



**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 form your world in a real time.



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 an learning new things with new people in a destination far away

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



### 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 come 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.



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