

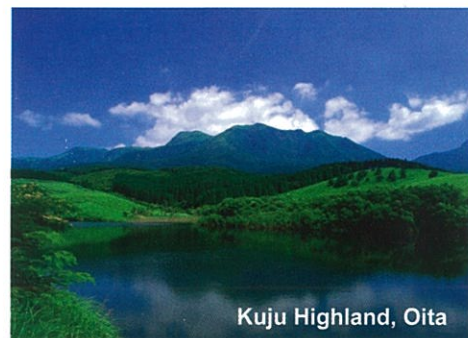
Australia at Rugby World Cup 2019™

Japan is excited to be the host nation of Rugby World Cup Japan 2019™ and throughout Japan there are host cities gearing up to welcome teams and their supporters.

4年に一度じゃない。一生に一度だ。This is the thinking behind RWC 2019: "It's not once every four years—it's once in a lifetime."

Sapporo is where the Wallabies will take on Fiji on 21 September 2019. It is also where you can try Sapporo ramen, often called the best ramen noodles in Japan. Sapporo has a name-sake beer and there are craft options too. The seafood is also top quality—look out for the crabs. Parks should be awash with beautiful autumn colour, and for nature lovers, spectacular mountain scenery and lakes wait just a short trip from Sapporo city. Excellent onsen (hot springs) can also be found about an hour from the city. You will soon see there is much more than just skiing to be found in Hokkaido.

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Oita is situated on the island of Kyushu. Australia plays its third pool match in Oita on 5 October 2019. The prefecture is famous throughout Japan for its many onsen. For those who enjoy more active getaways, try exploring some of the prefecture's many scenic spots. The Aso-Kuju National Park is just one option. The prefecture has a rich food culture based on locally grown produce food. Facing onto the Inland Sea and the Bungo Channel, seafood is excellent, but for the more meat loving there is the highly prized Bungo beef to try. **Fukuoka** and **Kumamoto** are also host cities in Kyushu and are looking forward to welcoming RWC fans!

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Quarter finals will be played in Oita with the semis and final played in Yokohama City.

There are so many things to do in all twelve host cities and prefectures that this only touches on the very surface of the many attractions and potential itineraries for visitors to Japan during Rugby World Cup 2019. The website visitjapan2019.com is highly recommended to help visitors begin their planning. The Sydney office of Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) also has lots of helpful information www.jnto.org.au about travelling in Japan. Have a great trip!

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Sapporo, Tokyo, Oita and Shizuoka cities—they will be the homes away from home for the Wallabies during their pool matches. And for people lucky enough to be travelling to Japan to support the Australian team, there are some great things to see and do in each of the host locations. Here is a brief introduction.



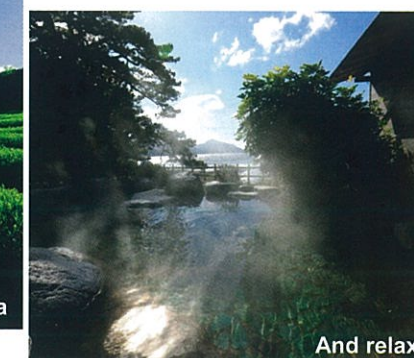
Tokyo ... does it really need introduction? The Japanese capital will host the Wallabies' second pool match when they face Wales on 29 September 2019. There is so much to explore in this amazing megalopolis that it is a case of choose your own adventure. Museums of all kinds, art galleries, shops, shops and more shops, cafés with a twist, and more Michelin-starred restaurants than Paris. Don't be put off by Tokyo's imposing size – the city is extremely walkable thanks to its extensive and punctual public transportation system. The same system can whisk you off to nearby mountains or Nikko National Park for a fantastic day trip.

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Shizuoka is the location of Australia's final pool match against Georgia on 11 October 2019. Being autumn, the chances are all the better of seeing the iconic Mount Fuji, a UNESCO World Heritage cultural property. Mount Fuji together with beautiful green tea fields is synonymous with Shizuoka prefecture. Shizuoka's Izu Peninsula is home to some of the best onsen in Japan. Thanks to its mild climate and coastal location there is plenty of delicious food to try, including the famous cherry blossom shrimp (sakura-ebi). The groundwater from Mount Fuji is behind the great taste of the local sakes and Shizuoka's clean water from its many rivers and springs is a key reason it is still a major producer of wasabi which will only grow well in the very best water.

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