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TOP 5 CHERRY BLOSSOM HOTSPOTS

for an unforgettable spring

From lush rainforests to majestic mountains, Asia seems to be full of wonders. If you are an avid traveller, you may have come across scenic hills and oceans that have captured your mind. Now is the perfect time to add cherry blossoms to your list!



Cherry blossoms symbolise beauty, the fleeting nature of life, and new beginnings in most cultures, and also bring to us the start of Spring. Drown yourself in the soothing pink and white hues in these 5 must-visit places spanning the largest continent in the world!

Yoshino, Nara prefecture, Japan

A renowned spring destination for enthusiastic travellers, Yoshino is home to more than 30,000 cherry blossom trees. The picturesque views and soothing ambience will leave you enchanted.

From late March to early April, Mt. Yoshino is dressed in shades of pale pink and white with cherry blossoms surrounding the area. The best place to get a glimpse of these is from the Hanayagura Observatory, allowing you to get a panoramic view of cherry blossoms.

You will also find a lot of souvenir shops, food stalls, and restaurants in the mountainside town, giving you the best of both worlds.

Yeouido Park, Seoul, South Korea

Just like Yoshino, you can expect to see the pink and white blossoms from late March to early April. You will come across equally stunning sights along Seokchon Lake.

Here, you will find



pedestrians walking amongst the soothing cherry blossoms, and food stalls lined up for you to try.

This stunning place also hosts the Yeouido Spring Flower Festival, where Koreans celebrate the blossoms of spring. You can take a walk across nearly 1600 trees with your loved ones and capture sweet memories. The best part? Admission is absolutely free!

Gucun Forest Park, Shanghai

With over 12,000 cherry blossom trees, Gucun Forest Park is a major tourist attraction perfect for family and

friends alike! There are loads of activities to engage in and flowers of all kinds to see, so you are sure to get lost in the beauty of this magnificent park.

The Cherry Blossom Festival is also held here annually, with local people and tourists from all over the world gathering to spend some quality time and welcome in the season of spring.

If you have children, there is also a 'Dinosaur World' within this park filled with large dinosaur statues, so they are sure to have loads of fun among the blooming beauty!

Pa Khoang Lake, Dien Bien, Vietnam

Immerse yourself in the dark red and pink shades of Vietnam's most beautiful cherry blossoms. During spring, thousands of cherry blossom trees can be found in a place known as the 'Island of Flowers'.

Pa Khoang Lake is a natural attraction known for its picturesque lakes, greenery and of course, cherry blossoms. Tourists flock to this area each year to catch a glimpse of these mesmerising trees, boasting deep pink-coloured petals.

Yangmingshan National Park, Taiwan

Cherry blossom season here lasts from around mid-January to early April but the perfect time to catch a view of these beauties is from February to March. And what other place to get lost in the cherry blossom craze than in Yangmingshan National Park!

The best collection of cherry blossoms is found at the Flower Clock at Yangmingshan. In this famous tourist attraction, you will also encounter historic buildings, ponds, and waterfalls, along with spectacular mountain views that will make for the perfect trip and photography experience. There is also no entry fee!

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