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Dear Pam & Dan,

Thank you for choosing Explorient! We are delighted to once again have the opportunity to serve you on 2017 Trip to the Orient. Below please find your trip summary of services for your review. All services have been confirmed at this time.

TOUR SUMMARY:

21 Day / 20 Night Custom Thailand, Cambodia, Bhutan, Nepal, Tibet & Taiwan Deluxe Package

- Roundtrip Premium Economy Class Bangkok / Siem Reap Airfares
- Business Class Bangkok / Paro / Kathmandu / Chengdu – Lijiang / Taipei Airfares per itinerary
- Economy Class Chengdu / Shangri-la Airfares per itinerary
- 1 night at Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel in Bangkok (Superior Room)
- 2 nights at The Park Hyatt in Siem Reap (Park Suite)
- 2 nights at The Peninsula Hotel in Bangkok (Deluxe Room)
- 2 nights at Taj Tashi Hotel in Thimpu (Deluxe Room)
- 1 night at Hotel Dhensa in Punakha (Suite)
- 3 nights at Hotel Zhiwaling in Paro (Jr. Suite)
- 2 nights at the Dwarikas Hotel in Kathmandu (Heritage Jr. Suite)
- 1 night at Club Himalaya in Nagarkot (Deluxe Room)
- 2 nights at Songtsam Retreat in Shangri-la (Jr. Suite)
- 1 night at The Banyan Tree in Lijiang (Garden Suite)
- 3 nights at The Regent Hotel in Taipei (Deluxe Room)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Lunches and Dinners as specified per itinerary (food only)
- Private tour throughout: all transfers and sightseeing by private car, driver & English-speaking guides
- Bhutan Visa

Additional Information

- Price is based on double occupancy, 4 passengers traveling
- Price includes Bhutan Visa, entrance fees, domestic air taxes, hotel taxes and service charges
- Price excludes Nepal & Cambodia Visas (can be obtained on arrival), transpacific airfares, personal expenses, meals not specified, beverages during included lunches, gratuities to guides, drivers and bell persons
- Passports must remain valid for at least 6 months after end of trip

TOUR OUTLINE

Day	Activity Summary
Oct. 13/14	<p>Arrive Bangkok: Upon late evening arrival in Bangkok, proceed to NOVOTEL SUVARNABUMHI AIRPORT HOTEL by complimentary hotel shuttle for your overnight accommodation.</p> <p>***Note: Novotel offers complimentary shuttle from between airport and hotel. Please proceed to Gate #4 on Level 2 upon arrival.</p> <p>Tip: Suggest leaving your baggage at Novotel until your return to Bangkok on Oct. 16th.</p>
Oct. 14	<p>Bangkok / Siem Reap: Board your early morning flight for Siem Reap. Upon arrival, commence sightseeing of two of Angkor's famous temple ruins starting with the fortified city of Angkor Thom. Covering an area of 10 square kilometers and enclosed by a wall and wide moats, this ancient city is home to many of Angkor's most popular sights. Visit Ta Prohm, featured in the blockbuster hit movie Tomb Raider – Lara Croft, Ta Prohm is one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared, appearing very much in a similar state as it was when European explorers first stumbled across the Angkor Temples. Next up, Banteay Srei. Seemingly miniature in comparison to the other Angkor temples, Banteay Srei is considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Built in pink sandstone, the walls are covered in exquisitely preserved carvings of unusual delicacy. Check-in at THE PARK HYATT SIEM REAP for your next 2 nights' accommodations. (B)</p>
Oct. 15	<p>Siem Reap: Your day begins with an awe-inspiring visit to the magnificent Angkor Wat, the crown jewel of Khmer architecture and the national symbol of Cambodia. Angkor Wat is the largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples. Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings.</p> <p>Afterwards, travel outside the city and embark on a culturally inspiring boat trip to Tonle Sap Lake at Kampong Kleang. Tonle Sap, or Great Lake swells up to seven times its original size during the monsoon season with an ecosystem that is one of the richest and most diverse in the region. This boat trip explores the primitive floating fishing villages that dwell atop the Great Lake, passing submerged forests and fishing farms. Return to Siem Reap and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. (B)</p>
Oct. 16	<p>Siem Reap / Bangkok: Early morning transfer for your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, transfer to The Peninsula Bangkok (early check-in subject to availability). This afternoon, explore on the "Klongs" (canals) of the Chao Phraya River by longtailed boat passing thru residential areas along Bangkok's waterways followed by a visit of Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn).</p> <p>Afterward, Linda and Pam to visit to the Jim Thompson House and Silk Shop, while David and Dan to return to the hotel on their own. (B)</p>
Oct. 17	<p>Bangkok: Today's tour arrangements will be provided as follows:</p> <p><u>David:</u> This morning, travel outside the hustle and bustle of Bangkok to the world renowned Floating Market where for over a hundred years, villagers transport their agricultural products by canals to the center of trading at Damnoen Saduak. This incredible network is a labyrinth of almost two hundreds branched canals lined with ancient Thai wooden houses and colorfully decorated by small wooden boats that contain fresh fruits and vegetables. Afterwards, visit the interesting Train Market where local vendors and patrons line the train tracks, quickly disperse and reassemble as the train comes and goes. Return to the city and meet up with the group for touring of Bangkok's temples. (B)</p>

	<p><u>Linda, Pam & Dan:</u> This morning, enjoy a cooking lesson at the famed Blue Elephant Cooking School. Located in the heart of Bangkok, the Blue Elephant Cooking School welcomes you to a dazzling century old mansion where you will discover and experience the culinary wonders of Royal Thai Cuisine. Your session begins with a market visit (via use of Sky Train) at the Bang Rak morning market to shop for the day's ingredients; followed by your culinary lesson to prepare your 4-course lunch. (B,L)</p> <p><u>All passengers:</u> Later this afternoon, enjoy visits to two of Thailand's most famous temples of Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha) and Wat Trimit (Golden Buddha).</p>
Oct. 18	<p>Bangkok / Paro / Thimpu: Transfer for your morning flight to Paro. Upon arrival, proceed by road to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital of approximately 100,000 residents. The scenic one-hour meanders through the hamlets of Paro adjacent to the Paro river and later Thimphu river. After lunch at a local restaurant, commence sightseeing of Thimphu town visiting the Memorial stupa of the 3rd King of Bhutan. Afterwards, visit the impressive Buddha Dordenma, a gigantic Shakyamuni Buddha statue that houses over one hundred thousand smaller Buddha statues, each of which made of bronze and gilded in gold. Check-in at TAJ TASHI HOTEL and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to stroll through Thimphu Town. Dinner is served at the hotel. (B,L,D)</p>
Oct. 19	<p>Thimpu: This morning, visit the School of Arts & Crafts, National Library and Folk Heritage Museum. Visit the view point of Thimphu, Zilukha nunnery and Thimphu Dzong. Enjoy the afternoon to relax or embark on an invigorating hike (approx. 6km) up the mountain through the pine forests. Lunch and dinner are served at a local restaurant and at your hotel, respectively. (B,L,D)</p>
Oct. 20	<p>Thimpu / Punakha: This morning, embark on a scenic 2.5 hour overland journey for Punakha, passing through Dochula Pass with spectacular views of the Himalayan Ranges. Visit the 17th Century Simtokha Dzong, one of Bhutan's first fortress monasteries en-route. Upon arrival in Punakha, visit Punakha Dzong, one of the most spectacular in the country; Chimi Lhakhang Monastery (fertility temple), and a leisurely hike along Mo Chhu River through rice paddies and rural villages. Check-in at HOTEL DENSA and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the resort. (B,L,D)</p>
Oct. 21	<p>Punakha / Paro: This morning, visit the Crown Prince's Monastery, Temple of the Divine mad Man and Wangdu Dzong. After lunch, proceed to Paro by road. Check-in at HOTEL ZHIWALING where dinner will be served. (B,L,D)</p>
Oct. 22	<p>Paro: Today's sightseeing includes visits to the Ruins of Drugyel Dzong, Kyichu Lhakhang, Ta Dzong and the National Museum housed in an ancient watchtower, and Paro Dzong representative of some of the finest Bhutanese architecture. Lunch and dinner are served at a local restaurant and at your hotel, respectively. (B,L,D)</p>
Oct. 23	<p>Paro (Tiger's Nest): Enjoy a morning trek (5 hrs) to Taktshang Monastery, also known as Tiger's Nest. Tiger's Nest is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. This site has been recognized as a most sacred place and visited by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1646, and now visited by all Bhutanese at least once in their lifetime. Return to Paro Town for lunch and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)</p>
Oct. 24	<p>Paro / Kathmandu: Transfer for your flight to Kathmandu. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to HOTEL DWARIKAS for your next 2 nights' accommodations. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief tour of the city, and in the evening, a stroll around the city's popular Thamel district for some shopping and dining is highly recommended. (B)</p>
Oct. 25	<p>Kathmandu: Today, enjoy a full day tour of Kathmandu, the largest city of Nepal which is the political and cultural capital of the country. Visit the Kathmandu Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the goddess resides surrounded by temples and a museum. Later visit Swayambhunath Stupa, another UNESCO</p>

	<p>World Heritage Site, this ancient stupa is the most sacred Buddhist shrine of Nepal and is also known as a Self-Created stupa or the monkey temple.</p> <p>In the afternoon, head to Patan, the city of artisans and a paradise of fine arts. In the heart of Patan, amidst the hustle and bustle of the marketplace is the Patan Durbar Square. Exquisite works of religious art and architecture, ancient palaces, pagoda temples, Hindu and Buddhist shrines adorn this place. Return to your hotel for overnight. (B)</p>
Oct. 26	<p>Kathmandu / Nagarkot: This morning, visit to magnificent temple of Pashupatinath. With its astonishing architectural beauty, Pashupatinath is situated amidst a lush green natural setting on the bank of the sacred Bagmati River. Pashupatinath is an UNESCO World Heritage Site and also Nepal's most renowned Hindu cremation site. Continue to Bhaktapur City and visit its extraordinary Bhaktapur Durbar Square has monuments that reflect the glory days of the Malla Dynasty when art and architecture thrived in the three cities of the Kathmandu valley. Proceed to Nagarkot and check-in at CLUB HIMALAYA for your overnight accommodations. Dinner is served at the resort. (B,D)</p>
Oct. 27	<p>Nagarkot / Shangri-la: Time permitting, enjoy an early morning drive to the Nagarkot Tower and catch a glimpse of the beautiful sunrise amidst the Himalayan backdrop. Transfer to Kathmandu Airport for your flight to Chengdu for your connecting flight to Shangri-la. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to SONGTSAM RETREAT by M Galley for your next 2 nights' accommodations. (B)</p> <p>***Important Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passengers are required to go thru immigrations, retrieve baggage and re-checkin for flight to Shangri-la upon arrival in Chengdu. 2. Meeting and transit assistance will be provided at Chengdu Airport. A CITS representative will meet you in the arrivals area (after exiting customs and retrieving your baggage) to assist with check-in for your flight to Shangri-la.
Oct. 28	<p>Shangri-la: This morning, enjoy a visit to the magnificent Songzanlin Monastery, the biggest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Yunnan. Known as the little "Potala Palace", it was deemed divine by the then Dalai Lama in 1679, and went on to become the uppermost Buddhist Temple in Yunnan province. Afterward, explore local Villages in the region, including visits to monasteries and to a local home to catch a glimpse of the Tibetan way of life. Later this evening, enjoy a stroll in the Old Town where dinner will be served. (B,D)</p>
Oct. 29	<p>Shangri-la / Lijiang: After breakfast, depart by road for Tiger Leaping Gorge, which is believed to be the among the deepest gorges in the world confined between the steep, narrow cliff wall where the torrential Jinsha River roars through the 18-kilometer gorge. Continue to Lijiang and enjoy a walking tour of its charming old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famed for its cobbled streets and alleyways, beautifully accented by alpine streams and colorful red lanterns. Enjoy your evening at leisure to shop, dine and explore beautiful Old Town. Accommodations at BANYAN TREE LIJIANG RESORT & SPA. (B)</p>
Oct. 30	<p>Lijiang / Taipei: Transfer for your morning flight to Taipei. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to THE REGENT TAIPEI for your next 3 nights' accommodations. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. (B)</p>
Oct. 31	<p>Taipei: Morning at leisure. Afternoon tour of Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, National Palace Museum, Martyrs' Shrine. This evening, visit TAIPEI 101 followed by a stroll through the bustling Raohe Street Night Market. (B)</p>
Nov. 01	<p>Taipei: Free at leisure to shop, eat and explore Taipei on your own. (B)</p>
Nov. 02	<p>Return Home: Early morning transfer to the airport for your departure flight home. (B)</p> <p>****END OF PROGRAM****</p>

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