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To: David Weber <david.weber@aksamit.ch>

Hi David!

It's nice to hear from you! I'm doing well, still enjoying life and still on the job hunt (a bit more intensive now), so hopefully it won't be too long till I find something :)

What about you? I never asked, how did the tzatziki and melitzanosalata at your daughter's birthday party turn out? :)

It's great that Tilmann is joining you and that you extended your stay a bit! Japan is quite big and quite diverse, so the more time you spend there, the better (in my opinion) :)

Your plan seems pretty good! I would say that perhaps three days in Hiroshima and Miyajima is more than needed- Miyajima is really lovely, but quite small, so one day there should be more than enough...same for Hiroshima, apart from the Peace park there aren't so many sites to see as far as I remember (try the okonomiyaki there, which is quite famous :D)...so 2 days (or even 1 very busy day) for both should be enough in my opinion. If I were you, I would spend one extra day in the Kyoto area, where there is really a lot to see! You could for example check out Osaka and Arashiyama (and while in Kyoto, make sure not to skip Fushimi Inari!).

The area in Tokyo that I would recommend for short-term (or even longer) stays is Shinjuku. It's very very well connected to everything and quite a busy and exciting area IMO, with lots of restaurants and bars (check out the Golden Gai district). It's maybe a bit chaotic, but it gives you a great first taste of Tokyo. Otherwise, Shibuya is also very iconic and well connected (you might have seen images of the crazy Shibuya crossing and the Hachiko dog statue, probably the most popular meeting point in Tokyo). I don't know any hotels in Tokyo unfortunately, but Japan is full of business hotels offering quite affordable rates, so it should be easy to find something :)

Of course, don't hesitate to ask me again if you have further questions...As you might have figured out, I love Japan and I love talking about it :D

Best,

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