

# Japan at a Glance: Geography and Climate

**Highest peak:** Mt. Fuji, an active volcano 3,776 meters above sea level that spans the border between Yamanashi and Shizuoka Prefectures

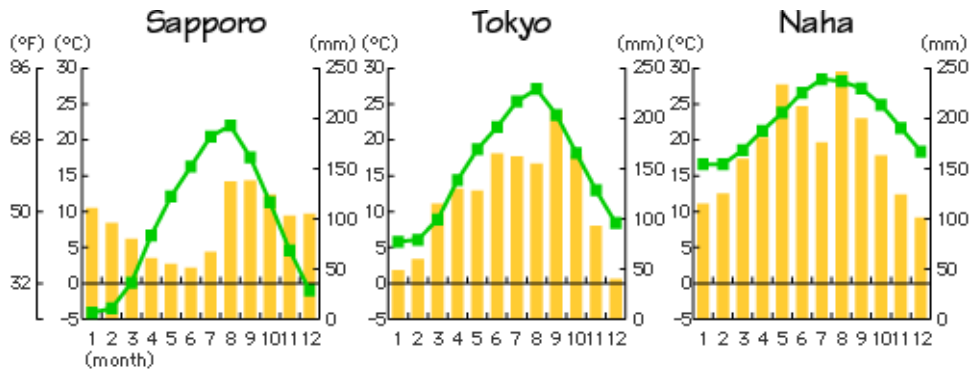
**Biggest lake:** Lake Biwa (670 square kilometers in area)

**Longest river:** Shinano River (367 kilometers in length)



(Photo courtesy of JNTO)

## Average monthly temperature and rainfall for three cities (Naha, Tokyo, Sapporo), 1971-2000



Source: *Nihon no Tokei*, edited by Statistics Bureau.

## Seasons in Japan



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

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