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**From:** Mizuka Ito <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 10, 2016 12:20 AM  
**To:** Karyna Shuliak  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Ito  
**Subject:** Re: trip to Japan

Hi Karyna,

Please let me know when you fix your final schedule. Because my cooking teacher asked me about it.

Thank you!  
Mizuka

2016/09/09 10:19、Karyna Shuliak <[REDACTED]> ソメッセージ:

> Hi Mizuka and Joi,  
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> 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.  
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> Thank you very much!  
> Karyna.  
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>> On Sep 8, 2016, at 10:27 PM, Mizuka <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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>> 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.  
>>  
>> 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.  
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>> You can try to do an incense ceremony in Kyoto.  
>>  
>> <http://www.shoyeido.co.jp/english/>  
>>  
>> <http://www.yamadamatsu.co.jp/en/index.html>  
>>  
>> 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 :  
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>>> 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 ceremony, it would be great!  
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>>> Also, which hotel would you recommend to stay at in Kyoto?  
>>>  
>>> 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 of 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,  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Thank you again so much for your help!  
>>>>> Yes, we would love to take some cooking lessons. Neither of us has learned about Japanese cooking, so we would probably need to start with the basics, although Jen is a chef, but she has experience only with European/American cuisine. But we do love Japanese food a lot! at least the American version of it.  
>>>>> Other than food, we probably will do lots of sightseeing, since this is going to be our first time in Japan. I would love to get to know more about traditional Japanese architecture and design. We would also like to see sumo and kabuki performance, as well as kodo and tea ceremony. So if you may have suggestions on any of the above, it would be amazing. Otherwise, we are open to any other recommendations you might have and very much looking forward 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:

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>>>>>> Hi Karyna,

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>>>>>> We can try to Skype today or you can tell us what you're looking for and we can help. One thing Jeffrey said was that you wanted to take some cooking lessons. Mizuka might be able to help. We'd need to know the 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:

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>>>>>>> Joi,

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>>>>>>> Jeffrey has advised that I contact you regarding the trip to Japan. 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 wife about it. May be we could set up a quick skype call if that is convenient?

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>>>>>>> Thank you so much!

>>>>>>> Karyna.

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