

*Kanagawa-oki Nami Ura (Under the Wave off Kanagawa), from the series Fugaku Sanjurokkei (Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji), by Katsushika Hokusai (Collection of the Sumida Hokusai Museum)*

Image: Courtesy of the Sumida Hokusai Museum



*Kohan no Haru ("Spring by the Lake") (1935)*

Photo: Courtesy of Koyo Okada Photo Art Museum



Miho no Matsubara viewed over the seashore with Mt. Fuji in the background  
Photo: Courtesy of the Shizuoka City Miho no Matsubara Culture & Creativity Center



Shobu Pond (Iris Pond) at Oshino Hakkai  
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# Mt. Fuji: World Heritage



Double Diamond Fuji seen from the shores of Lake Yamanaka  
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Mt. Fuji viewed from the observation deck at Arakurayama Sengen Park  
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t. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan, with an elevation of 3,776 meters. It is located on the island of Honshu about 100 km southwest of central Tokyo, and is visible from far and wide. The mountain, with its symmetrical cone that is covered with snow for almost half the year, has been loved and worshipped by Japanese people since ancient times. In June 2013, Mt. Fuji was inscribed on the World Heritage List under the title, “Fujisan, sacred place and source of artistic inspiration.” In this month’s issue of *Highlighting Japan*, we investigate the mountain’s allure and introduce some of the artists whose work it has inspired.

