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**From:** Karyna Shuliak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2016 2:19 PM  
**To:** Mizuka  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Ito  
**Subject:** Re: trip to Japan

Hi Mizuka and Joi,

Thank you so much for the recommendations!

Regarding the cooking class, I will be happy to be Jen's support if it is a higher level class. And working with raw fish is fine for us.

Thank you very much!

Karyna.

> On Sep 8, 2016, at 10:27 PM, Mizuka <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>  
> Hi Karyna,  
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> We recommended 2 Japanese-style hotels and 1 western hotel.  
>  
> 1, Hiiragiya  
>  
> <http://www.hiiragiya.co.jp/en/>  
>  
> The Bath tub is bigger than Tawaraya.  
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> 2, Tawaraya  
>  
> Tawaraya is much more famous but the bath is a small - you can't extend your legs.  
>  
> <http://www.annees-de-pelerinage.com/tawaraya-ryokan-review-best-hotel-in-the-world/>  
>  
> 3, Hyatt Regency Kyoto  
>  
> <https://kyoto.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/offers.html>  
>  
> I like the breakfasts.  
>  
> You can try to do an incense ceremony in Kyoto.  
>  
> <http://www.shoyeido.co.jp/english/>  
>  
> <http://www.yamadamatsu.co.jp/en/index.html>  
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> I'm trying to figure out the cooking class level. Should we have Jen the focus or make it so both of you can participate evenly? I think that if we make Jen the focus, we can have a fairly high level class with you as support. Otherwise, we can try to organize a more "starter" course for both of you. One question, are you comfortable working with raw fish?

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> - Mizuka ( & Joi)  
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>> 2016/09/07 午前9:34、Karyna Shuliak <[REDACTED]> のメール：  
>>  
>> Most likely we will be there from September 18th till 29th (will know for=sure on Friday after I get my visa).  
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>> If you could recommend a good cooking class and where to see an incense c=remony, it would be great!  
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>> Also, which hotel would you recommend to stay at in Kyoto?  
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>> Thanks a lot!  
>> Karyna.  
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>>> On Sep 7, 2016, at 7:57 AM, Joi Ito <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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>>> Can you tell us your travel dates?  
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>>> What would your priorities be of the list of stuff below?  
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>>> Sumo tickets are harder, Kabuki is easier. Do you need a guide for all o= this?  
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>>> - Joi  
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>>>> On Sep 5, 2016, at 12:35 PM, Karyna Shuliak <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Hi Joi and Mizuka,  
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>>>> Thank you again so much for your help!  
>>>> Yes, we would love to take some cooking lessons. Neither of us has lea=ed about Japanese cooking, so we would probably need to start with the basi=s, although Jen is a chef, but she has experience only with european/america=n cuisine. But we do love Japanese food a lot! at least the American versio= of it.  
>>>> Other then food, we probably will do lot's of sightseeing, since this i= going to be our first time in Japan. I would love to get to know more abou= traditional Japanese architecture and design. We would also like to see s=mo and kabuki performance, as well as kodo and tea ceremony. So if you may h=ve suggestions on any of the above, it would be amazing. Otherwise, we are o=en to any other recommendations you might have and very much looking forwar= to this trip!  
>>>> Thank you both very much!  
>>>> Karyna.  
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>>>>> On Sep 5, 2016, at 5:53 AM, Joi Ito <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Hi Karyna,  
>>>>>  
>>>>> We can try to Skype today or you can tell us what you're looki=g for and we can help. One thing Jefrey said was that you wanted to take so=e cooking lessons. Mizuka might be able to help. We'd need to know t=e what kind of cooking and you and Jen's level, etc.  
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>>>>> - Joi  
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>>>>>> On Sep 5, 2016, at 12:21 AM, Karyna Shuliak <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>>>  
>>>> Joi,  
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>>>> Jeffrey has advised that I contact you regarding the trip to Japan♦=80♦ It is so kind of you and your wife to help us, I very much appreciate=it and hope that I can return the favor if you ever need assistance.  
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>>>> Please let me know what would be the best way to contact you or your w=fe about it. May be we could set up a quick skype call if that is convenien=?  
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>>>> Thank you so much!  
>>>> Karyna.  
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