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Sakura 2027 Cheat Sheet

When to go, where to start, and when to book | Free from Lie Flat Club

When the blossoms actually show up

Average dates (Japan Meteorological Agency, 1991 to 2020 normals)

City	First bloom	Full bloom
Tokyo	Mar 24	Mar 31
Kyoto	Mar 26	Apr 4
Osaka	Mar 27	Apr 4
Fukuoka	Mar 22	Mar 31
Kanazawa	Apr 3	Apr 8
Sendai	Apr 8	Apr 13
Sapporo	May 1	May 6

But averages lie. Tokyo's full bloom in recent years:

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Mar 22	Mar 27	Mar 22	Apr 4	Mar 30	Mar 28

That's a 13-day swing. Plan for a window, not a date.

The safe window: arrive about Mar 25, leave about Apr 6

From 2021 to 2026, full bloom in Tokyo, Kyoto, or Osaka landed inside this window every year. No guarantee, but it's the best odds you'll get.

Pick your city order late

- **Early year:** start in Tokyo, then Kyoto and Osaka (they usually trail Tokyo by a few days).
- **Late year:** start in Kyoto, finish in Tokyo.
- **Missed it?** Go north. Kanazawa and Sendai bloom in the second week of April.

Your booking timeline

When	Do this
Now (Nov to Dec)	Pick your window. Hold refundable hotels in Kyoto first (tightest supply)
About 11 months before your flight	Award calendars open. Book one-way business class the day space appears
Mid-February	Private bloom forecasts start. Check weekly
2 to 3 weeks out	Lock your city order. Rebook hotels if the forecast moves

Dates to plan around in 2027

- **Spring equinox holiday,** around Mar 20 to 22: domestic crowds spike.
- **School spring break,** late March into early April: trains and hotels are busier.
- **Golden Week,** Apr 29 and May 3 to 5: prices spike, and it's past peak for Tokyo and Kyoto anyway.

Want the full plan?

The **Japan Cherry Blossom 2027 on Points** playbook (16 pages) covers business class on points in peak week, the refundable hotel strategy, the best viewing spots in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka, and a 10-night sakura itinerary.

Travel information only, accurate as of late October 2026. Bloom dates vary every year; confirm forecasts and bookings with the provider. Not financial advice.

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