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I. Yamaguchi City chosen among The New York Times "52 places to go in 2024"



The New York Times has announced its "52 Places to Go in 2024," and Yamaguchi City in Japan made the list following last year's recognition of Morioka City. It is praised as "the Kyoto of the West," the article highlights tourist attractions such as Ruriko-ji's five-story pagoda and Yuda Onsen.

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II. Spring in Japan: Cherry Blossom Forecast 2024



This year's cherry blossom forecast has been released, offering a glimpse into Japan's iconic springtime spectacle from March to May. Our guide tracks the northward progression of blooms, highlighting Somei-Yoshino and Shidare-Zakura varieties. With daily updates and a detailed map, plan your visit to experience the breathtaking beauty of cherry blossoms across Japan.

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III. Unveiling Hokkaido's Newest Landmark: Hotel Sosei Sapporo MGallery, Opening its Doors in January 2024



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Hotel Sosei Sapporo MGallery, part of Accor, rebranded from Hotel Clubby, offers unique experiences in Sosei East with 118 rooms, a restaurant, and fitness facilities, aiming to become a Hokkaido landmark. Featured in Travel + Leisure's "The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2024," Hokkaido provide an enticing destination for global travelers.

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IV. Blending Cultures to Ring in the New Year at the Nagasaki Lantern Festival, February 9-25, Nagasaki

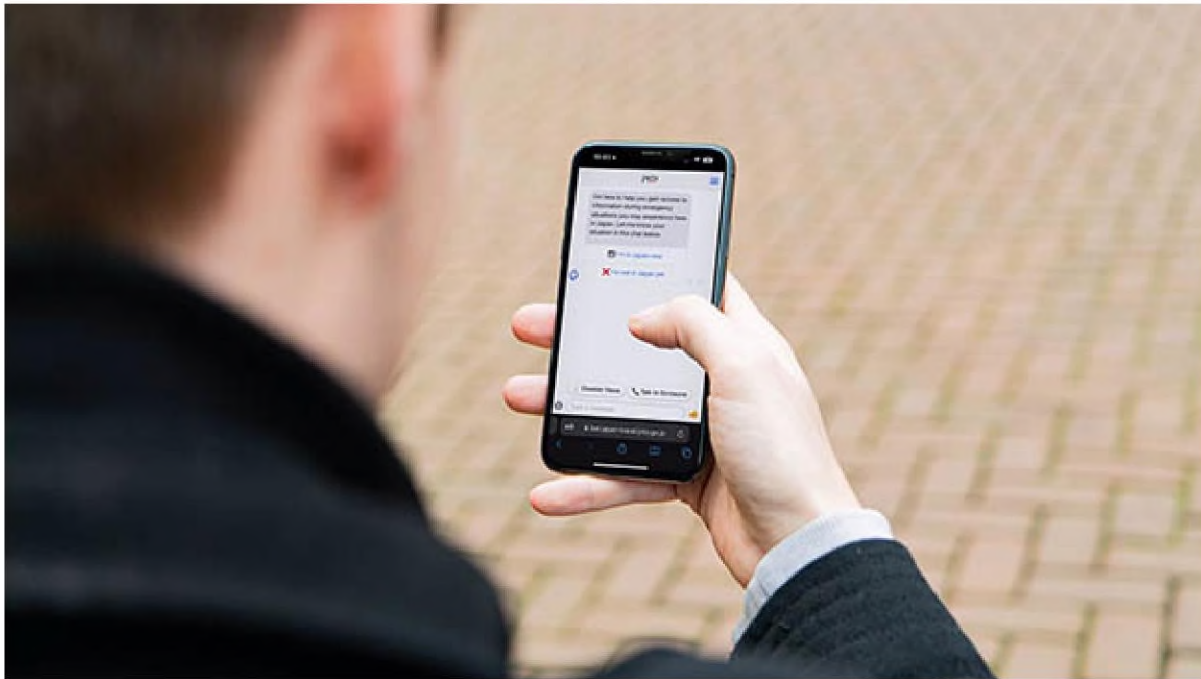


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The Nagasaki Lantern Festival, from February 9th to 25th this year, originated in 1994 from Chinatown's Lunar New Year celebrations. With over 15,000 lanterns in Shinchi Chinatown and Hamamachi, the festival blends Chinese and Japanese cultures, offering visitors traditional dances, the Emperor Parade, and a festive atmosphere across Nagasaki.

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V. Japan Safe Travel Information: Emergency Updates and Visitor Assistance



In light of the earthquake in the Hokuriku region at the beginning of the year, safety is a top priority. Get important safety tips and updates on emergencies, including natural disasters. JNTO operates a 24/7 Visitor Hotline: call for tourist information, including COVID-19, and assistance in case of accidents and emergencies. Available in English, Chinese, and Korean. Chatbot (operated only in case of emergencies and disasters)
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