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Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2016 12:13 PM
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Subject: Re:

Hmm. If you're two white girls who aren't fluent in Japanese, it's pretty hard. You sort of have to be a Japanese man.

I suppose one thing is to say "this is the wrong way" and if they don't do anything about it, just get out of the taxi and threaten to.

Otherwise call someone Japanese or the hotel and have them talk to the driver on your phone and tell the driver that they are "unhappy with the route."

It is always very hard to negotiate routes because traffic does make the route different depending on the time.

On the other hand, I sometimes get drivers who are sincere, but sincerely lost. I often ask "do you know where you're going?" If they don't I'll sometimes get out or tell them exactly where to go.

It's a hard city to navigate - very large and non-grid - so you will sometimes get drivers who don't know where they are going, but they will usually signal that with body language or saying it. They might hide it from foreigners.

- Joi

> On Oct 8, 2016, at 7:57 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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> good defense. the question is how does one gently confront someone

> who might be somewhat less than honest :)

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> On Sat, Oct 8, 2016 at 7:55 AM, Joi Ito <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> So there are almost never taxis in Japan who will take the long route to try to get more money - they are too honest. They usually take longer routes to avoid traffic or if you have told them that you want to see something. SOMETIMES they may make mistakes, but usually they are just trying to get you to where you are going faster.

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>> On Oct 8, 2016, at 7:51 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> the girls had a great time they asked when you know the taxi driver is taking the long route. instead of the short. how do you tell him, you know what he is up to?

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