

April 3, 2017

Dear Jan & Ron,

Thank you for choosing Explorient. We are delighted to have the opportunity to arrange your special anniversary trip in 2017. Please find your services summary and itinerary for your requested trip. All services have been confirmed at this time.

TOUR SUMMARY

13 Day / 12 Night Luxurious Japan (modified) Package - Land Only

- 3 nights at Palace Hotel in Tokyo (Deluxe Room with Balcony)
- 1 night at Gora Kadan in Hakone (Japanese Room)
- 2 nights at Hidatei Hanougi Ryokan (Japanese Room with Open Air Bath)
- 1 night at Hotel Nikko Kanazawa (Comfort/Stylish Room)
- 5 nights at The Ritz Carlton Kyoto (Deluxe Garden View Room)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Lunches & Dinners as specified per itinerary (food only)
- 7 Day Japan Rail Pass (Green Seat)
- Sightseeing by private guide with use of a public transportation (except Takayama where private car will be arranged)
- Airport transfers upon arrival (private reserved taxi) and departure (join shuttle van)
- Separate Baggage Transfer between Tokyo / Takayama / Kyoto (2 pcs)

TOUR ITINERARY

Day	Activity Summary		
June 09	Arrive Tokyo: Upon arrival at Narita Airport, be met and transferred to PALACE HOTEL TOKYO by private reserved taxi for your next 3 nights' accommodations.		
June 10	 Tokyo: Today, enjoy a full day tour of the capital's must-sees. Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine, Tokyo's most famous Shinto Shrine dedicated to the late 19th-century emperor who opened Japan to the West, home to a 40-foot-high torii gate and a 200-acre park made of 1,500-year-old cypress. Tsukiji Fish Market, the world's largest fish market that handles approx. 3,000 tons of marine products a day. Take time to wander through this enormous market, exploring both the vegetable and fruit areas plus the impressive seafood section. Next stroll the grounds of the Imperial Palace East Gardens. The Imperial Palace was the site of the former Edo Castle now home to Japan's Imperial Family. Visit the impressive Edo Museum followed by Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple at Senso-ji in Asakusa. Last but not least, enjoy a visit to Tokyo's newest architectural marvel, the SkyTree that boasts a bird's eye view of the world's most populous city. Lunch is served at local restaurants. (B,L) 		
June 11	Tokyo (Kamakura): Today, travel outside Tokyo City on board an express train to the ancient city of Kamakura. Surrounded by hills and a long beach, Kamakura is considered one of the Japan's most beautiful cities. Highlight of today's visit includes visits to several Buddhist temples and traditional Japanese Gardens in a quiet & serene atmosphere. Sites include Kotoku Temple which houses the Great Buhdda; Hasedera Temple that was constructed to house a big wooden statue of Kannon ("goddess" of mercy); Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine that was founded by the Kamakura Shogunate that boasts commanding views of Kamakura City; plus some leisure time to stroll through the town's bustling Komachi Street lined with color shops, eateries and tea houses. (B)		



	***Note: Rail pass to commence today for use until June 17. Please ask your guide to assist with rail pass exchange and train reservations. Note passports are required for Rail Pass Exchange for identification purposes.				
June 12 Tokyo / Hakone : Using public transportation, we explore the scenic area of Hakone, home to Fuji San. Here enjoy various sights within Owakudani Valley including a ride on the Hakone R cruise on Lake Ashi and a visit to Hakone Shrine. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. After at the acclaimed GORA KADAN and enjoy your traditional Ryokan stay equipped with onsens Spring Bath). Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,L,D)					
	***Note: Separate baggage transfer (2 pcs) between Tokyo and Takayama is included. Please leave your baggage at hotel bellstand by 7:30am. Bags will be transferred to your hotel in Takayama on June 14. Please bring a small overnight bag for your 1 night stay in Hakone.				
June 13	Hakone / Takayama: Transfer to Odawara Station on your own by taxi (approx. \$50 – please ask hotel to assist with booking taxi) for your Bullet Train followed by Limited Express Train to Takayama, connecting at Nagoya Station . Proceed to HIDATEI HANAOUGI RYOKAN by hotel shuttle (see schedule below) or by taxi, located approximately 7 minutes from Takayama Station. Dinner at the Ryokan. (B,D)				
	Takayama Station	Hanaougi»			
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	14:00	7:50			
	14:30	8:30			
	15:00	9:10			
	15:30	9:50			
	16:00	10:30			
	16:30	11:10			
	17:00				
	17:30				
June 14	Takayama: This morning, enjoy a private walking tour of Takayama town, visiting the Morning market in Takayama town, Yatai Kaikan Hall, and walk around in Hida Furukawa district plus a chance to sample some of the region's fine Sake at a local Sake Brewery. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and explore beautiful Takayama on your own. (B)				
June 15	Takayama / Kanazawa: This morning, enjoy a culturally inspiring visit to the traditional towns of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama. Located in a mountainous region that was cut off from the rest of the world, these villages with their Gassho-style houses subsisted on the cultivation of mulberry trees and the rearing of silkworms. The large houses with their steeply pitched thatched roofs are the only examples of their kind in Japan. Here, stroll through the heritage town in a tranquil atmosphere and catch a glimpse of the region's rural farm culture as it was hundreds of years ago. After lunch at a local restaurant, proceed to Kanazawa by private car. Check-in at HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA. (B,L) ***Note: Separate baggage transfer (2 pcs) between Takayama & Kyoto is included. Please leave your				
	baggage at hotel bellstand by 7:30am. Bags will be transferred to your hotel in Kyoto on June 16. Please bring a small bag for your overnight stay in Kanazawa.				

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June 16	Kanazawa / Kyoto: Enjoy a morning walking tour of the coastal town of Kanazawa, visiting Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan's three most famous gardens, Nagamachi Yuzen-kan and Samurai House (Takada's and Nomura's). Return to Kanazawa station and board an Express train for Kyoto. Upon arrival, be met and the platform and transferred to THE RITZ CALRTON KYOTO by private taxi for your next 4 nights' accommodations. (B)		
June 17	Kyoto: Today, enjoy a full day walking tour of beautiful Kyoto visiting Kiyomizu Temple, Sannen-zaka, Ninen- zaka, Gion District, Nijio Castle, and Daisen-in Garden at Daitokuji temple. (B)		
June 18	Kyoto (Nara): This morning, we travel via Express Train to the outskirts of Kyoto to Nara, Japan's first Capital from 710-784 A.D. and yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the awe-inspiring Todaiji Temple famed for being the world's largest wooden building that houses the country's largest Buddha statue, Deer Park where over 1,000 free roaming deer abound, and Kasuga Taisha, one of the most celebrated Shrines in all of Japan. One of today's highlight also includes a private Tea Ceremony to help celebrate Mrs. Henson's special birthday. Return to Kyoto and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. (B)		
June 19	Kyoto: Full day walking tour of Kyoto visiting the Golden Pavilion, Ryoan-ji temple. In the afternoon, tour Arashiyama Bamboo Gove, Tenryu-ji Temple and Koryu-ji Temple. (B)		
June 20	Kyoto: Enjoy a full day walking tour of Kyoto visiting Katsura Imperial Villa (subject to approval by Imperial Household Agency), Saiho-ji Moss Temple (subject to approval by the temple) and Nishiki market (a.k.a. Kyoto' Kitchen). (B)		
June 21	Return Home: Morning at leisure to relax and/or stroll the Philospher's Trail and Ginkaku-Ji (Silver Pavilion). Early afternoon transfer to Kansai Airport (KIX) by JOIN airport shuttle service for your departure flight home. Arrive SFO the same day. (B)		
	***Note: Airport transfer pick-up time is approximately 12:30pm. The exact pick-up time will be advised via phone message at your hotel the evening prior by taxi company.		
	*****END OF PROGRAM****		

Please review the trip details above for accuracy and contact me with any questions regarding your trip. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you on this special trip!

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