

Quilters Textile Tour to Japan

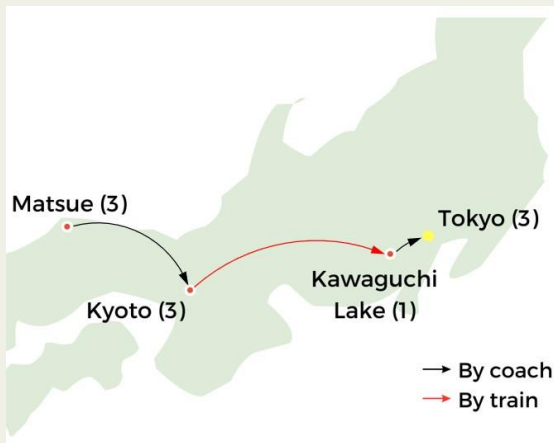
On and off the beaten path

November 5 – 15, 2023
Tour Leader: Janet McDonald



TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

- EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- MAXIMUM 16 IN A GROUP
- CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES



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Tour dates: November 5 – 15, 2023

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Tour price per person twin share

EBHQ members: \$5,895

Non-members: \$5,995

Single supplement: \$795

Booking deposit: \$600 per person

Maximum places: 16

Itinerary: Matsue (3 nights), Kyoto (3 nights), Kawaguchi Lake (1 night), Tokyo (3 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

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Our Quilters Textile Tour to Japan is a gateway to the tradition that lies at the heart of Japan's fiber-art heritage. In Shimane Prefecture, with a home base in Matsue, we visit the Izumo Museum of Quilt Art and the Adachi Museum, are introduced to indigo dyeing, and in the former silver-mining town of Omori, visit historic buildings which are now museums and shops, and likely a small quilt exhibition.

On to Kyoto for a wax-resist indigo dyeing experience, as well as the Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design and Nomura Tailor, a treasure trove of fabrics, notions, and tools.

Next we travel to Tokyo with an en-route stop in Kawaguchi Lake to visit majestic Mt. Fuji, Akie Ginza's Sashiko Museum, and the Itchiku Kubota Museum's kimono collection. In Tokyo, delight in shopping trips to several locations, including the Blue and White Shop, Nippori Fabric Town, and Nuno.

Cultural sites round out the tour's itinerary, including the Fushimi Inari Shrine with its thousands of orange torii gates, the Golden Pavilion, and the Sumida Hokusai Museum. Plus, feast in food markets on this immersive 11-day journey.

YOUR TOUR LEADER



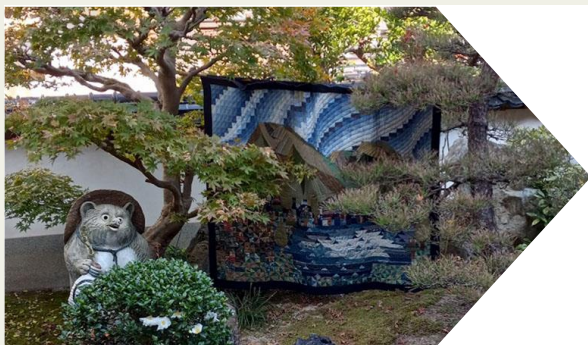
Janet McDonald began quilting in 2011 when a friend gave her a copy of Roberta Horton's book *An Amish Adventure*. She enjoys all aspects of quilting, even

binding, and loves to learn new techniques. She hand quilts with Dorcas Quilters in San Francisco on Wednesdays and works part-time at New Pieces Quilt Shop in Berkeley. She so much enjoyed her trip to Japan in 2019 that she has begun exploring some of the things that inspired her including shibori, dyeing with indigo and kakishibu (persimmon), and sashiko and kogin (counted sashiko). Outside of the quilting world she still works part-time in her profession as a librarian.

"I look forward to sharing these experiences with you in Japan and helping to make our trip exceptional!"

- Janet McDonald

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



MATSUE

Matsue is the capital of Shimane Prefecture in western Honshu on the Sea of Japan. It was once a gateway for new products, people, and ideas from neighboring China and Korea. Shimane is among the less-visited areas of Japan, but it offers plenty for visitors, including old and new textiles, historic and cultural sites, and natural beauty.



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.



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.



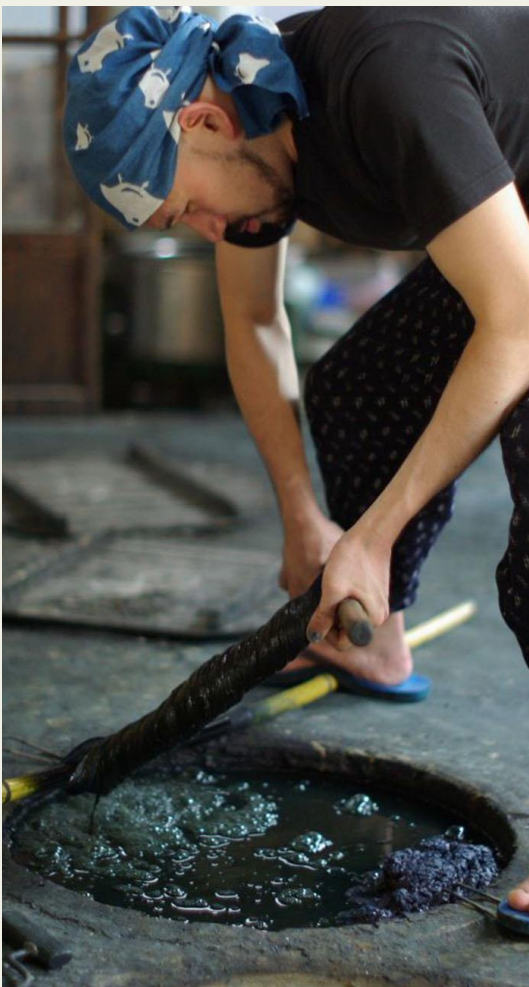
TEXTILE WORKSHOPS

Hands-on workshops, including two resist-dyeing techniques – Shibori and Rocketsu – 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 suggests the luscious silks of Kimonos and beautiful blues of indigo. There is so much more. Tokyo's Nippori Fabric Town is street after street of textile bliss. Antique kimonos, modern fabric, Tenugui towels, Furoshiki cloths, and Indigo are just a few things you will be tempted by.



DETAILED ITINERARY

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

TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour begins at Matsue Excel Hotel Tokyu on **Day 1**, Sunday Nov 5; the tour concludes after breakfast at JR Kyushu Blossom Shinjuku on **Day 11**, Wednesday Nov 15.

Day 1 Sun Nov 5

Arrive Matsue

Welcome to Japan. On arrival, Make your own way to hotel in Matsue. Enjoy a group dinner tonight. (D)

Day 2 Mon Nov 6

Matsue

Day excursion to the pleasant small town of **Omori**, situated along a narrow valley below mountains that once contained massive amounts of precious silver. It is a part of the Iwami Ginzan World Heritage Site. Visit **Iwami Ginzan Museum** and explore the old town's historic buildings some of which are likely to house a pop-up **quilt exhibition**. Return to Matsue with a stop at the **Nima Sand Museum**, famous for its giant hourglass and singing sands. (B, D)

Day 3 Tue Nov 7

Matsue

Day excursion to Izumo and visit **Izumo Museum of Quilt Art**, the first and sole quilt museum in Japan. Also visit **Izumo Taisha**, one of the oldest and most important shrines in Japan. Return to Matsue and enjoy the **boat ride** in a heated kotatsu through Matsue Castle moat that takes you through the history, nature and people of Matsue. (B, D)

Day 4 Wed Nov 8

Matsue-Kyoto

Today we visit the **Adachi Museum of Art** and its award-winning garden. Conveying the harmonized beauty of Japanese paintings and Japanese Gardens is the aim and wish of Adachi Museum of Art, which is best known for having one of the greatest collections of modern to contemporary Japanese arts. Then attend the **Amano Kouya Indigo dyeing workshop** before travelling to Kyoto. (B)

Day 5 Thu Nov 9

Kyoto

This morning 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 iconic **Nomura Tailor** and **Nishiki Market** before participating in a **Roketsu dyeing workshop** using a traditional wax-resist dyeing method. (B)

Day 6 Fri Nov 10**Kyoto**

After breakfast we visit the spectacular **Kinkakuji Temple**, known as the **Golden Pavilion**, and Japan's most famous rock garden and a UNESCO World Heritage site, **Ryoanji Temple**. Then visit **Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design** (formerly the Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts Fureaikan). Also visited today is Kyoto's best-known Geisha quarter – **the Gion District**. (B)

Day 7 Sat Nov 11**Kyoto-Kawaguchi Lake**

Take bullet train to Shizuoka and visit the beautiful **Itchiku Kubota Museum** to see the stunning Kubota Kimono Collection, also stop at **Fujisan World Heritage Centre**. Arrive Kawaguchi Lake and check in our hotel. This evening, enjoy the view of Mt Fuji from our onsen hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Sun Nov 12**Kawaguchi Lake-Tokyo**

Bid farewell to Kawaguchi Lake. Travel to Tokyo en route visit **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. Arriving in Tokyo, we will attend a **Furoshiki workshop** at Tokyo Karakusa. (B)

Day 9 Mon Nov 13**Tokyo**

After breakfast, we enjoy a visit to the beautiful **Imperial Palace East Garden** before heading to **Nippori Fabric Town**, home to nearly 100 shops carrying all sorts of fabric and notions. Then visit the famous **Blue & White shop** which houses artisan ceramics, designer clothing, traditional textiles, fun jewelry, collectibles, and gifts. Also visit **NUNO**, one of the world's most innovative textile companies, which specializes in interior design fabrics, scarves and clothing. (B)

Day 10 Tue Nov 14**Tokyo**

This morning we visit the **Sumida Hokusai Museum**, dedicated to the ukiyo-e artist Katsushika Hokusai. His most well-known works include The Great Wave off Kanagawa and Red Fuji. Explore **Asakusa market** and the famous **Sensoji Temple**. Later we visit **Japan Folk Crafts Museum**. This tiny but enchanting museum, hidden away in peaceful Komaba, displays folk crafts (mingei) from all over Japan. Enjoy a **farewell dinner** tonight. (B, D)

Day 11 Wed Nov 15**Depart Tokyo**

Our tour ends after breakfast. (B)





Price per person (Land Tour):

For EBHQ members, the tour price is \$5,895 per person, twin share; non-members, the tour price is \$5,995 per person, twin share. The supplement for sole use of a room is \$795 per person. A deposit of \$600 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

Inclusions:

- 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
- Personal expenses
- 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-undertake walking tours of 1-2 hours duration at gentle pace, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces; stand for a period of time in museums and other sites; embark/disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance; handle your own luggage. Will be able to use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities).



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:
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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
Call: 877-235-3767



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

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.

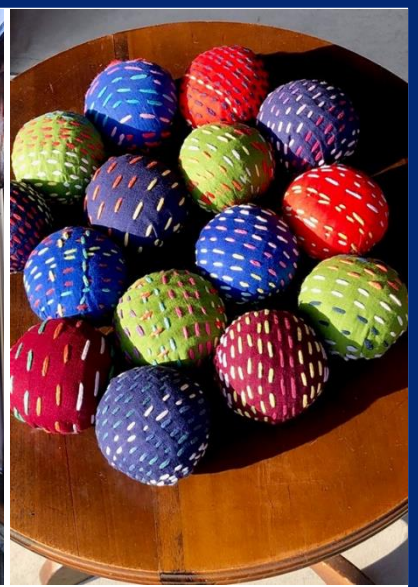
AUTHORISATION

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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