

## LESSON NOTES

# Japanese Culture Class #15

## Golden Week

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
	ゴールデンウィーク	Gōruden uīku	Golden Week
新幹線	しんかんせん	shinkansen	bullet train
温泉地	おんせんち	onsenchi	hot springs location
国内旅行	こくないりょこう	kokunai ryokō	domestic trip
海外旅行	かいがいりょこう	kaigai ryokō	overseas trip
憲法記念日	けんぽうきねんび	Kenpō kinenbi	Constitution Memorial Day
緑の日	みどりのひ	Midori no Hi	Greenery Day
なるほど	なるほど	naruhodo	I see./I understand now./I got it.
ゴールデンタイム	ゴールデンタイム	Gōruden taimu	primetime
黄金週間	おうごんしゅうかん	Ōgonshūkan	Golden Week
伊豆	いず	Izu	Izu (place name)

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

夏休みに海外旅行に行く。

*Natasuyasumi ni kaigai ryokō ni iku.*

I'm going on a trip abroad during summer vacation.

## GRAMMAR

### Golden Week

Golden Week is a collection of four national holidays in Japan, three of which are consecutive. When taking the weekends into account, Golden Week becomes one of the three longest vacations of the year in Japan. Depending on the calendar year, the vacation will sometimes be shorter. Golden Week is also one of three busiest holiday season of the year in Japan, with travel being extremely popular during this time.

The four national holidays that make up Golden Week are:

- April 29th  
みどりの日 ・ *Midori no Hi*  
(Greenery Day)
- May 3rd  
憲法記念日 ・ *Kenpō Kinenbi*  
(Constitution Day)
- May 4th  
国民の休日 ・ *Kokumin no kyūjitsu*  
(Between Day)
- May 5th  
こどもの日 ・ *Kodomo no hi*  
(Children's Day)

From 2007 on the current Greenery Day will become 昭和の日 ・ *Shōwa no Hi* (Showa Day, after Emperor Showa), and the current Greenery Day will replace *Kokumin no Kyūjitsu*.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					28th	29th
30th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th

According to JTB, this year the number of Japanese that will travel during this vacation period will fall just short of 22 million. Of this total, more than half a million will venture overseas, with the top three destinations being Korea, China, and the United States.

Source:

The Japan Travel Bureau Corp. (<http://www.jtb.co.jp>) has compiled travel trends regarding Golden Week since 1969 based on questionnaire surveys. The data provided here has been taken from the current year's survey, released on April 18th, 2006.



Traditionally associated with Children's Day, Koinobori(carp streamers) are carp-shaped flags flown in early May.

# CHUBU

中部地方

