

February 9, 2015

Dear Cathy & Family,

Thank you for choosing Explorient! We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you on your family trip of Japan. Please find the below trip summary of services for review. All hotels have been confirmed at this time.

### TOUR SUMMARY:

### 16 Day Custom Deluxe Japan Program – Land Only

- 2 nights\* at Cerulean Tower Hotel in Tokyo (City View Room) •
- 1 night at Ryokan Setsugetsuka in Hakone (Japanese-Western Room)
- 2 nights at Honjin Hiranoya Ryokan Kachouan/Bekkan\*\* in Takayama (Japanese Room) •
- 3 nights at Hotel Brighton Hotel in Kyoto (Superior Twin) •
- 1 night at Sheraton Hotel in Hiroshima (Club Room) •
- 1 night at Hotel Metropolitan in Nagano (Executive Double + Standard Triple) •
- 1 night at Issano Komichi in Yudanaka Valley (Japanese Room) •
- 2 nights\* at Cerulean Tower Hotel in Tokyo (City View Room) •
- 7-Day Japan Rail Pass (Tourist Class) •
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily •
- Lunches as specified per itinerary (Food Only) •
- Hotel dinners (4) during Ryokan Stays in Hakone, Takayama & Yudanaka •
- Private Tour throughout: all transfers and sightseeing by private SPANISH-SPEAKING guide (except where • otherwise noted) via private coach OR public transportation as specified per itinerary (tours utilizes public transport in Tokyo, Kawagoe, Hiroshima & Miyajima, Nagano & Yudanaka per itinerary)
- Separate baggage transfers between Tokyo / Takayama / Kyoto / Tokyo (1 pc / person) •
- Arrival and departure transfers in Tokyo by private reserved taxi grouped by arrival and departure flight times (See flight details section for details).

### TOUR ITINERARY

Day	Activity Summary
March 31	Arrive Tokyo (Cathy and Antonio Only): Upon morning arrival at Narita Airport, be met and transferred to CERULEAN TOWER HOTEL by private reserved taxi for your next 3 nights' accommodations.
	***NOTE: Early hotel check-in is subject to availability****
April 01	<b>Kawagoe (Cathy &amp; Antonio Only):</b> Today, travel back in time on an excursion to Kawagoe, a small town famous for producing Soy Sauce & Japanese Candy. Often referred to as "Little Edo", Kawagoe retains the heritage and charm of Old Japan during the Edo Period in the 15th Century. Enjoy sightseeing of Tokino Kane (Bell Tower), Kuradukuri Museum, Kashiya Yokocho (Japanese Traditional Candy District), Matsumoto Soy Sauce House and Kitain Temple. Return to Tokyo in the afternoon. (B,L) *** Sightseeing of Kawagoe utilizes public transport****
	Arrive Tokyo (Rest of Party of 6): Upon arrival at Narita Airport, be met and transferred to CERULEAN TOWER HOTEL for your next 2 nights accommodation. Separate transfers will be provided for the 2 arriving parties (via AA175 and AA153).



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Anril 02	Tokyo: Today, enjoy a full day walking tour of Tokyo accompanied by your private guide via public
April 02	transportation. Visits include the bustling Tsukiji Outer Fish Market, Imperial Palace East Gardens to enjoy viewing of Cherry Blossom, Sensoji Temple and its colorful Nakamise Shopping Arcade, Tokyo Tower (or Tokyo SkyTree**) and the glamorous Ginza District. Includes lunch at a local restaurant. (B,L)
	***Remarks:
	Tokyo SkyTree visit is subject to local conditions as advanced tickets sales is NOT available for this venue. Passengers are required to wait in line for ticket purchase / entry.
April 03	<b>Tokyo / Kamakura / Hakone</b> : This morning, depart by private car for Kamakura visiting the Kotoku-in Temple famous for its Great Buddha followed by Hasedera Temple and Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine (time permitting). Enjoy a stroll through Komachi Shopping Street with lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, proceed by road for Hakone. Enjoy a cable car ride on the Mt. Komagatake / Hakone Ropeway and a cruise on Lake Ashi. Check-in RYOKAN SETSUGETSUKA for your overnight accommodation. A traditional Japanese Dinner is served at he Ryokan. (B,L,D)
April 04	Hakone / Takayama: Transfer to Odawara Station (driver only – no guide included during this transfer) for your Shinkansen (bullet train) ride to Takayama, connecting in Nagoya. Upon arrival, proceed to HONJIN HIRANOYA RYOKAN by foot (8 minutes from Takayama Station) or by taxi (3 minutes ride). Check-in at the Ryokan and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and explore Takayama Town on your own. Dinner is served at the Ryokan (B,D)
	<ul> <li>***Remarks***</li> <li>Your guide will meet you at train platform upon disembarkation of Hakone/Nagoya Train. She will then escort you to hotel in Takayama. Taxi fares, if applicable, are on passengers' own arrangements.</li> <li>For ease of travel, your bags will be transferred separately from your hotel in Hakone to Hotel Brighton Kyoto. Please bring an carry-on bag for your 2-night stay in Takayama.****</li> </ul>
April 05	<b>Takayama (Shirakawa-go):</b> Visit the famous morning market followed by a tour of Takayama Jinya, a former government outpost that ruled Hida Province during the Edo Period. After lunch, enjoy a scenic drive by Lake Miboro and along Shokawa River to Shirakawa-go, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995, famous for its unique structures called Gassho-Zukuri, or joined-hands farmhouses. Return to Takayama in the afternoon. Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,L,D) ****Tour provided by private coach with guide***
April 06	Takayama / Kyoto: This morning, your guide will meet you at the hotel lobby accompany you to Nagoya for your connecting train to Kyoto. Upon arrival at Kyoto Station, you will be met by an ENGLISH-SPEAKING assistant at the platform and transferred to HOTEL BRIGHTON KYOTO by taxi. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. (B)
April 07	<b>Kyoto (Nara):</b> Enjoy full day tour of Kyoto & Nara by private coach. Sightseeing in Kyoto includes Gion District, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and Kiyomizu Temple. After lunch, proceed to Nara, the first permanent capital of Japan. Visit Todaiji Temple housing a great image of Buddha, colorful Kasuga Shrine with 3,000 lanterns and Deer Park where many tame deer are freely roaming. Includes lunch at a local restaurant. (B,L)
April 08	Kyoto: Full day free at leisure to relax and explore Kyoto or other nearby cities (Himeji, Osaka, Kobe) on your own using your Rail Pass. (B) ****
April 09	Kyoto / Hiroshima: This morning, your guide will meet you at the lobby and accompany you to Kyoto Station by taxi (taxi fare at passengers' expense) or your morning bullet train ride to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, drop off your



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	bags at Sheraton Hiroshima, located adjacent to Hiroshima Station before enjoying a walking tour of Hiroshima and Miyajima via public transportation. Visits in Hiroshima include Peace Memorial Park, Peace Memorial Museum and Atomic Bomb Dome. Proceed to Miyajima Island by train and ferry. Visit Itsukushima Shrine and its famed "Floating Torii Gate" and Miyajima's bustling Omotesando Shopping Street before returning to Hiroshima. Overnight at SHERATON HOTEL. (B)
	<ul> <li>***Remarks:</li> <li>1. Your bags will be transferred separately to Hotel Metropolitan Nagano. Please bring carry-on size bag for overnight stay in Hiroshima.</li> <li>2. Sightseeing of Hiroshima and Miyajima utilizes public transport</li> </ul>
April 10	<b>Hiroshima / Nagano:</b> This morning, your guide will meet and accompany you to Matsumoto by rail. Visit Matsumoto Town and Matsumoto Castle before traveling to Nagano in the afternoon. Check in at HOTEL METROPOLITAN for your overnight accommodation. (B)
April 11	Nagano / Yudanaka Valley: Transfer to Yudanaka Valley by train with accompanying guide. Enjoy sightseeing of Jogokudani Monkey Park famous for its Japanese Macaque Snow Monkeys and natural hotsprings. Afterwards, visit the region's famed Shibu Onsen Area before checking in at ISSANO KOMICHI RYOKAN for your overnight accommodation. (B)
	***Note: For ease of travel, your bags will be transferred separately to our hotel in Tokyo. Please bring an carry- on bag for your overnight stay in Yudanaka.****
April 12	Yudanaka / Tokyo: Transfer to Tokyo with accompanying guide by rail. Transfer to a local JR Train for Shibuya and check in at CERULEAN TOWER HOTEL for your next 2 nights' accommodation. (B)
April 13	Tokyo: Full day free at leisure to explore Tokyo on your own. (B)
For	Cathy, Antonio, Pablo, Valeria & Jose
April 14	<b>Return Home:</b> Transfer to the airport by private reserved taxi for your return flight home. Thomas, Carla & Anabel to remain in Tokyo for one additional night. Departing the next day. (B)
	****NOTE: separate transfers by airport shuttle bus to be provided for Pablo departing on an early evening flight. Narita Airport Limousine Bus Coupon (1) will be included in your final trip documents.****
For	Thomas, Maria, Carla & Anabel
April 14	<b>Tokyo:</b> Full day free at leisure to explore Tokyo on your own. (B) ***No guide service provided on this day***
Apr 15	Return Home: Transfer to the airport by private reserved taxi for your afternoon flight home. (B)
	****END OF PROGRAM****

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