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Dear Ms Chan,

I hope all is going well for you. I am writing this email because I found out that you are planning to spend two weeks of your summer vacation in a Southeast Asian country. Well, I suggest that you visit my home country, the Philippines! Not only is the Philippines filled with warm and welcoming people, it is also filled with a lot of tourist attractions. The Philippines is an archipelago which is mainly divided into three islands namely: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Each of these islands holds tons of different tourist attractions.

I suggest the Philippines as your next get away because it is a very popular destination for tourists. If you are a budget traveller, the Philippines would be a great country to visit because of its cheap food and affordable accommodation. It will be a great time to relax in one of the islands of Siargao or Boracay, which recently just reopened due to its shore cleaning. You may also go island hopping as the Philippines has over 7000 islands. But if island hopping does not tickle your fancy, you may also visit historical places like Intramuros in Manila, and Vigan, which was included in the UNESCO world heritage sites list.

As for accommodation, the Philippines has a ton of affordable accommodation. You may opt to stay at a resort in the islands if you wish to go island hopping or you may stay at many affordable hotels in the city. Hotels in the Philippines ranges from different prices, and I'm sure you will be able to find one that fits your budget. If you visit the islands, you may enjoy Boracay's newly cleaned beaches. Boracay was closed last year, due to the shore cleaning of its very polluted shore. But don't worry, Boracay is definitely clean nowadays since it reopened. If you wish to visit the city of Manila, visit Intramuros as you will learn more about the Philippines' history during the Spanish era. Intramuros was an old Spanish base during the Spanish era in the Philippines. Visiting it would be like traveling back in time. If you wish to go to Vigan, you may also see some touches of Spanish culture, mainly because the Philippines was a colony of Spain which therefore explains all those attractions. In Vigan, you may stroll on brick pavements or you may ride a 'Kalesa' (horse) if you really want to get the full experience.

For transportation, I would suggest riding our jeepneys and tricycles as your mode of transportation. Not only are they cheaper, but they will also give you a chance to indulge yourself in our culture even more.

I really hope you get a chance to visit my home country, the Philippines because it can offer you even more adventures than what I mentioned. Before I end this email, I would like to share with you the motto of our Department of Tourism that says 'It is more fun in the Philippines!' I hope this encourages you to visit my home country, the Philippines. Filled with welcoming people, and especially people who love to smile.