

# OUR STORIES YOUR STORIES

Lovely Natural Life  
Northern Japan small town Kuroishi city



Japan

Aomori Prefecture  
Kuroishi City  
青森県 黒石市

Old stories, rich nature, hot springs, apple, kokeshi....  
Waiting for your visit



**KNOCK<sup>2</sup> WORLD**  
KUROISHI, AOMORI  
JAPAN

Kuroishi Yosare  
Let's dance Yosare with Love





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# Komise Street is an old street from Edo-era



14th generation Mrs.Takahashi and her grandson

## 3 高橋家

Takahashi Family

38-1,nakamachi,kuroishi city  
0172-52-5374  
9:00 ~ 16:00  
k2w.jp/takahashike



## 4 鳴海醸造店

Narumi Sake Brewery  
Since 1806

1-1,nakamachi,kuroishi city  
0172-52-3321  
8:00 ~ 16:00  
k2w.jp/narumi



## 5 レストラン御幸

日式餐廳 御幸  
Japanese Restaurant Miyuki

36,nakamachi,kuroishi city  
0172-52-2558  
11:00 ~ 21:00  
k2w.jp/miyuki



## 6 すずのや

鈴之屋 Suzunoya

1-3,maemachi,kuroishi city  
0172-53-6784  
11:00 ~ 15:00  
k2w.jp/suzunoya



## 7 蔵よし

日式餐廳 藏吉  
Japanese Restaurant Kurayoshi

13,yokomachi,kuroishi city  
0172-53-2111  
11:00 ~ 15:00/17:00 ~ 22:00  
k2w.jp/kurayoshi



## 8 手仕事や 李紗羅

手工藝屋 李紗羅 Handicraft Workshop Isara

2-108-1,okkonoki,kuroishi city  
0172-53-0905  
10:00 ~ 18:00  
k2w.jp/isara



## 9 富士見館

Japanese Restaurant Fujimikan

2-63,fukuroi,kuroishi city  
0172-52-8851  
11:00 ~ 22:00  
k2w.jp/fujimikan



黒石駅  
Kuroishi Station

## 1 黒石観光協会

黒石観光協会  
Kuroishi Tourist Association

1-187,midorichou,kuroishi city  
0172-88-8815  
k2w.jp/hta  
9:00 ~ 17:00



## 12 くろたくタクシー

Kurotaku 計程車  
Kurotaku Taxi

61-4,uchimachi,kuroishi city  
0172-53-1116  
k2w.jp/kurotaku



## 2 十文字カフェ

十文字咖啡廳 Jumonji Caf é

33,nakamachi,kuroishi city  
0172-55-6782  
11:00 ~ 16:00  
k2w.jp/jumonji

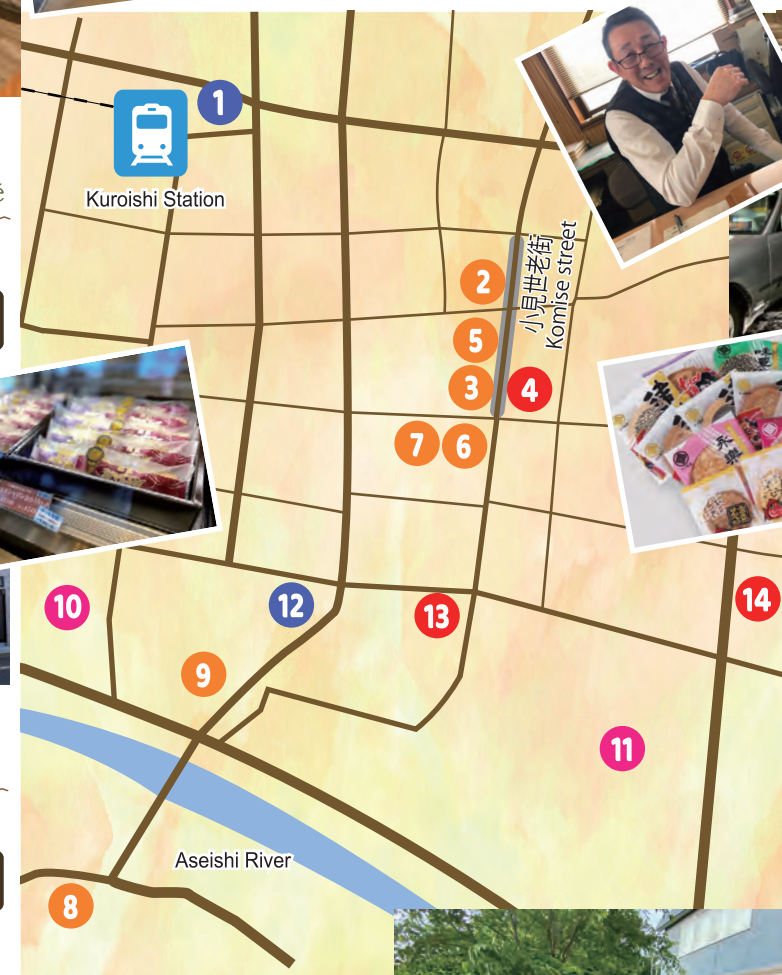


Sweets Shop

## 13 シャロン甘洋堂

甜點屋 Syaron Kanyodo

17-9,maemachi,kuroishi city  
0172-52-4688  
9:00 ~ 19:00  
k2w.jp/syaron



Japanese Crackers Shop

## 14 渋川製菓

煎餅屋 Shibukawa Seika

1-7,higashishincho,kuroishi city  
0172-52-2381  
8:30 ~ 19:00  
k2w.jp/shibukawa



## 11 民泊 北山家

Guest house Kitayama

2-76,chitose,kuroishi city  
0172-53-9031  
k2w.jp/kitayama





It'll be an unforgettable experience for you to enjoy natural hot springs and local living !

**24 ル・グレ**  
 西式餐廳 Le Gré  
 Restaurant Le Gr é

39-1,idozawa,minaminakano,kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8128  
 10:00 ~ 16:00  
 k2w.jp/legre



**15 飯塚旅館**  
 Iiduka Ryokan

60,tsuruizumi,nuruyu,kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8303  
 k2w.jp/iiduka



**16 旅の宿 齊川**  
 旅之宿 齊川  
 Tabi no Yado Saikawa

8-1,miyashita,itadome,kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8308  
 k2w.jp/saikawa



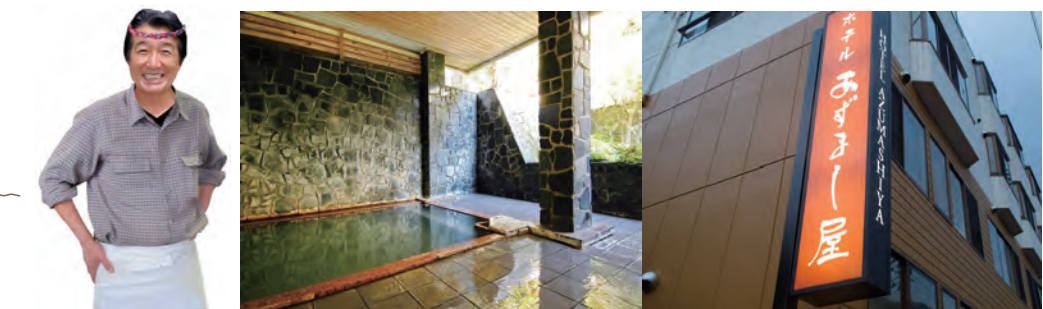
**22 津軽烏城焼**  
 津軽烏城焼  
 Tsugaru Ujoyaki

27-109,oinomori,toyooka,kuroishi city  
 0172-53-3082  
 10:00 ~ 18:30  
 k2w.jp/ujoyaki



**17 ホテルあずまし屋**  
 飯店 舒適屋  
 Hotel Azumashiya

23,miyashita,itadome,kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8021  
 k2w.jp/azumashiya



**18 かねさだ旅館**  
 兼定旅館  
 Kanesada Ryokan

66-5,tomita,fukuro,kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8378  
 k2w.jp/kanesada



**21 AKB ファーム**  
 AKB 農園 AKB Farm

15-4,ha,nuruyu,kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8042  
 k2w.jp/akbfarm



**19 津軽塗工房**  
 津軽漆器工房  
 Tsugaru Lacquer Workshop

65-1,tomiyama,fukuro,kuroishi city  
 Tsugaru Traditional Crafts Center  
 0172-59-5307  
 9:00 ~ 17:00  
 k2w.jp/tsugarunuri



**20 ランプの宿 青荷温泉**  
 燈之宿 青荷温泉  
 Lamp Inn Aoni Onsen

1-7,takinoue,aonisawa,Okiura, Kuroishi city  
 0172-54-8588  
 k2w.jp/aoni



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## The second day SAKIORI ～裂織～



The second day we spent in a fashion boutique with the fashion designer herself who is also the store's owner. We were introduced not only to her hand-made pieces, such as traditional kimonos and hats but to her paintings and children's wooden toys as well. She showed us different fabrics ("orimono"), and we learned a special technique of sewing a cloth from waste kimono pieces ("sakiori"). This Japanese word comes from "saki", which means to tear up, and "ori", which means weave. "Saki" relates to preparing the fabric by striping it into pieces and "ori" refers to weaving it together. It was an unique experience and a good example of upcycling that draw upon Japanese indispensable concept of "mottainai" or not wasting precious cloth when one can prolong the fabric's useful life through recycling and reuse.

We had a lot of fun in the boutique virtually "trying on" different clothes, hats, handbags, and other garments. Besides clothes there were wooden hand-made toys for kids available, such as a "meat climbing" pig, classic Japanese kokeshi dolls, or daruma (a Zen monk seated in meditation). It was difficult to say goodbye to this wonderful lady and her gorgeous store after an hour of such an eye-catching and fulfilling experience.



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# UNIQUE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE EXPERIENCE WITH RANKO

The on-line interactive activities with Ranko & her team were truly one-of-a-kind experience! These special entertainments draw on Japanese traditions and customs, entertaining and culinary activities, as well as the crafts.



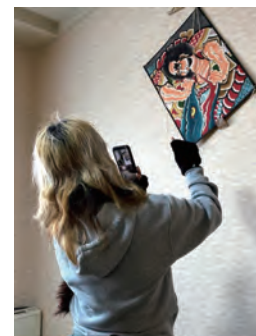
RANKO

## The first day wooden toy "ZUGURI" ～ずぐり～



On the very first day we met Ranko, her colleagues, and+ even some members of her own family in a beautiful city of Kuroishi in Tohoku region, Aomori prefecture, Japan. It was a wonderful sunny winter day following a snow storm, and we were able to take a part in a traditional game that involved a wooden toy, which was a source of joy for both children and adults. The bright day and the joy of playing the game on the snow brought a sense of happiness to everyone involved. After that we were invited into one of the small hotels in the area. Ranko showed us its interior, including the traditional Japanese spa, and then we took part in an amazing culinary event: a typical Japanese meal served in porcelain bowls. We were able to learn about all the ingredients as well as the cooking techniques.

This had been done in a very welcoming and warm atmosphere of a private dining room. Moreover, the chef happened to be not only a talented cook but also a musician. He played an instrument for us to enjoy during the lunch. Simply awesome! It was an amazing ending to this highly interesting culinary adventure.



Monika



Mari

Thank you and for joining us ONLINE!

## 定 かねさだ旅館

Kanesada Ryokan

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**All above described activities introduced different experience for the participant, yet all three led us towards learning deeply about Japanese culture and customs.**

All live activities were recorded on different iPhones and immediately streamed on Ranko's own youtube channel, which enabled us to see the scene from different angles. This worked very well for us, the participants. Every of these 1-hour long experiences leaves you entertained and energised. Indeed, all three activities were truly inspirational and provided us with amusement and enjoyment.

Besides learning new things we had a lot of fun and amusing moments thanks to Ranko's vibrant personality and her good sense of humour, as well as warm approach of everyone involved. There were people from all walks of life, and I'm glad that also elderly – showing some traditional and excellent craftsmanship skills – were able to participate and present their craft. I appreciate the fact that we were introduced to everyone taking part in the activities, as well as the whole team of highly motivated people helping with recording, etc. Also, we were able to ask questions and being otherwise fully involved in what was going on. We truly felt like being there at the given moment, and it made the experience extraordinary. It's like being transported far away from your world in a real time.



from your home.

So don't take my word for it, book a virtual experience with Ranko, and immerse into the perfect world of Japanese traditional crafts, gastronomy, sports, fashion, and much more! - Text by Monika Hankova

I can highly recommend Ranko and her special on-line experience to everyone. Indeed, Ranko is a one-of-a-kind host that has a lot to offer, the one who is able to fully engage you in the activity, while, at the same time, create a warm and positive atmosphere for everyone. I'm sure even children of certain age can join in and appreciate these activities fully. It was an uplifting experience reminding us that these on-line activities have the power to transport one to a better place, which during the current pandemic is more than welcome and deeply nourishing. Start your own digital journey, and it will help to cure your wanderlust and desire for travelling and learning new things with new people in a destination far away



## The last day indigo print workshop “AIZOME” ～藍染～



On the last day we had a chance to visit an indigo print workshop, and become part of making-your-own-indigo-dye-piece-of-fabric experience. We learned extensively about Japanese indigo dyeing called “aizome” that goes back to ancient times. The characteristic blue of the dye comes from the leaves of the Japanese indigo plant, thus is sometimes called “Japan blue”.



We were able to follow the whole process using traditional dyeing method with no chemicals: first, the item is watered, then the parts of cloth you want to leave white tied with rubber bands (or even beans), and rub well in an indigo dye vat. After removing

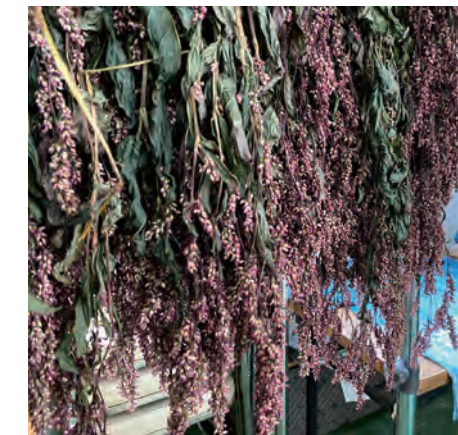
the rubber bands and wash the piece, you can see the “Japan blue” and nice unique pattern.

The educational experience of creating your own piece using this technique was fascinating. It makes you appreciate the old methods of creating fashion clothes, authentic craftsmanship and beauty of hand-work. Although the method is very old, it still has deep influence on contemporary fashion. The outcome – a tie-dye T-Shirt – was really beautiful with a deep blue colour as a result of multiple soaking in dye vat.

**AKB ファーム**

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## Access 交通方式

### By Air 飛機



Tokyo (Haneda Airport) - Aomori 1hr 20mins  
東京 (羽田機場) - 青森 1 小時 20 分鐘

### By Shinkansen 新幹線



Tokyo Station - Shin Aomori Station 3hrs  
東京車站 - 新青森車站 3 小時

### By Car 開車



Tohoku Expressway Kawaguchi JC  
東北高速道路 川口交流道

↓ 650km

Tohoku Expressway Kuroishi IC  
東北高速道路 黒石出口



Japan

Aomori Prefecture  
Kuroishi City

計程車專家 Taxi Expert  
Mr. Nakamura



## Kurotaku Taxi



Kurotaku 計程車 Kurotaku Taxi

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Standard-size Taxi for 4 passengers 4 人一車	Fares 費用
Up to 1.2km 1.2km 以内	670 JPY
Every additional 292m 每 292m 另加	90 JPY
Charter Taxi 包車 (30mins 每 30 分鐘)	2940 JPY

※ We also have large taxis. Please contact us if you need.



2019 年由熱愛黒石市者所組成。歡迎您前來黒石市遊玩。我們將為您提供一個又有趣又安心的黒石鄉間體驗之旅。

"Knock<sup>2</sup> world" was established in 2019. Composed of members who love Kuroishi City so much. Welcome to visit us. We'll provide you an interesting and safe experience in our lovely small town.



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