

Japan

A Virtual Tour

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Have a great time “visiting” Japan!

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Landscape and Scenery

<http://www.adventurepics.com/IBE/video1.aspx?VF=RisingSun.wmv>
(33:14) Japan – Land of the rising sun. Matsumoto Castle.

<http://www.geobeats.com/videoclips/japan/tokyo/cherry-blossom>
(1:47) Cherry Blossom Festival

<http://www.travelistic.com/video/show/4971/Sensoji-Complex> (2:09)
Sensoji Temple complex in Tokyo.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6uOll-pVPA&feature=related>
(4:41) Still photos of Japan made into a video

<http://www.berm.co.nz/cgi-bin/video/play.cgi?ixlcBg0d-lw> (4:21)
Scenes from Japan

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A3ZX8N5BBE> (3:11) Japanese
Shinto shrine. No audio, but a lot of close ups.

Culture and History

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/environment/environment-natural-disasters/volcanoes/mt-fuji.html> (2:40) Japan's Fire
and Water Festival is a celebration to pay tribute to goddess Mt. Fuji.

http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/series/explorer/3102/Videos/06083_00#tab-Videos/06083_00 (5:28) Learn about sumo wrestling.
Mention of other gods and video of scantily clad men.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHD8OtAOIMc&feature=related>
(3:34) In Japanese with subtitles – reenactment of Commodore
Perry's visit to Japan

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/music/countries-wm/japan/japan-dest.html> (4:18) Intro to Japan Short ad at beginning

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42RrvNxUaVA> (4:43) How to fold a simple origami butterfly

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmkLGCtr6O4> (3:35) How to make a bonsai tree. Audio is tough to hear on this video, but ok if you turn your speakers way up.

<http://www.5min.com/Video/World-War-II-Japan-Bombs-Pearl-Harbor-1354529> (1:03) Short ad at beginning. Black and white video of bombing of Pearl Harbor

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aqmx2XhHxeY> (8:37) A documentary about the Japanese American Internment Camp. Includes interviews, pictures and textual information as well as a soundtrack by Elliott Smith.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKQNJG3s710> (9:26) First of a series about Japan's history and culture.

<http://videos.howstuffworks.com/hsw/22134-geography-of-asia-pacific-japan-video.htm> (5:09) Geography/history of Japan including info on the samurai.

<http://videos.howstuffworks.com/hsw/21751-wwi-and-the-interwar-years-rumblings-of-war-in-japan-video.htm> (1:06) World War 1 and Japan. The army of the empire of Japan is led in battle practice by Emperor Hirohito.

<http://web-japan.org/jvt/en/index.html> (various lengths) 28 video links for Japan. You choose Windows Media or Real Player format and your download speed.