Cherry Blossom Viewing

Once spring has come, you will most likely see people enjoying "Cherry Blossom Viewing"- or Hanami- in various locales. "Cherry Blossom Viewing" involves appreciating the bloom of the Cherry Blossoms and Japanese Plums, and it is a quite popular spring leisure activity in Japan.

Sakura (Cherry Blossom), the Japanese national flower, bloom in shades of white, rose-pink and dark-red, and they engage many people's hearts and minds every year. The best time to see sakura in Miyazaki is late March to early April. Nighttime illuminations and spring festivals coincide with this floral season, so we recommend contacting your local tourism division/association for more information.



[Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots]

◇Darumizu Park (Miyazaki City)

With approximately 3,500 cherry blossom trees lined, "Cherry Road" is a tunnel of sakura leading to the park.

- Miyazaki City Parks and Greenbelt Division 0985-21-1814
- **♦** Saitobaru Burial Mounds (Saito City)

The contrast between 300,000 rape blossoms and 2,000 sakura trees is particularly beautiful.

- Saito City Tourism Association 0983-41-1557

There will be nighttime illuminations during floral season, where you can enjoy "Nighttime Cherry Blossom Viewing" – or Yozakura –.

- -Takanabe Town Tourism Association 0983-22-5588

Yoshino Cherry and Yamazakura trees bloom at an altitude of 489m.

- -Nichinan City Tourism and Sports Division 0987-27-3315

Chosen as one of the "Best 100 Places in Japan for Sakura."

- -Miyakonojo Tourism Association 0986-38-2460

The sakura are beautifully illuminated at night.

- Nobeoka City Tourism Division 0982-34-7833

Of course, there are plenty of other great places to see sakura besides the ones listed here – how about having a hanami party in the town where you live?

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