Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival
Japan Quilting & Textile Tour
With Kimberly Einmo
January 25 - February 4, 2021
About Your Tour Leader – Kimberly Einmo

Kimberly Einmo is an author, award-winning quilter, fabric designer, international instructor, quilt judge, host of five popular classes on CRAFTSY/Bluprint, and the National Spokesperson for Janome Sewing Machines. She has written six best-selling books published by the American Quilter’s Society, created a signature line of unique, specialty quilting rulers, and she writes a column called Stray Threads, in every issue of American Quilter Magazine. Her debut basics fabric collection, Solid-ish, is a best-seller for Timeless Treasures Fabrics and she enjoys teaching on quilting cruises and leading luxury land excursions to exotic locales around the globe.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 11-day tour in Japan, focusing on textiles, quilts, culture and lifestyle
- Explore the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival
- Hands on experiences to explore traditional Japanese textile techniques & workshops
- See Museum collections of Japan’s finest crafts, including the famous Kubota Kimono Collection
- Visit Tokyo and Kyoto’s textile centers with hundreds of fabric shops
- Tour of Janome factory in Tokyo, and enjoy a workshop on site
- Enjoy a night at an onsen hotel with views of iconic Mt Fuji
- Be inspired by Japan’s gardens, markets, shrines, and sights of cultural significance
Day 1  Mon Jan 25  Tokyo
On arrival shared transfer takes you to the hotel in Tokyo for check-in.

Day 2  Tue Jan 26  Tokyo
After breakfast we’ll travel by coach and take a stroll through the beautiful Imperial Palace East Garden. We’ll wander through the busy Asakusa district and visit the Senso-ji Temple. After lunch, we will visit the historic Nippori Fabric Town, home to nearly 100 shops carrying all sorts of fabric and notions. We’ll make a stop at Tokyu Hands Shop. This evening we will share a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.  

Day 3  Wed Jan 27  Tokyo
Today we will visit Janome Sewing Machine Company and enjoy a workshop on site.  

Day 4  Thu Jan 28  Tokyo
International Great Quilt Show
Today you will have full day pass to the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival at the Tokyo Dome adjacent to our hotel. This world famous show includes wonderful quilts and special exhibits from around the world as well as a variety of demonstrations and unique shopping opportunities.  

Day 5  Fri Jan 29  Tokyo
Enjoy another day at Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival.  

Day 6  Sat Jan 30  Tokyo-Kawaguchi Lake
Today we will travel by coach to Kawaguchi Lake with a stop at the beautiful Itchiku Kubota Museum to see the stunning Kubota Kimono Collection. We’ll also make a stop at the Muse Museum, home of the captivating dolls created by Yuki Atae. This evening we’ll enjoy the view from our Onsen Hotel.

Day 7  Sun Jan 31  Kawaguchi Lake-Mishima-Kyoto
After breakfast, we’ll be catching coach and train to Kyoto where we will have an afternoon at leisure.  

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Day 8  Mon Feb 01  Kyoto-Arimatsu-Kyoto
Following breakfast, we travel by Bullet Train to Arimatsu – the center of Shibori dyeing dating back to the early 17th century. We’ll visit the Narumi Tie-Dyeing Museum and participate in a Shibori-dyeing workshop. Explore the town before returning to Kyoto.  (B)

Day 9  Tue Feb 02  Kyoto
This morning we’ll travel by coach to the spectacular Kinkakuji Temple, known as the Golden Pavilion. Later, we will be participating in a Rocketsu dyeing workshop using a traditional wax-resist dyeing method. In the afternoon, we visit the intriguing Fushimi Inari Shrine. The magical, seemingly unending path of over 5000 vibrant orange torii gates that wind through the hills behind Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine makes it one of the most popular shrines in Japan.  (B)

Day 10  Wed Feb 03  Kyoto
After breakfast today, we’ll travel by coach to visit the Kyoto studio of world famous Quilt artist, Yoshiko Jinzenji. We’ll then stop at Kyoto’s Kitchen – Nishiki Food Market and browse through the shops at the Shinkyoogoku Shopping Street, visiting the 400 year old Misuyabari Needle Store and the iconic Nomura Tailor, filled with 3 floors of everything for last-minute fabric shopping. In the afternoon we visit the Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts Freikan, which houses beautiful representative works of many of Japan’s finest crafts. We’ll end our day with a walk through Kyoto’s best known Geisha quarter – Gion District. This evening we will share our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11  Thu Feb 04  Depart Kyoto
Our tour ends after breakfast. Limousine bus takes you to the airport for your onward flight.  (B)
Price per person (Land Tour):*

Twin share: $4,995
Single supplement: $730

*Land Only tour starts in Tokyo and finishes in Kyoto

INCLUSIONS: Transportation in Japan including trains and chartered coaches; arrival/departure transfers; 10 nights twin-share accommodation at well-appointed hotels with breakfast daily; meals, workshops, and entrance fees as stated in the itinerary; an English-speaking guide throughout the trip in Japan (except at Tokyo International Quilt Show).

Not included: International airfares to Japan, travel insurance, porterage at hotels, personal expenses, gratuities and anything not mentioned.

Hotel Rooms in Japan: Please note that there are limited ‘double-bedded’ rooms available in most Japanese hotels. Most rooms for two persons are ‘twin-bedded’. Most hotels in Japan have single rooms which are smaller rooms with a single bed and private facilities. The single supplement is based on a single room. If you wish to have more space we offer a single supplement for a double room for sole use, additional cost will apply, please contact us.

Fitness level - Moderate
Tour participants will need to carry their own luggage, board a bus unaided, walk a mile, and navigate uneven surfaces including stairs.

The dates for the Tokyo International Quilt Festival 2021 have not been finalized, and this tour’s dates are subject to change. Please contact us before booking your international flight.