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Dear Sonya & Renaud,

Thank you for choosing Explorient! We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you on your April 2013 Trip to Japan. Please find the below trip summary of services for review. All hotels have been confirmed at this time.

TOUR SUMMARY:

14 Day / 13 Night Private Luxury Japan Package – Land Only

- Economy Class Hiroshima / Narita Airfare
- 7-Day Japan Rail Pass (First Class - Green Seat)
- 3 nights at Peninsula Hotel in Tokyo (Deluxe Room)
- 1 night at Gora Kadan Ryokan in Hakone (Japanese Room)
- 2 nights at Honjin Hiranoya Kachuan Ryokan in Takayama (Japanese-Western Room)
- 4 nights at Westin Miyako Hotel in Kyoto (Deluxe Room)
- 2 nights at Ryokan Iwaso in Miyajima (Japanese Room)
- 1 night at Sheraton Hotel in Hiroshima (Club Room)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily (except morning of April 16 due to early flight departure)
- Other meals as specified per itinerary (food only)
- Private Walking Tour using public transportation in Tokyo, Takayama, Hiroshima & Miyajima per itinerary
- Private Sightseeing in Hakone, Takayama and Kyoto/Nara by private car & guide per itinerary
- Separate baggage transfers between Tokyo/ Takayama/ Kyoto/ Miyajima/ Hiroshima (1 pc / person)
- Arrival transfers in Tokyo by private reserved taxi

TOUR ITINERARY

Day	Activity Summary
April 03	Arrive Tokyo: Upon arrival at Narita Airport, be met and transferred to Peninsula Tokyo Hotel by private taxi for your next 3 nights' accommodations.
April 04	Tokyo: Today, enjoy a full day walking tour of Tokyo accompanied by your private guide (using public transportation). Visits include Tsukiji Outer Fish Market, Asakusa Kannon Temple and its colorful Nakamise Shopping Arcade, Tokyo Tower and the glamorous Ginza District. In addition, enjoy a fabulous Sushi-making lesson where you will prepare your very own Japanese Lunch. (B,L)
April 05	Tokyo: Full day free at leisure to explore Tokyo on your own. (B)
April 06	<p>Tokyo / Kamakura / Hakone: 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 at the exclusive Gora Kadan Ryokan for your overnight accommodation. A traditional Japanese Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,L,D)</p> <p>***Note: your bags will be transferred separately from Peninsula Tokyo to your hotel in Takayama (included in package). Please bring an carry-on bag for your overnight stay in Hakone.***</p>

April 07	Hakone / Takayama: Transfer to Odawara Station on your own by Taxi (approx. 30 minutes at \$60) for your bullet train ride to Takayama, connecting in Nagoya. Upon arrival, be met by your private guide and transfer to at Honjin Hiranoya Kachuan Ryokan by taxi or by foot. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of beautiful Takayama with visits to the Yatai Kaikan Hall, where colorfully decorated traditional festival floats are displayed; Kusakabe Folkcraft Museum, formerly the residence of powerful merchants under government patronage; and the streets of Kami Sannomachi, famous for its preserve traditional Japanese wooden houses. Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,D)
April 08	Takayama (Shirakawa-go): Visit the famous morning market of Takayama, followed by 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. Afterwards, visit the Ruins of Ogimachi Castle, Miboro Dam and other nearby towns and attractions. Return to Takayama in the afternoon. Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,D)
April 09	Takayama / Kyoto: Transfer to Takayama Station on your own (8 minutes by foot or by taxi) for your train to Kyoto, connecting in Nagoya. Upon arrival in Kyoto, be met at the platform by a representative and transferred to Westin Miyako Hotel by taxi. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. (B) ***Note: your bags will be transferred separately to your hotel in Kyoto (included in package), arriving the next afternoon. Please bring an overnight/carry-on bag for your first night Kyoto***
April 10	Kyoto: Enjoy full day tour of Kyoto & Nara by private car. Your morning tour of Kyoto includes visits to the Golden Pavilion, Ryoanji Temple and Kitano Tenmangu Shrine (or Higashi Honganji Temple). In the afternoon, 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. (B)
April 11	Kyoto: Today, enjoy a half day fascinating tour of Kyoto by bicycle. Take a leisurely ride through the back streets of Kyoto, passing through beautiful temples, tranquil rivers and local residences to the ever-charming GION district. Enjoy a stroll through its cobbled streets before proceeding to the magnificent Heian Shrine. Enjoy a ride to the revered Imperial Palace Park, and along the spectacular Kamo River before returning to your hotel. (B)
April 12	Kyoto: Full day free at leisure to relax and explore charming Kyoto on your own. (B) ***Note: your bags will be transferred separately to your Ryokan in Miyajima Island (included in package), arriving the next afternoon. ***
April 13	Kyoto / Miyajima: Transfer to Kyoto Station on your own by taxi or complimentary hotel shuttle for your morning bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, be met by your private guide and enjoy a walking tour of Hiroshima and Miyajima using 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 before checking-in at the beautiful Iwaso Ryokan. Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,D)
April 14	Miyajima: Full day free at leisure to relax, shop, hike and explore beautiful Miyajima on your own. Dinner is served at the Ryokan. (B,D)
April 15	Miyajima / Hiroshima: Breakfast at the Ryokan. Upon check-out, transfer to Sheraton Hiroshima Hotel (located at Hiroshima Station) on your own by ferry and by train. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure to explore

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	Hiroshima on your own. (B) ***Note: your bags will be transferred separately to your hotel in Hiroshima (included in package), arriving the same day. ***
April 16	Return Home: Transfer to the airport on your own by shuttle bus OR by taxi for your early morning flight to Narita Airport for your connecting flight home. *****END OF PROGRAM*****

Please review the materials above for accuracy and feel free to contact us with any questions regarding your trip. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in Japan!

Sincerely,

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