Club Med Tomamu Hokkaido, Japan

AT HOKKAIDO'S TRENDIEST NEW SKI RESORT, GET READY TO RIDE A DIFFERENT WAVE

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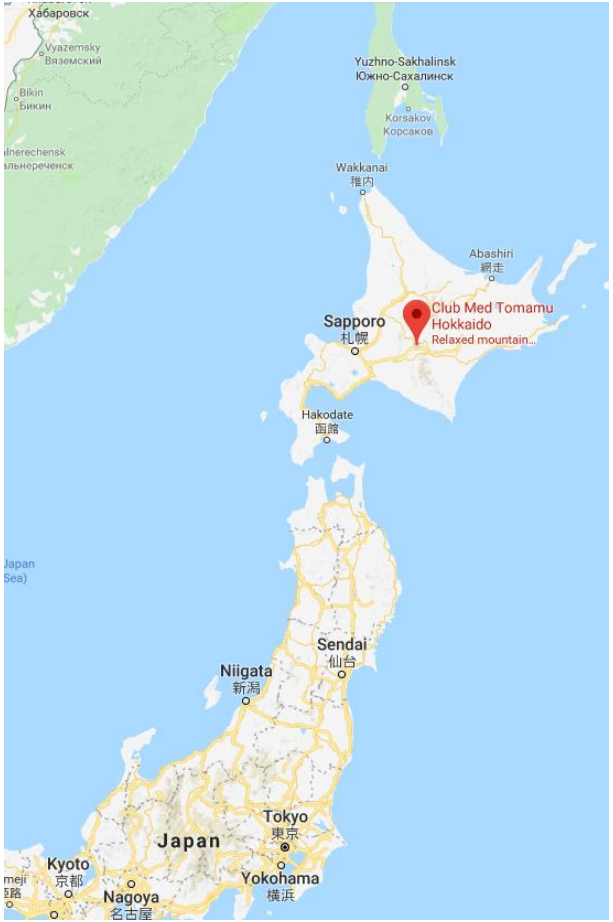
resort information

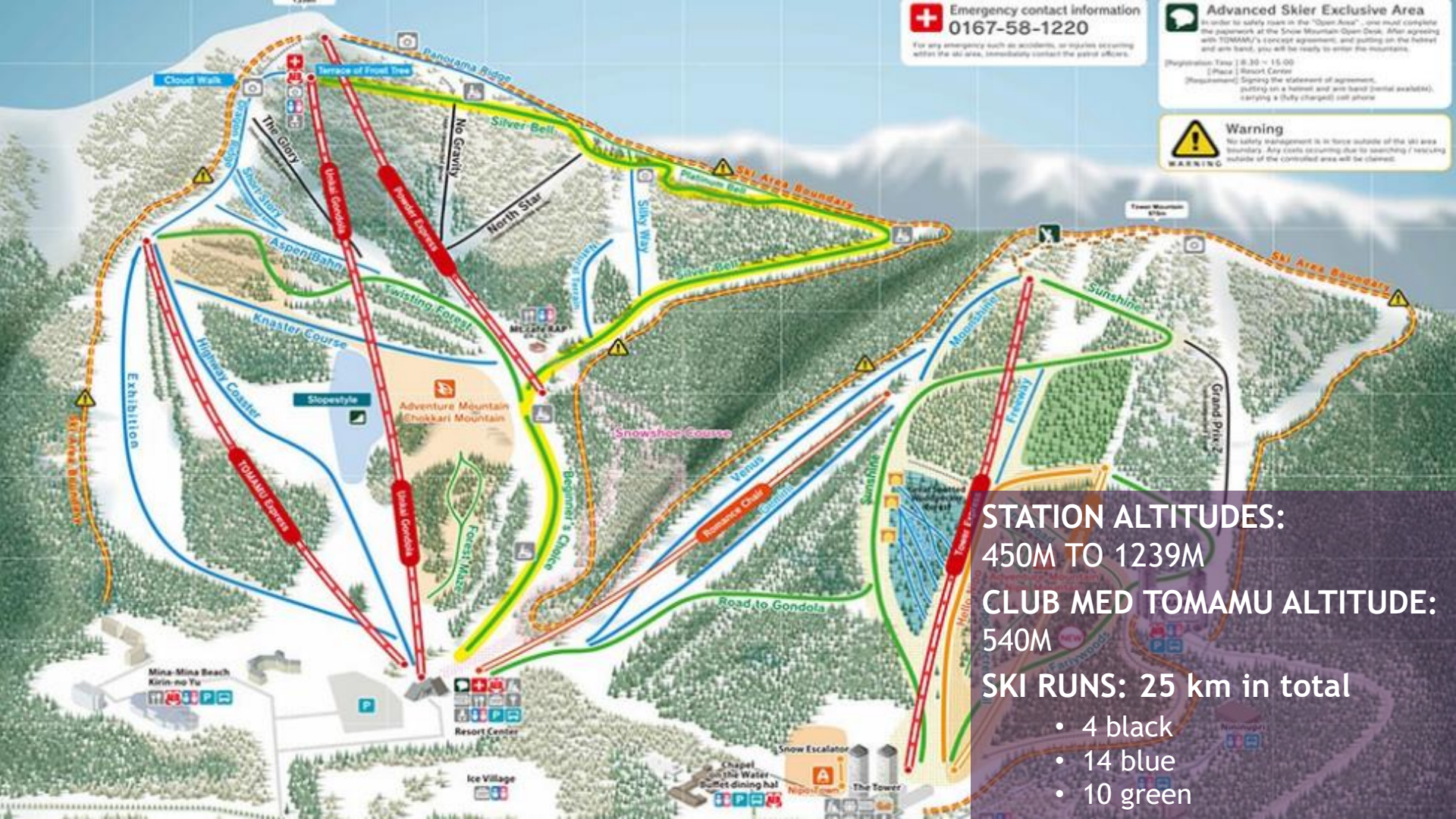
about hokkaido, japan

Located on the second largest island of Japan, Hokkaido is a mountainous region renowned for its powder snow and exciting outdoor pursuits.
Club Med Tomamu Hokkaido all-inclusive resort, is the ultimate winter escape situated in the heart of the island.

CLUB MED TOMAMU HOKKAIDO is located at

- 1h15 min transfer from Obihiro airport,
- 1h 30 min from New Chitose International airport (CTS)*
- 10 min from Tomamu Train Station





STATION ALTITUDES:
450M TO 1239M

CLUB MED TOMAMU ALTITUDE:
540M

SKI RUNS: 25 km in total

- 4 black
- 14 blue
- 10 green

The spirit of Club Med Tomamu Hokkaido

Sprawled over 145 hectares of Tomamu Mountain, Club Med introduces a thrilling snow escape where powdery perfect slopes are just waiting for discovery.

ski-in / ski-out resort

- A brand new resort offering stunning views on the mountains & a cosy modern design
- The easiest way to ski with Club med All inclusive package and services
- Taste the best of Japan and learn about Japanese whisky and Sake at the Nest bar
- Unique Japanese apres-ski at the Ice village next door or the Mina Mina beach and its largest indoor wave pool in Japan
- Snow cannons on beginner slopes to ensure snow is available season round.

Club Med Premium All Inclusive Ski Package

TOTAL PEACE OF MIND, AMAZING VALUE

ski made easy with Club Med

SKI LIFT PASS INCLUDED

- For all guests 4 years old and above
- Valid on the day after arrival to departure day[1]

SKI LESSONS INCLUDED

- English speaking instructors, group tailored to your level from beginner to expert
- Group lessons available from 4 years old with the Mini Club Med

SNOWBOARD LESSONS INCLUDED

- Group lessons available from 8 years old with the Mini Club Med

SKI EQUIPMENT

- Ski gear and equipment available for hire* onsite

ski school lessons

GROUP LESSONS AGE LIMIT

- Kids ski lessons from 4 to 12 years old
- Kids snowboard lessons from 8 to 12 years old
- Teens lessons from 12 to 19 years old
- Adults lessons from 12 years old

PRIVATE LESSONS AGE LIMIT (at extra cost)

- Kids ski lessons from 1 to 13 years old
- Kids snowboard lessons from 6 years old

LESSONS LEVELS & INFORMATION

- For kids: there are 8 levels of ski lessons and 4 levels of snowboard lessons, therefore every kid will find the lessons that suits its experience.
- For teens: this is a “Free Ride” class, which gather both skier and snowboarder. But they have to be above a certain level, otherwise they will join regular adults lessons.
- TIME // depending of the level and the lessons type
  Morning: around 9/9:30 to 11:30/12
  Afternoon: around 13:30/14 to 15/16

package

	Morning arrival	Afternoon arrival	Air + Land packages
Ski & Snowboard LESSONS	Beginners - Take part in the first morning group lesson from the **day after** arrival only. After that, lessons are available daily until to last day of departure. Intermediate/Experienced - Attend group lessons from the **afternoon of** arrival day to last day of departure	Attend first group lesson from the **day after** arrival and then daily until last day of departure.	
LIFT PASS AVAILABILITY	Available from **day of** arrival to last day of departure	Available from **day of** arrival (if arriving before domain closing time) or the next day (if arriving after domain closing time) to last day of departure	Available from the **day after** arrival to last day of departure Optional: Guests can **purchase early arrival** to take ski/snowboard lessons and access lift pass on arrival day

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must-try Experiences

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Experiences

Enjoy Japan's powder paradise

must-try Experiences

Discover the ice village

must-try Experiences

Taste authentic Yakiniku barbecue
Experience Whiskey & Sake tasting

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accommodation

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SUPERIOR ROOM

As soon as you step into your room, you're enveloped by the snug, cosy atmosphere and wooden furniture. These upstairs rooms are ideal for a couple or family.

Max occupancy: 2 pax
Room size: 38 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Luggage service
- Cleaning

Options available: Mobility accessible

JUNIOR FAMILY-SUPERIOR ROOM

Spacious and comfortable, this room is ideal for a couple travelling with a child. Soft lighting and a wooden headboard soften the feel for a cosy atmosphere.

Max occupancy: 3 pax
Room size: 42 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Luggage service
- Cleaning

Options available: Interconnecting

FAMILY - SUPERIOR ROOM

Practical and comfortable, this room is perfect for families. The sleek lines of the furniture create an uncluttered look. Carefully chosen materials and colours ensure it still feels snug.

Max occupancy: 4 pax
Room size: 38 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Luggage service
- Cleaning

Options available: Mountain view

MASTER FAMILY-SUPERIOR ROOM

For family holidays that combine space, relaxation and comfort, this is the ideal room. Situated on the 2nd, 3rd or 5th floor, it has lots of natural light and sky blue walls.

Max occupancy: 5 pax
Room size: 69-71 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Luggage service
- Cleaning

SUPERIOR ROOM

JUNIOR FAMILY SUPERIOR ROOM

FAMILY SUPERIOR ROOM

MASTER FAMILY SUPERIOR ROOM

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DELUXE ROOM - MOUNTAIN VIEW

With generous dimensions and a mountain view, this room is a favourite with families looking for extra space. Situated on the upper floors, anyone who loves the landscape will feel at home here.

Max occupancy: 3 pax
Room size: 38 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Branded amenities
- Luggage service
- Cleaning

FAMILY SUITE

Loft-style living in the mountains. This Suite is lovely and large if you're travelling with your family. Chic and contemporary, it has sweeping views over the mountains.

Max occupancy: 6 pax
Room size: 55 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Branded amenities
- Luggage service
- Cleaning
- Inclusive of room service for continental breakfast

FAMILY SUITE - MOUNTAIN VIEW

Holidaying with your family doesn't mean compromising on quality. This duplex Suite is spacious, with a mountain view and a comfortable, contemporary living room.

Max occupancy: 6 pax
Room size: 72 sqm

- Baby welcome pack
- Bathtub
- Branded amenities
- Luggage service
- Cleaning
- Inclusive of room service for continental breakfast

DELUXE ROOM

FAMILY SUITE

FAMILY SUITE -
MOUNTAIN VIEW

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restaurants & bars

restaurants

ITARA - MAIN RESTAURANT

Savour a variety of international and Japanese delights, including the freshest fish, from our main buffet restaurant. With 4 distinct spaces, each inspired by Hokkaido regions, the setting will surely surprise.
For added convenience, a Baby Corner will offer a place to prepare special meals, and a variety of amenities to make dining with a young one relaxing.

HAKU - SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

Imagine the scent of fresh yakiniku steaming off the grill. Haku, our Hokkaido resort speciality restaurant, prepares this beef Japanese delicacy to perfection paired with a selection of delicious side dishes to complement. Open for dinner, enjoy an authentic dining experience with a design inspired by Japanese indigenous tribes to cap off an unforgettable day.

*at extra cost

THE ITARA MAIN RESTAURANT

THE HAKU SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

bars

UNKAI BAR - MAIN BAR

A heady mix of intoxicating brews, majestic views and lush beats - no evening is complete without a trip to the dynamic Unkai. Cosy up to the fireplace as you soak in unmitigated mountain views over an ice-cold pint or two. This bar welcomes you indoors or out on the terrace, during the day and evening, for an enjoyable break with friends.

THE NEST BAR - ZEN BAR

Settle into cosy seating with cocktail tables or at the bar and enjoy a selection of small bites and a curated tea lesson at The Nest. Guests can also take part in the bar’s immersion into some of the best local whiskies and sakes. Mahjongg as well as live music set the scene.

UNKAI MAIN BAR

THE NEST ZEN BAR

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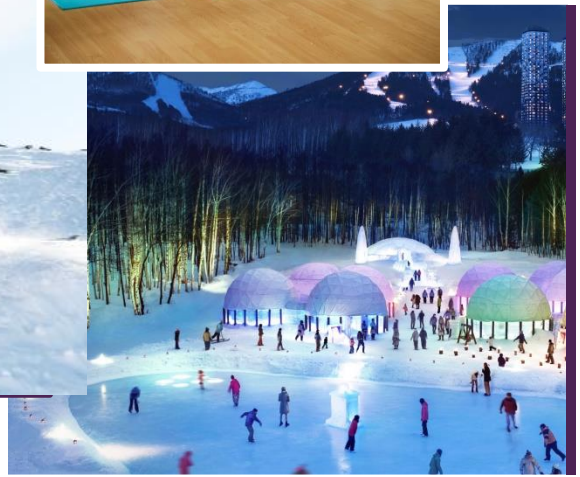
activities

activities

SPORTS

- Fitness centre
- Ski School
- Snowboard School
- Alpine skiing
- Ski simulator
- Snow mobile*
- Snow banana boat*
- Snow trekking
- Ice fishing*
- Yoga & stretching
- Weights & Cardio



ENTERTAINMENT

- Evening shows & entertainment
- Lounge & festive evenings
- Pool tables
- Ice village at Hoshino where cool evenings meet heartwarming moments with ice-fishing*, ice-skating* ice bar & dining*

activities

RELAXATION

- Revitalise after a day of skiing in the Japanese public bath, Kirin-no Yu at Mina Mina beach
- Or splash and play at Japan’s largest indoor wave-pool, also at Mina-Mina Beach – just a stones throw from Club Med.

services for little ones

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services for the little ones

facilities & activities

- **Baby Corner** *4 - 23 months*
- **Club Med Baby Welcome** *Up till 23 months*

kidsclubs

- **Petit Club Med*** *2 to 3 years*
- **Mini Club Med*** *4 to 10 years*
- **Passworld Club Med*** *11 to 17 years*

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spotted at Club Med Tomamu Hokkaido…

as seen in…

HOKKAIDO

Join the Club

Club Med will soon have another fantastic ski resort on Hokkaido, writes HELEN HARRIS

Hokkaido, the northernmost island of **Japan**, is famed for its powder snow. Metres and metres of powder snow. But don't panic. You don't have to be a powder hound to ski or snowboard. Dates are many fantastic reasons that cater to your family, no matter how old or how experienced. One of the bons for families on their first foray to Japan is **Club Med Sahara** and now it has another sister resort – **Club Med Tomamu**. Whichever you choose, prepare yourselves for the snow holiday of a lifetime.

Why Club Med

Club Med makes everything so easy on a holiday, after all, they have been delivering fantastic family holidays for 40 years. Now they have 25 snow resorts, and that same Club Med attention to detail is just as evident if not more so. Club Med holidays are all-inclusive, so parents are not constantly putting hands in pockets, paying for yet another soft drink, ice cream or dinner. The price of a seven-day snow holiday includes ski or snowboard lessons for six days, lift passes for six days, all-day dining and premium bar and kids' club for kids aged from four to 17. Plus there is built-in entertainment that your kids will never forget.

Club Med Sahara

Located in Shiyasu, central Hokkaido, this sleek, ski-out property has 136 rooms in a gorgeous woodland setting, and is ideal for all levels, from beginners through to advanced. There are eight lifts, one of which is a gondola that takes you up to **Mount Sahara**: make sure you take a bit of time to enjoy the views over the entire Tokachi Plains. The skiing and snowboarding at Sahara is fun, and smiles don't fade once you are off the slopes, with the kids sure to love horse riding in snow through the trees, ice fishing, snow trekking, soaking in the Canadian hot tub or swimming in a huge heated pool.

For dinner, everyone can refuel at **The Dakota**, a buffet offering local and international dishes, and **Hana Hana** – sensational, which specialises in rustic, traditional, hot pot experiences. The famous Club Med performances and themed parties are just as good as expected, with everyone really getting into the spirit of things.

Club Med Tomamu Hokkaido

This property is opening in December 2017, a brand-new resort designed by award-winning French interior designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. His vision is the epitome of modern Japanese chic, bringing the beauty of the outdoors in. The property will have 345 rooms in two separate buildings – the **Hokaka** and **Yukari** hotels – with options for family dining and fun in a winter wonderland.

The resort is at **Tomamu**, in the Yufutsu District, and is 40 mins away, so there will no time wasted getting to the snow. You just have to click into your ski or snowboard bindings and you will be off enjoying the 23 runs on 240 hectares of terrain, serviced by six lifts. The kids will be well looked after by their professional ski instructors and, at the end of the day, they might want to warm up at Tomamu's **Hana Hana Beach** water park, or chill out at the neighbouring **Ice Village**.

For a real treat, head up on the **Terrace of Frost Tree** at the top of the Unten Gondola and admire the view over dazzling white trees. Very cool. Literally. ■

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Getting there To access both resorts fly into Chitose Airport at Sapporo, which is a 90-minute transfer to Tomamu, or 2½ hours to Sahara.

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HOT SPOT *in the snow*

Club Med Tomamu hits the peaks of chilled activity and entertainment for all the family, writes **Gia Garrick**

Consistent powder snow days and all-inclusive on and off-mountain luxury.

This is no hyperbole when it comes to the brand new Club Med Tomamu, in northern Japan.

I was there in late January, mid-snow season in Hokkaido, while summer temperatures at home soared upwards of 25C. I'd never left such tropical temperatures to brave the cold by choice, but boy did this place change my idea of paradise. We had brilliant blue days that turned to white overnight; meaning we'd wake to the resort coated in soft, powdery goodness. I lost track of the number of powder turns I threw myself into and runs on and off-piste I explored in the week I spent on the mountain.

Club Med takes all-inclusive far above any expectation of the phrase.

At the Tomamu resort you can choose to hit the slopes all day, or instead do cooking classes, graffiti art lessons, Japanese tea or whiskey and sake tastings.

Activities range from snow trekking to yoga. Daily, or twice-daily if you're up for it, your ski or snowboard lessons are included.

You can be a complete ski beginner and I'd put money on you being hooked on the sport by the end of the week.

The cocktail list at Unkai bar is also a guaranteed fun pastime, as well as the bar's late afternoon and pre-dinner snacks and canapes. You truly can't beat it, particularly with its floor-to-ceiling views of the mountain as the sun sets, for a post-ski unwind.

The abundance of all-inclusive activities makes Club Med Tomamu the perfect snow holiday for families. If you're like me and want to spend the entire getaway on a snowboard or skis, there's nothing worse than having a friend or family member who isn't so keen. The best thing about Club Med is there is every opportunity to fill a day with non-snow fun, meaning the last thing you're going to feel is guilt on your latest powder run, knowing the kids/husband/friends/colleagues are happily entertained.

There's Petite Club Med for 2 to 3 year-olds, or Mini Club Med for kids aged 4-10. Not only will your little ones make friends for life, all the GOs (Gentils Organisateurs), who're paid to work with kids, or in other skilled areas around the resort) are qualified in teaching and childcare.

They'll organise everything from arts and crafts, puppet play and building snowmen under colourful outdoor lights, to putting shows and talent quests together to perform to parents worn out from days on the slopes. Your kids will appear to be having more fun than you are, grinning at you over the pre-dinner mocktail they've ordered themselves from the bar.

Meals are an experience in themselves; the main Itara restaurant boasting the freshest seafood, meats, breads and cheeses — much of which is sourced locally.

The buffet consists of four rounds of chefs, plating meals inspired by Japanese, Korean, Chinese and even Italian culinary delights. It's a plate-on-request system, so the food's cooked fresh as you watch. And the Itara restaurant has four dining areas, the design of each inspired by a different season.

Every meal is a fun challenge of "how many plates can I carry?" and really, the plates just aren't big enough in the patisserie and dessert section.

The cosier dining option is the Haku restaurant, a farm-to-table yakiniku barbecue where you choose your meat and veg and cook it at your table. And the Nest bar, with its specialty whiskeys and sake, is conveniently located along the short, enclosed walk back to the main resort.

But if you do find yourself getting bored of the resort's own bar options, just a short bus ride away is Tomamu's very own ice village — and ice bar.

Your resort package covers the trip there and back. There are colourful cocktails in frozen ice cups, or hot chocolates and marshmallows to toast on fires crunking between igloos. You'll find sheepskin-covered ice seats and an ice "hotel" room, with its hide-covered bed, an ice chapel you can hire out for a wedding, art rooms where you can solidify snowflakes or freeze flower petals in ice for eternity. And if you don't fancy walking down the slope to the ice village, you can quite literally take an ice slide. It's another unmissable piece of what is by definition a winter wonderland.

But if delectable food, metres of icing-sugar snow and happy kids isn't enough to convince you, the Onsen hot pools a minute's walk from the resort's front door surely will. The baths are long, shallow and hot, backing straight on to the snow with a view of powder-topped trees. More often than not it'll snow as you soak, the steam from the baths melting the snowflakes away like magic as they fall. It's a must to combat the ache of well-used muscles, worn out from hours of mountain play.

With more than 21km of trails, no lines at the ski lifts and endless off-piste exploration among the trees, sore legs are a promise.

For those who'd rather swim than soak (or prefer to keep their togs on) Japan's largest indoor wave pool, Mina Mina Beach is another resort neighbour, and run by the nearby Hoshino resort.

Every 15 minutes boogie-boardable waves start rolling in under fake palms, while giant inflatable pizzas and flamingos bob on swells out back.

The "beach" among the snow is an experience in itself — particularly for kids and teens.

There really isn't anything Club Med Tomamu doesn't have, and when it comes to a snow holiday you won't find a better deal. Packages start at $2450 for seven nights, outside peak season, all-inclusive.

It's far cheaper to head to Japan for a snow holiday than to any of the top spots in the US or Europe. You'll spend less of your time off travelling too — with a flight from Auckland to Tokyo under 11 hours. A domestic flight from Tokyo north, to Sapporo or Obihiro airports, is then no longer than an hour and a half.

And did I mention all the ski and board kit for rent at this Club Med is latest-season Rossignol? Yeah, you'd think I was joking.

Clockwise from main: Club Med Tomamu. The GOs, Gentils Organisateurs, will keep children entertained all day. Gia Garrick (inset) finds there's no fun like snow fun at Club Med Tomamu. Pictures / Supplied

Checklist

JAPAN

GETTING THERE
Air NZ fares to Tokyo start from $529. **airnz.co.nz**

Japan, everything you want it to be

Japan is a land of breathtaking snow-capped mountains, lush green plains, bustling metropolises and tropical island paradises. All of this contributes to and is influenced by a unique Japanese identity and culture that lies waiting for you to discover.

No matter what time of year you are travelling, Japan has something on offer.

Spring
The cherry blossoms, known in Japan as *sakura*, are usually only in full bloom for around one to two weeks. The Japanese love to celebrate and cherish the cherry blossoms trees during the limited flowering period and many people hold 'flower watching' parties known as *hanami*.

Summer
Summer throughout Japan culminates in large scale festivals, many with folk dancing and food stalls. *Bon Odori* is a popular dance festival held in many cities across Japan, and visitors are encouraged to join in.

Autumn
Colourful autumn leaves, known as *koyo* in Japanese, draw just as many visitors in autumn as the cherry blossoms do during spring. Famous spots for viewing the autumn foliage are dotted all across the country, especially in parks, temples and mountainous regions.

Winter
The large amounts of powder snow that fall each year make conditions perfect for skiing, snowboarding and other winter sports. Winter festivals, such as the Sapporo Snow Festival held in Hokkaido, are a must-see. A relaxing soak in an onsen, natural hot spring bath, is highly recommended.

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Icy white wedding location a Brisbane couple's dream

THE bid to have the most unforgettable and unique wedding is a real competition these days, and taken it to the extreme.

Bronwen Gora

This Aussie couple had a special wedding. *Source:Supplied*

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After a romantic engagement in a Canadian ski resort the year prior, the pair searched for a suitable location for a truly white wedding before deciding on the new Club Med

Tomamu Resort for all the skiing and festivities.

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