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Dear Tracie & Richard,

Thank you for choosing Explorient! We are delighted to have the opportunity to arrange your upcoming China & Nepal Trip. Kindly review the below summary of the services for your trip. All services have been confirmed at this time.

TOUR SUMMARY:

11 Day / 10 Night Air & Land Custom China & Nepal Package – Land Only

- Economy Class Chengdu / Lhasa / Kathmandu Airfares per itinerary
- 2 nights at Sheraton Lido Hotel in Chengdu
- 3 nights at Four Points by Sheraton in Lhasa
- 2 nights at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu
- 1 night at The Tea House Lodge at Chisapani ****Note: Basic guesthouse accommodations***
- 2 night at Fort Resort in Nagarkot
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Other meals as specified per itinerary
- Private tour throughout: all transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle, driver and professional Guides
- China Visa & Tibet Entry Permit Processing

TOUR ITINERARY

Day	Activity Summary
May 08/09	Depart USA: Depart on a late evening / early morning (1:30am) Cathay Pacific Airways flight for Chengdu, connecting in Hong Kong.
May 10	Arrive Chengdu: Upon morning arrival in Chengdu, be met and transferred to Sheraton Lido Hotel for your next 2 nights' accommodations. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure.
May 11	Chengdu: Enjoy a morning visit to Panda Breeding & Research Center. Also known as the "Panda Base", it was specially designed to imitate the pandas' natural habitat, making it suitable for breeding. The Center cares also for other rare and endangered wild animals covering an area of 92 acres Giant pandas, lesser pandas, black-necked cranes, white storks as well as over 20 species of rare animals are fed and bred there throughout the year. After lunch, proceed to Sanxingui Museum, recognized as one of the most important ancient remains in the world for its vast size, lengthy period and enriched cultural contents. The site is believed to be an ancient Chinese city dating back 1,000 to 2,000 B.C. (B,L)
May 12	Chengdu / Lhasa: Enjoy a morning tour to the Ancient Town of Huanglongxi. This charming town of over 1,700 is renowned for its cobbled streets, temples and ancient houses along its curving alleys dating back from the Qing Dynasty. Afterwards, transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Lhasa. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to Four Points by Sheraton for your next 3 nights' accommodations. Balance of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner is served at your hotel. (B,D)
May 13	Lhasa: Full day sightseeing includes the Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Square and the Summer Palace. Includes lunch & dinner at local restaurants. (B,L,D)

May 14	Lhasa: Today's tour includes the Potala Palace, former home of the Dalai Lama and Norbulingka Monastery with lunch at a local restaurant. This evening, enjoy dinner at the Crazy Yak restaurant with Tibetan Dancing Show (B,L,D)
May 15	Lhasa / Kathmandu: Morning flight to Kathmandu. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to Hyatt Regency Hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Swayambhunath, one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Stupas dating back 2000 years situated on a hillock offering an excellent view of the Kathmandu Valley. (B)
May 16	Kathmandu / Chisapani: Morning departure by road to Sundarikal, located 15 km northeast of Kathmandu. Enjoy a 3-4 hour trek to Chisapani, the popular mountain view spot offering a close view of Everest and Langtang ranges. Dinner and accommodations at The Tea House Lodge. (B,D) ****Note: very basic accommodations in Chisapani****
May 17	Chisapani / Nagarkot: Today's itinerary features a 5 to 6 hour trek from Chisapani to Nagarkot. Starting at the Chasapani Ridge, the trek traverses through Shivapuri National Park, passing ethnic settlements through the forests. Nagarkot, Situated in 32km east of Kathmandu, it is a popular tourist destination of Nepal for stunning views of sunrise and sunset. In an altitude of 2,175m above the sea-level, the panorama of the major peaks of eastern Himalayas including Sagarmatha, can be seen. Others are Manaslu (8,163m) Ganesh Himal (7,111m) Langtang(7,246m), Choba Bhamre(6,016m) Gaurishankar(7,134m) and Numbur (6,957m). Accommodations at the Fort Resort. (B)
May 18	Nagarkot: Full day free at leisure to relax and explore Nagarkot on your own. Guide service for additional trekking (i.e. to Dhulikhel) is available upon request. (B)
May 19	Nagarkot / Kathmandu: Depart by road for Kathmandu. Enroute, visit Bhaktapur, situated about 14 Km east of Kathmandu city was founded in 9th Century by King Anand Dev. About 4000 feet above the sea level this city renowned for its pottery and weaving industry. Next visit, Bouddhanath. The stupa of Bouddhanath contains the relics of Kashyap Buddha and is a very important and holy stupa to Buddhists, particularly to the Tibetan Buddhists. The lotus-born Guru, Guru Padmashambava had revealed its greatness and importance to the Tibetan King Trisonetsen (742-797 A.D.) Proceed to the famous Pasupatinath Temple, renowned for its superb architecture with its two storied golden roof and silver doors. Entrance into the temple-precincts is permitted only for the Hindus but others can clearly see the temple and ritual performance from the eastern bank of the Bagmati, where people cremate the dead. Check-in at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu for your overnight accommodations. (B)
May 20	Kathmandu / Home: Enjoy a half day tour of Patan Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This whole square is a cluster of fine pagoda temples and stone statues; at the same time the business hub of the city. At every step one comes across a piece of art or an image of a deity, testifying to the consummate skill of Patan's anonymous artists. The ancient palace of the Malla kings and the stone baths associated with various legends and episodes of history are especially interesting to visitors. The stone temple of Lord Krishna and the Royal Bath (Tushahity) with its intricate stone and bronze carvings are two other masterpieces in the same vicinity. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure until your late evening transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Connecting in Hong Kong and arrive JFK the next day. (B)
May 21	Arrive USA: Early afternoon arrival in JFK.

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END OF PROGRAM

Please review the trip information above for accuracy and contact me with any questions. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in China & Nepal!

Sincerely,

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