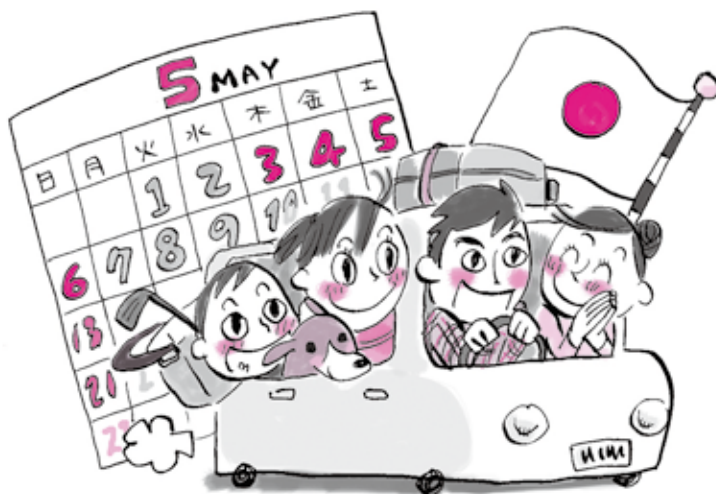


Japan Has Many National Holidays

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祝日が多い日本
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- In western countries, people take long vacations in summer, but in Japan they generally take about one week.
- However, there are 18 national holidays in a year in Japan.
- It has been said that this is the most in the world.

① **欧米** (western countries) **では** (in) **夏** (summer) **に** (in) **長い** (long) **バカンスを** (vacations) **とります** (people take) **が、** (but) **日本** (Japan) **では** (in) **一般的に** (generally) **1週間** (one week) **ほど** (about) **です。** (they) take
Qubei dewa/ha natsu ni nagai bakannsu o/wo torimasu ga, Nihonn dewa/ha ippantekini 1 shuukann hodo desu. means: "Europe" (欧) and "the USA" (米)
 read: isshuukan

② **しかし、** (however) **日本** (Japan) **には** (in) **年** (a year) **に** (in) **18日** (eighteen) **の** (national holidays) **国民の休日** (national holidays) **が** (there are)
Shikashi, Nihonn niwa/ha nenn ni 18 nichi no kokuminn no kyuuujitsu ga read: juu hachi

③ **これは、** (this) **世界** (the world) **で** (in) **最も多い** (is the most) **と** (that) **いわれています。** (it) has been said
Kore wa/ha, sekai de mottomo ooi to iwarete imasu.

- The week between the end of April and the beginning of May is called "Golden Week."
- There are four national holidays in this period, and this makes about a week's holiday when put together with the weekend.
- In the middle of August there is the "Obon" holiday and at the end of the year and beginning of January there is the New Year holiday during which many companies close for about one week.

① **4月** (April) **の** (of) **終わり** (the end) **から** (between <from> and <to>) **5月** (May) **の** (of) **初め** (the beginning) **の** (the) **1週間** (the week) **は**
4 gatsu no owari kara 5 gatsu no hajime no 1 shuukann wa/ha read: shi, go

「ゴールデンウィーク」と (Golden Week) **よ** (is called) **呼ばれます。** (yobaremasu.) **この間** (this period) **に** (in) **祝日** (national holidays) **が**
"Golden Week/Go-rudenn Ui-ku" to yobaremasu. Kono aida ni shukujitsu ga

4日 (four) **あり、** (there are and) **週末** (the weekend) **と** (with) **あわせ** (when) put together **1週間** (a week's holiday) **ほど** (about)
yokka ari, shuumatsu to awase 1 shuukann hodo

休み (holiday) **になります。** (this) makes **8月** (August) **には** (in) **「お盆」** (there is the) **休み** (and) **が**
yasumi narimasu. 8 gatsu niwa/ha "Obon" yasumi, read: hachi

年末年始 (the end of the year and) beginning of January **には** (at) **「正月休み」** (the) New Year holiday **が** **あり、** (there is) (during which) **多くの** (many)
nennmatsu'nennshi niwa/ha Shougatsu' yasumi ga ari, ooku no

会社 (companies) **が** **1週間** (for) one week **ほど** (about) **休み** (close) **となります。** (yasumi to narimasu.)
kaisha ga 1 shuukann hodo yasumi to narimasu.

Note

Depending on calendar of the year, national holidays can total 17 days.

その年のカレンダーにより、国民の休日は17日になることもあります。