

# How is summer in each country?

## Kane (Australia)

Summer in Australia is very hot, so going to the beach is a standard practice for many Australians. As such, many people leave the house wearing swimwear with a T-shirt over the top, and in sandals. It's also common for people to always be wearing sunglasses to protect their eyes from the strong sunlight. At the beach, you can often see people enjoying swimming, surfing, and playing beach volleyball. Barbecues are also popular during this season where people get together with family and friends at a park or backyard to cook and enjoy delicious food. Also, because Christmas in Australia happens during the middle of summer, it has a completely different feel compared to in Japan, such as enjoying a party on the beach, or imagery of Santa Claus surfing.



## Marina (Brazil)

Summer in Brazil happens at the opposite timing of Japan's summer, occurring from around December to February. During this time, people enjoy Brazilian-style barbecues (called churrasco) with family and friends, go to the beach, or enjoy playing with water in their yards. There are many cultural differences between how summer is spent in Brazil and in Japan. What surprised me most was the custom of people using parasols in Japan. In Brazil, umbrellas are basically only used on rainy days. On the other hand, in Brazil, going to the beach and getting a tan is culturally accepted, and having bronze, sun-kissed skin is considered beautiful.



## Seki (China)

Summer in China is very hot, and there are many different ways to enjoy the season. Some people like to keep cool by eating watermelon and enjoying cold beverages. Meanwhile children like to play with water guns or enjoy swimming in pools. In the northern regions, some people like to eat cold noodles, while in the southern regions, people may cool off by eating spicy hot pot and sweating it out. Some people also enjoy travelling to cooler locations, such as the mountains or the sea to enjoy summer. Summer activities tend to vary from region to region.



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