and most recently United Kingdom in 2015.

We have extensive experience with this event and many others since we [started in 1993](#) and look forward to providing you with quality travel services and the most comprehensive event and destination information available.

Our goal with RWC 2019 is to help you travel with complete confidence so you can be there to experience the magic of Rugby World Cup in what will be rugby's most exciting World Cup destination.

We look forward to seeing you in Japan with us!

—The **Events Travel** Team.

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