

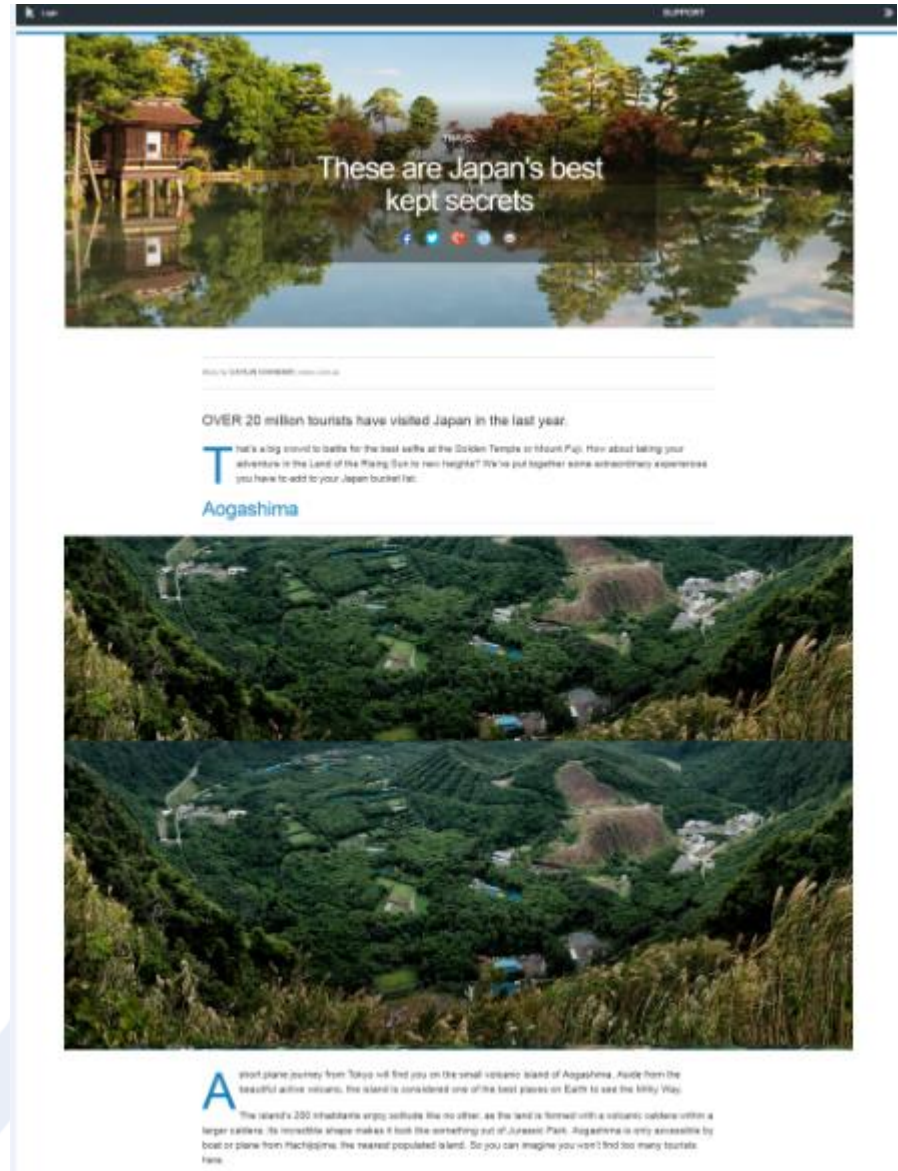
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Article 2 – Tips for visiting Japan with Kids

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Story by ALICE WILLIAMS | news.com.au

WHEN it comes to big overseas trips with kids, Japan is an excellent choice.

In colourful, unique and creative atmosphere is distinct enough that it's something they'll always remember, and the clean, safe and welcoming nature of the country makes it a lot more easy to navigate than other destinations. Here's everything you need to know about a family trip to Japan.

Japan with a plan

While there isn't a lot of special planning needed for parents heading to Japan, you should still consider things like any medicines that your child takes regularly, small Japanese for kid-friendly snacks, and visas and hand luggage. Also think about packing some travel sized plastic forks and spoons for all as not all restaurants use them and some kids struggle with chopsticks.

The food



People often travel to Japan with the intent of feasting on all the foods the country has to offer. The food is diverse and very reasonably priced (obviously without hitting the high end ones).

Many restaurants in Japan – particularly in Tokyo – are interactive, making mealtime an exciting activity for the little ones. From an Alice in Wonderland themed restaurant, to ordering sushi off a table, your kids will be entertained at the splendour of Japanese dining. There are also plenty of family friendly restaurants serving Western food or offering special kids' meals – called (koko-some mendi (meaning kids' lunch) – and for rural areas, take your family to local grocery stores to have a look at some traditional produce.

If you happen to have any dietary requirements, you can also have hotel staff write any dietary instructions or allergies down for you in Japanese.

Infants and toddlers

For the little ones there are nappy-changing facilities in public places, such as department stores and larger train stations, and cots can be booked in advance in most hotels. While high-chairs are available in lots of restaurants, many Japanese style restaurants have low tables with floor seating which can be a bit of a trial if your kids are a toddler.

Street feeding is generally not done in public without a wheel or cover, but big department stores and public attractions usually have rooms where meals can be eaten.

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3. Hotel Gracery Shinjuku, Tokyo

Everything about Gracery Shinjuku fits the idea of a mid-range, modern hotel – except the 16-metre high Godzilla head on the eighth floor terrace. You can also book one of the Godzilla-themed rooms, but you might have to constantly remind yourself where you are as there will be a giant monster staring in your window at all times. Shinjuku is in Kojikado, one of the city's main nightlife hotspots, so it makes a great base for a night out too.



4. Book and Bed, Tokyo

Moving away from the technocracy of modern day Japan, Book and Bed Tokyo eschews tablets and smartphones with a fit-out built almost completely of actual books. Guests sleep in bookshelf capsules, and you can even book a bed for quick naps during the day if you don't want to stay all night.

5. Nine Hours, Kyoto

You know those bad dreams you sometimes have about being buried alive? Capsule hotels capture that experience for one low price! The convenient but red-for-the-claustrophobic 'tomb rooms' are found all over the country and are especially popular in Kyoto with the Nine Hours chain also offering 'nap and shower' options for about \$10AUS.



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6. Keio Plaza, Tokyo

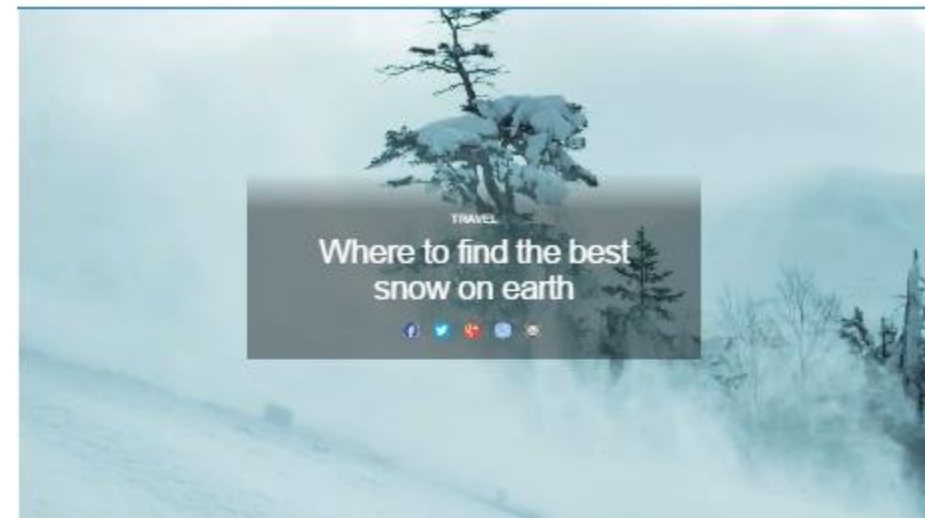
For the ultimate in Japanese pop culture, you cannot go past a Hello Kitty-themed room at the Keio Plaza. There are two options – Kitty Town for younger fans and Princess Kitty for 'grown ups'. It's a complete heart attack of Hello Kitty decor and vibrant shades of pink and the special rooms often book up over a year in advance but the regular rooms are lovely and the hotel offers complimentary shuttle bus services to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea.

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Article 4 – Where To Find the best Snow on Earth

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Story by CAITLIN CHANDER | news.com.au

HOME to enough ski resorts to fill your winter plans for the next 10 years, Japan is the number one destination for snow sports. But there's one destination that is a cut above the rest - Hokkaido.

Japan's northernmost island is renowned for its perfect powder. Hailed number one in Lonely Planet's 2016 "Best of Asia", its mountainous terrain, cool summers and icy winters make it the perfect setup for local alpine villages and ski resorts.

Most international flights still fly via major cities such as Tokyo and Osaka. In March last year, the first shinkansen (bullet train) from Tokyo to southern Hokkaido has made the north island more accessible to travellers. There are plans to extend the line to the capital Sapporo by 2030.

Asahidake



Referred to as the crime de la crime de skiing, Asahidake is the hallowed mountain in Hokkaido, with an average of about 74 metres of snow per season, making it the absolute destination for powder hungry skiers.

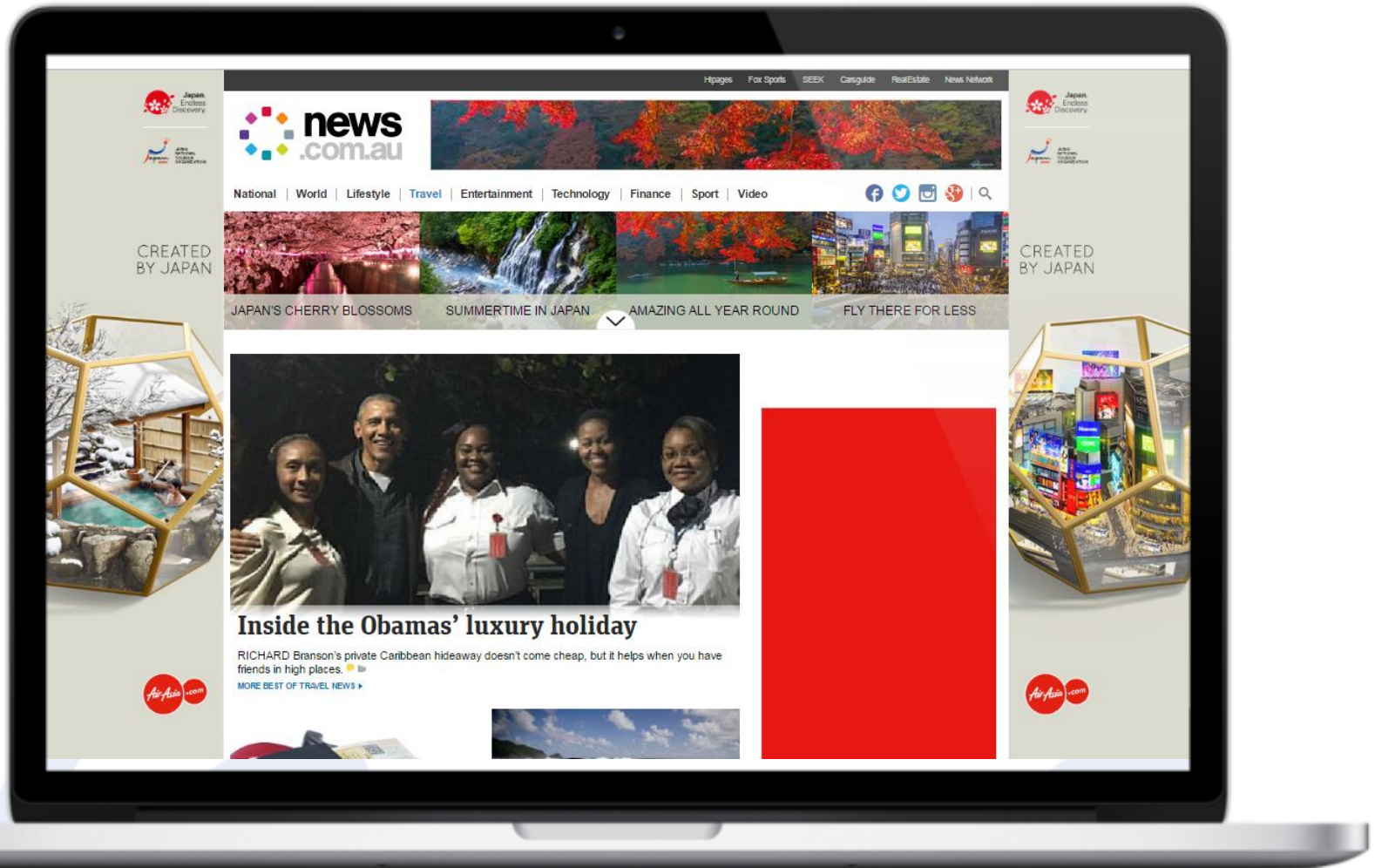
Asahidake has four pistes and a ropesway with six ski lifts that offer skiers an exhilarating 500 metre vertical descent. While the trails are perfectly groomed and powdery, they're not recommended for beginners.

The village, Asahidake Crown, has a range of hotels to suit both Western and Asian tastes. The Grand Hotel Daisetsu offers either western rooms or more traditional rooms with futons on the tatami floor. To enjoy a more cultural Japanese experience, you can relieve your tired legs by taking a dip in the therapeutic onsen (hot spring) - there's usually one in every accommodation and the levels of luxury vary. The onsen at La Vieja Chichibu Hotel, however, is said to be an exquisite experience with a variety of indoor and outdoor hot spring baths.

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