

# The National Cherry Blossom Festival

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Lots of people visit Washington, D.C. to tour the capital of the United States. But when spring is in the air, Washington, D.C. becomes an even more popular place to visit. Every year in late March, more than one and a half million people visit Washington, D.C. for the National Cherry Blossom Festival.



More than three million cherry blossom trees are in display in the capital city of Washington, D.C. They are colorful and stunning! They are colorful and beautiful, but they also hold a special meaning. In 1912, Japan, given to the United States as a symbol of the close bond between the two countries. Many of those planted by former Japanese immigrants.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival changes from year to year. It usually starts in mid-March and ends in mid-April. The festival is a celebration of the cherry blossom.

in the beauty of the beautiful blossoms. They can learn about the history of the trees, and the friendship between the countries of Japan and the United States. But they can also enjoy many other events, such as fireworks, music, dancing, and artistic performances by American and Japanese artists. There is also a Blossom Kite Festival and a Cherry Blossom Parade. There is so much to celebrate and enjoy at the National Cherry Blossom Festival!

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an amazing natural display. When they bloom, the trees are a sight to behold. But they are also a gift from Japan. Cherry blossoms are a symbol of a friendship between the two countries. Some of the trees include the Yoshino cherry tree, which was planted by Mrs. Michelle Obama.

celebration. The date of the festival is usually in March and ends in April. People can come to take

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- 1) Which countries are associated with the National Cherry Blossom Festival?
- a) Japan and America
  - b) Japan only
  - c) America only
  - d) None of the above

- 2) What do you mean by \_\_\_\_\_ here?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3) What is the history of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

- 4) What do the cherries \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 5) Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

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The festival generally begins in late March.

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2) What do you mean by 'A feast for the eyes' in the context of cherry trees in Japan? Refer to here?

**'A feast for the eyes'**  
**cherry trees in**

**refers to the**

3) What is the historical significance of cherry trees in the United States?

**The trees were**  
**1912.**

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**States, in the year**

4) What do the cherry trees represent in Japanese and American culture?

**The cherry trees**  
**American culture**

**Japanese and**

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