

Lost in Translation package at Park Hyatt

In honor of Sofia Coppola's new film *Lost in Translation*, which is set in the Park Hyatt Tokyo, the hotel is introducing the Lost in Translation Package (valid through Mar 31, 2004, excluding Dec 20-25 and Dec 31-Jan 3) designed to mirror the adventures of the film's main characters (played by Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson). The package price of ¥530,000 includes five days' accommodation in a suite, complimentary breakfast, use of spa facilities, introductory Japanese culture and etiquette lesson, one cocktail nightly, one dinner at Kozue, one half-day city bus tour around Tokyo, map of sites featured in the film (karaoke bar, arcade, strip club, etc.) and shiatsu massage. For reservations, call 03-5322-1234 or visit www.tokyo.park.hyatt.com.

Experience old and new at Andon Ryokan

Opened in June by Toshiko Kiyama, Andon Ryokan offers English-speaking service along with the warmth and hospitality of a traditional *ryokan*. Meaning "lantern," Andon conveys a warm and inviting atmosphere. Its Japanese-style rooms cost just ¥7,800 plus tax, making the ryokan perfect for budget travelers, couples or families. Facilities include TV and DVD in every room, Jacuzzi, free Internet access, a common kitchen and guest lounge with cable TV. Coffee and tea are provided free. Andon Ryokan is located at 2-34-10 Nihonzutsumi, near Ueno, a 5min walk from Minowa stn on the Hibiya subway line. For reservations, call 03-3873-8611 or fax 03-3873-8612. For more information, visit www.andontokyo.com.

JAL wins seat design award

Japan Airlines' business class "Shell Flat Seat" has won Japan's "Good Design Award" for 2003, given by the Japan Industrial Design Council (JIDC). From November, the seat will be introduced on the airline's Tokyo-Paris and Tokyo-London routes with full installation from January 2004. Designed in a stylish shell shape that enhances privacy, the seat arrangement has a maximum 62-inch pitch and a full recline of 170 degrees when in bed mode. Each seat is also equipped with an adjustable flat footrest that folds up to extend the length of the seat in recline, while the armrests fold down to create a total width in bed mode of 23.5in. Book your seat now at www.jal.co.jp or by calling toll-free 0120-25-5971. **M**