



*The Experience of Making Paper Balloon*

Date :2016.01.16

# Overview

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Date

2016.1.16 (Sat)

Participant

- Jasmine Gatten (USA • Female)
- Stefanie Berrier (USA • Female)
- Hou Danny (Taiwan • Male)
- Jessi Tseng (Taiwan • Female)
- Chia Min Lo (Taiwan • Female)
- Huang Amy (Taiwan • Female)

Schedule

08:15 Leave AIU  
10:20 Arrive at public hall  
10:30 Start making the balloon  
12:00 Lunch with local people  
13:00 Restart making  
16:00 Finish  
17:30 Arrive at AIU

# Questionnaires

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Please select and write your answer on the following 6 categories.

1. Making “Paper balloon”
2. Lunch at local restaurant
3. Communication with local people

4. "You are Travel Agency, and will sell this day trip in your country. How much will be the price?"

5. Would you write any comment about your experience? Also we will share your message to local people.

# 1. Making “Paper balloon”

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Evaluation : 5

It was really interesting to draw pictures on the paper balloon, and make it into shape. It was quite fun to make in Japan with local people since it's different from paper balloon in Taiwan. We draw our own pictures on it, make a wish and write it on paper balloon and finally make into a true paper balloon. I think it was an amazing experience! Never try it before in Japan.

Evaluation : 4

Although there are paper balloon in Taiwan, I have never tried it. Working with the local people to make the paper balloon is very fun. Usually we write a lot of wishes on the balloon, but painting is the first time, and the people here are kind. We cannot doing paper balloon but also learn how the history and the ways they make paper balloon.

Evaluation : 5

I really enjoyed this activity! I thought that the balloon were going to be a lot smaller where each person individually made his/her own design. However, it was surprisingly pleasant to discover everyone would work together to create a huge paper balloon.



# 1. Making "Paper balloon"



## 2. Lunch at local restaurant

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Evaluation : 4

It was really great to have lunch with local Japanese people. And everyone is really kind and the food was amazing! We ate beef, vegetables and traditional food in the restaurant. The food was really great but it's kind of a little bit salty and oily. And if the vegetable can be cooked, it might be better.

Evaluation : 4

Actually, it was good enough. But for male, the amount is a little bit not enough. And the English version menu is necessary!

Evaluation : 4

The food was super delicious! Even though it was a lot to eat, I enjoyed every last bite. I still wanted dessert though...  
Probably offer English support to those who can't read Japanese?

Evaluation : 4

I really like to eat beef and the meal was really good. Beef was really delicious but the vegetables was a little raw and I don't like this. Restaurant was really good. Clean and let me relaxed. So, I really like to have meal in the restaurant. If the vegetables is all cooked it will be better. But except for that, I really enjoyed my food in there.



## 2. Lunch at local restaurant

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### 3. Communication with local people

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Evaluation : 4

I love the people here. They are so kind and willing to talk with us. Also, they know something about my country, Taiwan, let me really happy and one of them showed us Taiwan's pictures and something about Taiwan. Really let me excited and happy. They are really kind, hospitality and willing to talk to us but because of my poor Japanese, it is kind of difficult for me, someone is not good at Japanese like me, to talk with them.

Evaluation : 5

The people were very cooperative and helpful. They were fun to work with and learn from and were open to our ideas. They listened to our questions and answered thoroughly. I can't think of anything. The people were fantastic, very kind and welcoming.

Evaluation : 5

People there are quite friendly and kind. Although my Japanese isn't too well, couldn't understand every sentences, they are still kind and passionate, willing to teach us about the way of making paper balloon. If I could improve my Japanese move, it would be made into better products! So, I hope next time I come here. I could talk more with local people!



### 3. Communication with local people



4. "You are Travel Agency, and will sell this day trip in your country.

How much will be the price?"

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### Choices

1. Less than 1,000 JPY
2. 1,000 - 2,000 JPY
3. 2,000 - 3,000 JPY
4. More than 3,000 JPY

### Answers

2. 1,000 - 2,000 JPY

3. 2,000 - 3,000 JPY

The fee we can make is more detail about how the money is used.

3. 2,000 - 3,000 JPY

The fee would cover cost of transportation, food, materials, etc.

3. 2,000 - 3,000 JPY

3. 2,000 - 3,000 JPY

4. More than 4,000 JPY

The meal, transportation and material fee should be around 2,000 Yen, so around 4,000 Yen is good!

5. Would you write any comment about your experience?

Also we will share your message to local people.

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It was fun to learn about balloon making from such knowledgeable and kind people. They were great to work with and I had a lovely time. I can't wait to show off our balloons at the festival! I'm very proud of our work! It was thanks to their open and welcoming attitudes that everything went smoothly. Thank you for today!

Being inside the paper balloon is like entering a new world! Makes a great photoshoot!

It was an amazing experience, and the snow scenery is so breath-taking! The paper balloon is a charming traditional ceremony, thank you for keeping this introduce it to the world please!

This place is really pretty. This place can let me relaxed. I don't like big city like Tokyo. I prefer this place which can let me know more about Japan, Japanese culture. Akita is a good place for us to know more about different side of Japan.

The special things here, what is the different things that other places doesn't have.

It's really beautiful with snow here! And the special traditional paper balloon is quite attractive and impressive. Really hope to see the paper balloon festival soon!