

Hanami — A Special Holiday

In Japan, the cherry blossom is special. Its soft, pink blossoms make people think about nature. The cherry blossoms last only for a few days each year. But, when they are in bloom, the slightest breeze will send their petals drifting through the air like snow.

When the trees are in bloom, people in Japan celebrate Hanami (cherry blossom viewing). They hold parties under the trees in the evening. This tradition dates from long ago, when poets would gather under the trees and read poems about their beautiful cherry blossoms.

