

# Textile Tour of France With European Patchwork Meeting

September 15 – 27, 2021  
Tour Leader: Kimberly Einmo



Typical traditional street, Colmar



Vineyards, Burgundy



European Patchwork Meeting

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**Tour price:** \$5,495

**Single supplement:** \$1,185

**Booking deposit:** \$500 per person

**Maximum places:** 25

**Itinerary:** Paris (1 night), Colmar (3 nights), Lyon (2 nights), Aix-en-Provence (2 nights), Avignon (4 nights)

### Enquiries and Bookings:

For further information and booking on this tour, please contact Opulent Quilt Journeys at 877-235-3767 or [info@opulentquiltjourneys.com](mailto:info@opulentquiltjourneys.com)

## OVERVIEW

The beauty and elegance of France is found at every turn on this lively textile tour. It opens with two days at the European Patchwork Meeting, an international quilting event with upward of 1,000 exhibited works, artist talks, and an amazing variety of vendors.

From there, a nod is given to the rich tradition of burgundy winemaking with an en route stop in Beaune. Continuing to Lyon, the focus returns to cloth with a visit to the Textile Museum, the world's first such collection that traces 2,000 years of textile history.

Then it's on to sunny Provence, steeped in textile production and art. Fascinating stops include the Souleiado Museum, dedicated to the famous Indian prints produced in Provence; the Olivades factory and outlet shop, where the art of fabric printing is still in practice; and Soierie Vivante, where the last remaining 19th century weaving workshops are preserved. Adding inspiration and interest is a visit to Paul Cézanne's studio and a tour of the ocher quarries in Roussillon, all part of the cultural and historical milieu of France.

## YOUR TOUR LEADER



**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.

*"Any quilter's dream get-away must surely include France! We'll start in Paris to see the sights, visit the famous textile district and enjoy fine cuisine, followed by a stop at the famous European Patchwork Meeting in St. Marie Aux Mines! Then we'll wind our way through Provence to finish this fabulous textile tour of a lifetime!"*

– Kimberly Einmo

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



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### EUROPEAN PATCHWORK MEETING

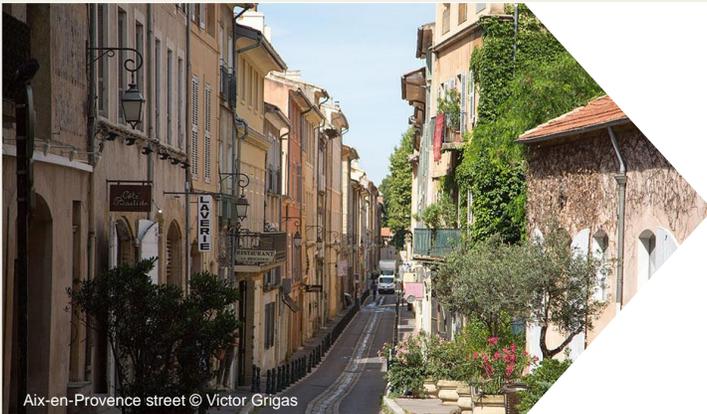
European Patchwork Meeting is a major international event that draws quilting enthusiasts to four picturesque villages in France's Alsace region. This breathtaking show offers nearly 1,000 exhibited works and an array of vendors.



Soierie Vivante, Lyon

### LYON

Lyon is France's third-largest city and today is recognized as a culinary center. Historically, it was a mainstay in France's production and weaving of silk. It is also rich with architectural landmarks to explore.



Aix-en-Provence street © Victor Grigas

### AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Aix-en-Provence, with its warm and welcoming Mediterranean climate, offers visitors everything from pleasant strolls to colorful festivals. Home to painter Paul Cézanne, the city has hundreds of fountains, beautiful cathedrals, and attractive markets.



Uzes, Avignon

### AVIGNON

Avignon's ancient architectural treasures are many, including the Palace of the Popes, but this locale also abounds with musicians, artisans, and sellers offering wares that vary from tablecloths to antiques. Among its well-known industries are textile printing and, in nearby Roussillon, ocher production.



European Patchwork Meeting



Pont Alexandre III Bridge, Paris



Les Calanques, Cassis © Petra Zehner

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1 Wed Sep 15

#### Arrive Paris

Welcome to France! Meet in the hotel lobby at 11:00am to meet your tour leader for an excursion to the fabric district. It will be a fun time of shopping, strolling, and snacking along the way. For those not arriving in time, everyone will meet in the lobby at 6:30pm to get acquainted and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2 Thu Sep 16

#### Paris-Strasbourg-Colmar

After breakfast, transfer to the train station to travel to Colmar. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel and check in. Enjoy a guided **walking tour** in Colmar this afternoon. (B)

### Day 3-4 Fri Sep 17-Sat Sep 18

#### Colmar

The **European Patchwork Meeting** is the focus of these two days. Enjoy daily breakfasts in the hotel before exploring the internationally renowned quilt show, which is dedicated to both traditional and modern work. Travel via coach transfer to and from Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines; local coaches shuttle visitors between the four villages where the show takes place. (B)

### Day 5 Sun Sep 19

#### Colmar-Beaune-Lyon

After breakfast, we depart Colmar and travel to Lyon by coach. En route, visit **Beaune** at the center of the Burgundy winemaking region. Surrounded by the Côte d'Or vineyards, the cobbled town is famous for an annual wine auction held at the Hôtel-Dieu (Hospices de Beaune). Recognized by its colorful, geometric-patterned tile roof, this 15th-century former hospital is now the Hôtel-Dieu Museum, showcasing works like "The Last Judgement" altarpiece by Van der Weyden. (B, L)

### Day 6 Mon Sep 20

#### Lyon

After breakfast, depart hotel to visit the **Textile Museum**. The Textile Museum covers 2,000 years of textile history, and is the first such collection in the world. In the heart of the Croix-Rousse district, visit the **Soierie Vivante** (an association dedicated to preserving the last remaining 19th-century weaving workshops), the **municipal trimming workshop**, and the **municipal weaving workshop**. (B, D)

### Day 7 Tue Sep 21

#### Lyon-Aix-en-Provence

Depart by coach to Aix-en-Provence. Blessed with a temperate, Mediterranean climate, Aix-en-Provence is a refined destination as evidenced in its busy cityscapes. In the afternoon, explore Aix-en-Provence with a walking tour that includes the **Saint Savior Cathedral**, **Cézanne's Studio**, and the **Town Hall**. A sacred place for thousands of years, the Aix Cathedral is a religious and national landmark. The painter Paul Cézanne is Aix-en-Provence's most famous resident. A visit to his studio is a great opportunity to access his creative energy and his intimate environment. (B, D)

### Day 8 Wed Sep 22

### Aix-en-Provence

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Marseille and Cassis. **Marseille** is the oldest city in France and indeed one of the oldest in western Europe. One of the most alluring resorts on the Provence coast, **Cassis** boasts a stunning location, a lovely harbor, a sprinkling of beaches, exceptional wines, and an intimate, small-town feel. (B, L)

### Day 9 Thu Sep 23

### Aix-en-Provence-Avignon

Today is **Le Grand Marché** (Farmer's Market), the ultimate must-visit for locals and visitors. Here artisans sell tablecloths, embroidery, and fabric by the meter. In the afternoon, discover **Les Entrepôts-Agniel**, a specialty store in Nîmes that comprises 4,300 square feet. Madame Auday and Thierry welcome you to explore fabrics, clothing, furnishings, a range of canvas products, haberdashery, and technical products. Then see the **Pont du Gard**, the sleek Roman-built, three-tiered aqueduct. Arrive in Avignon in late afternoon. (B, D)

### Day 10 Fri Sep 24

### Avignon

After breakfast, depart hotel by coach to discover the town of Uzès. In the morning, on your own visit the **Duchy of Uzès**, where you are free to discover its beautiful shops and galleries, the Duke's castle, or the medieval garden. In the afternoon travel to **Saint Quentin la Poterie** to visit a number of artisans and potters' studios and galleries. (B, L)

### Day 11 Sat Sep 25

### Avignon

After breakfast, we depart for the **town of Apt** to explore its huge, lively Saturday market. Apt market takes place on Saturday morning year-round and has been going for some 900 years. Continue to Tarascon for a visit to **Souleiado Museum**. Founded in 1988, this unusual museum mingles memories of the Souleiado production and the history of textile printing. Our next visit will be at the **Olivades factory** and outlet shop. In 1977, Pierre Boudin created, with the help of his wife Paule, LES OLIVADES, a company still controlled by their children and grandchildren and who set themselves one goal: perpetuate the ancestral art of printing on fabrics in the south of France, while making it evolve and adapting it to current life. (B, L)

### Day 12 Sun Sep 26

### Avignon

After breakfast, visit the Sunday market in **L'Isle sur la Sorgue**. On Sundays, it hosts the biggest antique and collectables market in Provence. The afternoon is spent in **Roussillon** with a discovery walk of the old ochre quarries and a demonstration of the uses of ochres as pigments in the old ochre factory, "Usine Mathieu", now called **Okhra**. Enjoy a hands-on **workshop** in the factory. Farewell dinner tonight. (B, D)

### Day 13 Mon Sep 27

### Depart Avignon

Our tour concludes after breakfast. (B)





Pont du Gard © Benh LIEU SONG



Old town of Provence

#### **Tour price per person (Land Tour)**

The tour price is \$5,495 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a single room is \$1,185 per person. A deposit of USD 500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

#### **Tour Inclusions:**

- 12 nights twin-share accommodation at well-appointed hotels with breakfast daily
- 2-day pass to the European Patchwork Meeting
- Train ticket from Paris to Strasbourg
- Chartered coach transport from Colmar to Avignon
- Entrance fees as stated in the itinerary
- Daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 5 dinners
- An English-speaking local guide accompanies the group (except at the European Patchwork Meeting)

#### **Exclusions:**

- International airfares to France
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Drinks at meals
- Travel insurance
- Porterage & gratuities
- Personal expenses and anything not mentioned



City of Lyon by night

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