

# National Parks

The National Parks, occupying 5.8% of the country's total land, plays a crucial role in protecting the Japan's wealthy ecosystems -- forests, wetlands, seashores and coral reefs and wildlife therein ... and preserving them for future generations. The National Parks also aims at providing opportunities for the experience, enjoyment and better understanding of the country's natural environment by visitors.

Please visit Japan's National Parks with this brochure as a travel guide.

While being advanced in science and industry, Japan is a country of scenic landscapes. To represent the Japan's natural beauty and the seasonal contrasts, 34 sites from Hokkaido in north to Okinawa and Ogasawara Islands in south, are designated as the National Parks.

#### National Park unit name

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| 1 Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu        | 18 Hakusan            |
| 2 Shiretoko                      | 19 Minami Alps        |
| 3 Akan                           | 20 Ise-Shima          |
| 4 Kushiroshitsugen               | 21 Yoshino-Kumano     |
| 5 Daisetsuzan                    | 22 San'in-kaigan      |
| 6 Shikotsu-Toya                  | 23 Setonaikai         |
| 7 Towada-Hachimantai             | 24 Daisen-Okii        |
| 8 Sanriku Fukko (reconstruction) | 25 Ashizuri-Uwakai    |
| 9 Bandai-Asahi                   | 26 Saikai             |
| 10 Nikko                         | 27 Unzen-Amakusa      |
| 11 Oze                           | 28 Aso-Kuju           |
| 12 Joshin'etsukogen              | 29 Kirishima-Kinkowan |
| 13 Chichibu-Tama-Kai             | 30 Yakushima          |
| 14 Ogasawara                     | 31 Amamigunto         |
| 15 Fuji-Hakone-Izu               | 32 Yambaru            |
| 16 Chubusangaku                  | 33 Keramashoto        |
| 17 Myoko-Togakushi renzan        | 34 Iriomote-Ishigaki  |

## A Scenic Country, Japan

Solitary mountain peaks, covered with snow

all year round, soar into the air,

while islands of various sizes are scattered on a spring sea gleaming like a mirror.

Forests and lakes turn to brilliant shades of autumn color like a piece of brocade...

a variety of natural views are displayed in all four seasons everywhere in the country, which capture hearts of many people.