

# Japan Quilting & Textile Art Studios Tour

May 9 – 19, 2023

Tour Leader: Kimberly Einmo



## TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

- EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- MAXIMUM 25 IN A GROUP
- CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES





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**Tour dates:** May 9 – 19, 2023

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**Tour price:**

**Twin share per person:** \$5,240

**Single supplement:** \$1,130

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

**Maximum places:** 25

**Itinerary:** Tokyo (4 nights), Kawaguchi Lake (1 night), Kyoto (5 nights)

### Inquiries and Bookings:

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

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## Overview

Our Japan Quilting & Textile Art Studios tour is a gateway to the tradition that lies at the heart of Japan's fiber-art heritage.

Start our tour in Tokyo, the capital city of Japan and enjoy shopping trips to retail sites such as the Blue and White Shop and Nippori Fabric Town. Tour of Janome factory in Tokyo, and enjoy a workshop on site.

Travel to Kawaguchi Lake. On this leg of the tour, an en route stop at the Itchiku Kubota Museum provides a view of the Kubota Kimono Collection and majestic Mt. Fuji.

Hands-on workshops introduce you to Shibori at the Narumi Shibori Museum and to Yuzen painting and Roketsu dyeing in Kyoto studios. Additional venues include the Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design and Nomura Tailor, a treasure trove of fabrics, notions, and tools.

Cultural sites round out the tour's itinerary. Sites include the Fushimi Inari Shrine with its thousands of orange torii gates and the Gion District, a Geisha quarter in Kyoto. Plus, feast in food markets and make your own sushi on this immersive 11-day journey.

## YOUR TOUR LEADER



**Kimberly Einmo** is an author, award-winning quilter, fabric designer, international instructor, quilt judge, host of five popular classes on CRAFTSY/Blueprint, 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.

*"I am personally inviting YOU to join me on this amazing trip! The eleven-day tour will be filled with textile workshops, fabric dyeing, lots of opportunities for fabric shopping, sightseeing, plenty of visits to museums and famous sights around Japan AND an exclusive opportunity to visit the Janome factory for a tour and half-day workshop! I hope you'll join me on this exciting journey for memories, fun, and incredible experiences to last for years to come!"*

– Kimberly Einmo



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



### TOKYO

Tokyo's modern face and popular attractions make it a leading international destination, drawing 15.2 million visitors in 2019. From exquisite cuisine and museums to craft markets and the Imperial Palace East Garden, Tokyo offers a memorable blend of cultural experiences.



### KYOTO

In Kyoto, visitors discover the cultural heart of Japan. Once the nation's capital, this city of 1.5 million residents retains and offers a sense of Old Japan. It is resplendent with temples, shrines, traditional crafts, and other must-see points of interest.



### TEXTILE WORKSHOPS

Hands-on workshops in Yuzen painting and two dyeing techniques – Shibori and Roketsu wax resist – connect you with generations of Japanese craftspeople. As you work with talented artisans in studio settings, you gain a deep appreciation for these time-honored processes.



### JAPANESE TEXTILES

Japanese Textiles suggest the luscious silks of Kimonos and beautiful blues of indigo. There is so much more. Tokyo Nippori Fabric Town is street after street of textile bliss. Explore indigo dyer's shops in Kyoto. Arimatsu offers Shibori in every form imaginable. Antique kimonos, Tenugui Towels, Furoshiki cloths, and Indigo are just a few things you will be tempted by.





handmade Patchwork quilt



Maiko geisha in Gion



Blue and White Shop

## DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L, and D.

### TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour begins at 6.00 pm at Keio Plaza Hotel in Tokyo, on Day 1, Tuesday May 9. The tour concludes at after breakfast at Hotel Granvia in Kyoto, on Day 11, Friday May 19.

Please contact us to arrange your arrival and departure transfers between hotel and airport.

#### Day 1 Tue May 9

#### Arrive Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo and transfer to hotel for check in.

#### Day 2 Wed May 10

#### Tokyo

After breakfast visit the **Tokyo National Museum**, one of the oldest and largest of Japan's top-level national museums. Stroll through the traditional **Koishikawa Korakuen Garden** and explore **Asakusa market** and the famous **Sensoji Temple**. Also visit **Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square** where you can find some special souvenir. (B)

#### Day 3 Thu May 11

#### Tokyo

Today take a tour of the **Janome Sewing Machine Company** and enjoy an exclusive half-day **workshop** in the Education classroom at the headquarters. We make a stop at Amy Katoh's special shop - **Blue and White**, which houses artisan ceramics, designer clothing, traditional textiles, fun jewelry, collectibles, and gifts. Visit **Ozu Washi** that offers a wide range of the finest traditional Japanese washi paper before returning to our hotel. (B)

#### Day 4 Fri May 12

#### Tokyo

Morning visit to the historic **Nippori Fabric Town**, home to nearly 100 shops carrying all sorts of fabric and notions. Then visit **Quilt Party**, owned by the world-famous quilter Yoko Saito, specializing in quilting, fabric, and patchwork materials needed for any craft project. Stop at **Okadaya Shinjuku Honten**, one of the best places for craft supplies in Tokyo. The shop stocks fabrics and craft materials of every kind, it is a haven for sewing and craft-making enthusiasts. (B)

#### Day 5 Sat May 13

#### Tokyo-Hinohara-Kawaguchiko

Travel by coach to Kawaguchi Lake with a stop at **Akie Ginza's** remarkable **Sashiko Museum** in the small village of Hinohara. The museum is filled with her sashiko work, apparel, wall hangings, handbags, jewelry, and home décor and more. Also make a stop at the beautiful **Itchiku Kubota Museum** to see the stunning Kubota Kimono Collection. This evening enjoy the views of Mt. Fuji from our onsen hotel. (B, D)



**Day 6 Sun May 14 Kawaguchiko-Shizuoka-Kyoto**

Today we attend the **Fuji Shibazakura Festival**, one of the best and most popular occasions nationwide to see shibazakura (pink moss or phlox moss). It is located in the Fuji Five Lakes area, offering breathtaking views of vast fields of shibazakura, with Mount Fuji in the backdrop on clear days. Later we take train from Shizuoka station to Kyoto, where we visit the **famous Shibori Museum**. This is the only museum in Japan specializing just on the tie-dye theme. (B)

**Day 7 Mon May 15 Kyoto**

This morning visit **Yoshiko Jinzenji's studio**. Yoshiko Jinzenji is one of the foremost quilt artists in the world. In the studio view a variety of her finished quilts, homeware pieces and yardage with her printed designs. Return to Kyoto, we participate in a **Roketsu dyeing workshop** using a traditional wax-resist dyeing method. Then visit the spectacular **Kinkakuji Temple**, known as the **Golden Pavilion**. The temple's stunning gold leaf coating makes it one of Japan's must-see structures. End our day with a walk through Kyoto's best-known Geisha quarter – the **Gion District**. (B)

**Day 8 Tue May 16 Kyoto-Arimatsu-Kyoto**

Following breakfast, travel by Bullet Train to **Arimatsu** – the center of Shibori dyeing dating back to the early 17th century. Visit the **Narumi Shibori Museum** and participate in a **Shibori-dyeing workshop**. Explore the town before returning to Kyoto. (B)

**Day 9 Wed May 17 Kyoto-Nara-Kyoto**

Take an excursion to Nara and meet the famous deer at **Nara Park** before returning to Kyoto and create your own masterpiece in the **Yuzen painting workshop**. (B)

**Day 10 Thu May 18 Kyoto**

In the morning, 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. Then visit the famous dying shop **Aizenkobo** and visit the **Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design** (formerly the Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts Fureaikan). Familiarize yourself with the techniques and history of local handicrafts, and admire exhibits covering dozens of categories and over 500 samples of traditional crafts. We then stop at the iconic **Nomura Tailor** before our **farewell dinner** in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 11 Fri May 19 Depart Kyoto**

The tour ends after breakfast. (B)



Shibori Workshop



Kinkakuji Temple



Wild deer at Nara Park





Fuji Shibazakura Festival



The old streets of Kyoto

#### Price per person (Land Tour):

The tour price is \$5,240 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a twin or double room for sole use is \$1,130 per person. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

#### Inclusions:

- Shared arrival & departure transfers
- Transportation in Japan including trains and chartered coaches
- 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

#### Exclusions:

- International airfares to Japan
- Travel insurance
- Porterage at hotels and gratuities
- Personal expenses and anything not mentioned

**Fitness to participate:** In order to get the most from your travels and keep up with the group, a reasonable level of fitness is required. You will need to be able to walk for a few hours at a gentle pace; use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities); undertake walking tours of 1-2 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces; stand for long periods in museums and other sites; embark/disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance; handle your own luggage.



## BOOKING FORM

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Ju Yang Tours LLC dba Opulent Quilt Journeys, hereafter referred to as Opulent Quilt Journeys.

This information is very important, please read it carefully. It is the responsibility of the traveler to read and agree to these Terms and Conditions before signing up or making payment for any tours.

#### DEPOSIT

A deposit is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Please refer to the specific tour for the deposit amount required. This deposit is non-refundable. Reservations must be made in your name as it appears on your passport.

#### TOUR PRICES

All prices are in US Dollars, on twin share basis. Prices quoted in our itineraries, brochures, advertising and/or on our website are based on exchange rates at the time of publication. Prices may be subject to change due to significant currency fluctuations in exchange rates, fuel cost and other operating costs on which prices are based. Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to adjust prices whether or not you have already made full payment. We will advise you at the earliest opportunity in the event of a price variation. You will have the option of accepting the amended prices or withdrawing from the tour, receiving a full refund of all monies paid, less an administration fee.

#### FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment of the tour fee will be due to us 75 days before the tour start date. Failure to make your final payment by the due date may result in the cancellation of your booking and loss of any payments made to date.

#### CHANGES BY US

While we will use our best endeavours to operate all tours as advertised, by entering into this contract you acknowledge and accept that it may prove necessary or advisable to vary or modify a tour or its contents due to prevailing local conditions. We reserve the right at any time to cancel or change any of the facilities, services or prices described in the brochure (including flights, transport, accommodation or other arrangements) and to substitute alternative arrangements of comparable monetary value without compensation. If a service or facility becomes unavailable due to circumstances beyond our control ('force majeure') and no alternative arrangement of comparable monetary value is available, we will attempt to substitute the best alternative available and/or will refund you for any cost saving.

#### Force Majeure

'Force majeure' includes any event which Opulent Quilt Journeys or its suppliers could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid (e.g. advice against travel from the Department of State, war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, epidemics pandemic, health risks, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or

adverse weather conditions, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes imposed by cancellation or rescheduling of flights by an airline or main charterer, the alteration of airline or aircraft type).

#### CANCELLATION BY YOU

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

Over 75 days	Forfeit of all deposits paid*
75-31 days	50% of the tour cost
30 days or less	100% of the tour cost

\* Your deposit may be credited to another Opulent Journey tour departing within 12 months of the original tour you booked.

Cancellation fees for air tickets issued by or on behalf of Opulent Quilt Journeys will apply as determined by Airline Tariff Regulations and may vary as to the type of ticket issued. Depending on the reason for your cancellation, these charges may be recoverable by the insurance policy you purchased.

#### CANCELLATION BY US

Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to cancel a tour for any reason (including failure to reach minimum tour participant numbers). Except for force majeure (as outlined above) or your failure to pay the final balance, we will make a final decision to proceed or cancel a tour no less than 60 days before departure. If you have paid in full, we will credit or refund all monies paid, excluding an administration fee. No other compensation will be paid in the event of cancellation by Opulent Quilt Journeys. The refund of monies paid for tour costs will be the full extent of our liability. Airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

#### CREDITS AND REFUNDS

Opulent Quilt Journeys will always attempt to provide a cash refund of all amounts paid but, depending upon the specific circumstances, which are outside our control, you acknowledge that any credit or refund may take the form of a substitution of a similar tour at a later date, or a credit voucher for a tour with Opulent Quilt Journeys at a later date.

#### UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

#### PASSPORT AND VISA

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they possess the necessary travel documentation for the tour, such as a valid passport and any required visas. In general a passport should be valid at least 6 months beyond the end of your journey and have two clear pages for each country to be visited to allow for entry and exit stamps en-route or for any visas applicable for countries in your journey.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Ju Yang Tours LLC, hereafter indicated dba Opulent Quilt Journeys acts only as an agent for all suppliers of services, or in accepting reservations for services on its tours. The suppliers or independent contractors providing transportation, accommodations and all other services are not agents or employees of

Opulent Quilt Journeys. To the extent that Opulent Quilt Journeys or its supplier is involved in sale of air/or cruise transportation to you, Opulent Quilt Journeys, acts only as an agent of the air carrier and/or cruise line. By utilizing the services of all suppliers, the passenger agrees that neither Opulent Quilt Journeys, nor any representatives shall be liable for any accident, injury, including loss of life, damage, loss, delay, irregularity or expenses arising from acts of God, strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, terrorist activity, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm, or corporation furnishing transportation, sight-seeing, accommodations, or any services in connection with such travel plans or from any other occurrences what so ever. All such expenses or losses are the responsibility of the passenger. Ju Yang Tours LLC dba Opulent Quilt Journeys is not responsible for any costs of medical treatments or transportation a passenger may require on a tour.

**By commencing travel, the passenger willingly assumes all risks and responsibilities expected or unexpected involved with such travel. We urge purchase of travel insurance to protect against such risks.**

By signing and submitting this document, I state that I have read and understood this document, the on-line itinerary, the travel brochure/flyer, or other communications and acknowledge that it affects my legal rights and agree to be bound by its terms. By accepting this agreement, it further signifies my intentions to relieve and indemnify Ju Yang Tours LLC (dba Opulent Quilt Journeys), its owners, officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors from any liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death which I might suffer during my travels on the scheduled tour. In addition, I have noted the policy on cancellations, refunds, and limitations of responsibility.

I/we accept the conditions on this booking form and on Opulent Quilt Journeys website. I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour and confirm that I /we are able to meet these requirements:

Signature 1:	Date:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature 2:	Date:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please send your completed booking form and passport copy to **Opulent Quilt Journeys**  
Mail to: 20701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 107-426.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
Or email to: [info@opulentquiltjourneys.com](mailto:info@opulentquiltjourneys.com)  
Call: 877-235-3767



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TOUR NAME:

TOUR DATE:

TOUR LEADER:

## BOOKING FORM

TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOKING FORM:

Tour code

**OPTION 1:** Complete the form. Save, print and sign. Please scan the completed form and email it to us at [info@opulentquiltjourneys.com](mailto:info@opulentquiltjourneys.com)

**OPTION 2:** Print the form, complete it manually and post it back to our mailing address

**Opulent Quilt Journeys, 20701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 107-426. Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

(Please provide a copy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form)

## YOUR DETAILS:

### PASSENGER 1

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):

Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

City:  State:  Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Cell:

Name of next of kin (in case of emergency):

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

Email:

### PASSENGER 2

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):

Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

City:  State:  Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Cell:

Name of next of kin (in case of emergency):

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

Email:

**Please provide a copy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.**

## ROOMING PREFERENCES

I am traveling: ☐ on my own ☐ with a friend or family member

Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

I/we would like: ☐ a single room ☐ a twin share room (2 beds in the room) ☐ a double room (1 bed in the room)

If a single would you like us to organize twin-share on your behalf? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a smoker? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Please note that Single Supplement will be payable if we are unable to arrange twin-share for you)



## YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

### SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on group meals based on this information.

#### PASSENGER 1

☐ I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies:

  

#### PASSENGER 2

☐ I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies:

  

### MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

#### PASSENGER 1

☐ I do not have specific medical condition

I have the following medical condition(s):

  

#### PASSENGER 2

☐ I do not have specific medical condition

I have the following medical condition(s):

  

## YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Opulent Quilt Journeys to organize this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below)

  

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Pay directly by check made payable to **Ju Yang Tours LLC**

Mail to:

**Opulent Quilt Journeys**

20701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 107-426.

Scottsdale, AZ 85255

☐ Pay by credit card (Please complete details below, or call  
Opulent Quilt Journeys 877-235-3767 for account details)

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Card Number:

Name on card:

Expiry Date:

3 or 4 digit security code:

Card Holders Signature:

Date:

(Payments by credit card will be subject to a Merchant Administration Fee as follows: 3% for Visa / MasterCard / American Express)

**AUTHORIZATION:** By submitting this booking form you are authorizing us to charge the cost of deposits for booking on this tour. No further charges will be made without your prior authorization.

## YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

☐ I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I/we am/are able to meet these requirements.

☐ I/we accept the conditions on page 1 of this booking form

Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to decline the booking or terminate the holiday of any traveller.

### AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions on page 1 of this booking form and on our website, and the inclusions and non-inclusions listed in the detailed itinerary for the tour.

Signature 1:

Signature 2:

Date:



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