

France 2024

European



Patchwork

Meeting

September 11 - 22,
2024

Pre-Tour Sept 9/10

\$6499

twin/dbl

+ 1699 single supp

-\$500

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

if booked by
December 31, 2023

Tour Hosts: Kim Caskey & Linda Timms

- Tailored Small Group Tour
- Tour starts in Strasbourg, ends in Paris
- English speaking expert guide
- Detailed custom itinerary
- Hands-on private workshops with expert instruction
- Private, guided haberdashery tours
- European Patchwork Meeting 3-day entrance
- Pre-tour package available
- Interest-free payment plan option

To register, visit

www.bluebarnquiltco.com

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www.kimcaskey.ca

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call/text: 780-288-9008 (Kim)



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Group Journeys to Inspire



France 2024 European Patchwork Meeting

Tour dates: September 11-22, 2024

Pre-Tour dates: September 9/10, 2024

Tour Hosts: Kim Caskey & Linda Timms

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: -\$500

(book before December 31, 2023)

Land Tour price: \$6499 (> January 1, 2024)

Single supplement: +\$1699

Pre-Tour Package: \$499pp twin

Single supplement: +\$256

(Prices in USD\$)

Registration deposit: \$500 per person

Maximum places: 30 (minimum 15)

Itinerary: 11 nights/11 days, 4-star hotels

Riquewhir (5 nights), Châlons-en-Champagne (1 night), Giverny (2 nights), Paris (3 nights)

Pre-Tour: Strasbourg (2 nights)

Includes:

- Breakfast daily, 4 group dinners, 1 group lunch
- 2 on board Hosts
- English speaking expert Tour Guide(s)
- Luxury coach/professional driver
- Hotel porter service
- ... and so much more!

Overview

Spend 11 full days experiencing the beauty of France and special and exclusive textile related venues.

- Guided walking tours of Strasbourg (pre-tour), Riquewhir, Châlons-en-Champagne, Giverny
- Guided tours of Notre Dame Cathedral (pre-tour), Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle, Wesserling Park Textile Museum, Beauville Linen, Monet's Garden
- Hands-on private Boutis workshop with Kumiko Nakayama Geraerts, Paris
- Hands-on private block printing workshop
- 3-day pass to European Patchwork Meeting
- Guided textile walking tours of Paris Flea Markets & Textile Haberdasheries

PRE-TOUR Package:

Arrive into **Strasbourg** (easy train transportation direct from Paris CDG airport) for 2 pre-tour nights (optional, but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED) and enjoy a guided walking tour of this beautiful city, including the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral.

The official tour will depart from Strasbourg and continue to **Riquewhir**, stopping for lunch (oyo) and a guided walking tour of Riquewhir, a medieval town in the heart of the Alsatian vineyards, classified among the most beautiful villages in France.

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Enjoy an afternoon of exploration at the **Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle** before reaching your hotel in Riquewhir for a **Group Dinner** and a 5-night stay.

Travel the short distance to Wesserling and visit the Wesserling Park Textile Museum for a guided tour, including a private, **hands-on block printing workshop**. After lunch, tour Beauville Linen in the hollow of a valley, the Manufacture d'Impression sur Etoffes has been refining and perfecting its knowledge of fabric printing for more than two centuries. The finest cotton yarns are woven into a peach-like satin, an inimitable talent to make the colours shimmer, with sometimes more than 20 nuances in the same design.

Spend 3 full days immersed in the talent and artistry of the **European Patchwork Meeting**. The world's finest quiltmakers gather for this prestigious event, situated in the heart of Alsace country in **Sainte Maria-au-Mines**. Take a workshop or two, view more than 600 magnificent quilts on display and exhibition, and shop from hundreds of vendor stalls. This Quilt Festival showcases the world's finest quilt and fibre artists not seen at any other quilt festival.

Travel to **Chalons-en-Champagne**, famous for its hillside vineyards which produce the finest champagnes, and is often referred to as "Little Venice". Arrive in time for lunch and a guided walking tour before settling in for a **Group Dinner** and overnight.



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Continue to picturesque **Giverny**, where Claude Monet and other artists lived and painted. Enjoy priority access to Monet's exquisite 19th-century home, then, with an art historian as your guide, tour the flowerbeds, Japanese bridge, and water lily pond that served as inspiration for Monet's paintings, including the Nymphéas series. Settle in to your quaint hotel for a 2-night stay, and dream of the color and splendor of Giverny.

Rounding out your tour, travel the short distance to **Paris** for a private **guided tour of the famous Paris Flea Markets** with Rebecca Devaney. Hidden in the labyrinth alleys are treasure troves of vintage lace, linen, passementerie, golden threads, and gossamer lingerie. Finally, enjoy a private, exclusive, **hands-on Boutis workshop** with Kumiko Nakayama Geraerts in her Paris studio (a renovated train station!).

Enjoy a final, **Group Farewell Group Dinner**, at a local Paris restaurant.



Workshop with Kumiko

Kumiko Nakayama Geraerts is a Japanese textile designer who is an expert in Boutis, a quilting technique from the South of France. Her atelier (studio) is absolutely stunning, in a renovated train station called Gare Godillot, located just beside the flea market we will be visiting. Kumiko's boutis designs, completed works, and books she has written on the technique - all breathtaking!

This is a rare opportunity to learn from the best. All materials will be supplied and you will spend a few hours immersed in Kumiko's creative space, learning her technique while working on a pincushion.



Textile Tours of Paris

We are thrilled to have **Rebecca Devaney** join us again as she is always delighted to welcome textile enthusiasts on her private group tours. She enjoys collaborating with organizers to curate wonderful experiences that are the highlight for many while visiting Paris!



We will enjoy a couple of days exploring the Paris Flea Markets and haberdasheries, as Rebecca shares her knowledge and passion for these fine textiles and notions.



Meet Your Tour Hosts

Linda Timms

I am the owner of Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and I welcome you to this very first Blue Barn Adventure!

I have been creating my whole life, a quilter for more than 25 years, and more recently, a longarm quilter. My passion for quilting led me to open Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. as a new chapter in my life approached with all four of my children leaving home. I am very grateful that quilting has played such an integral part of my life, and I consider these opportunities a blessing and a joy.

I love to travel and am excited to combine that to destinations with special textile related activities. I am so looking forward to sharing this special travel experience with you!

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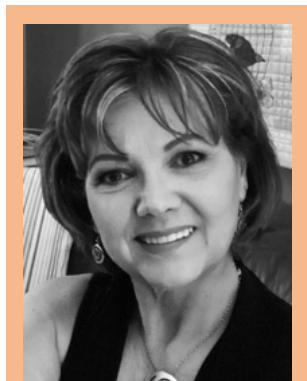
I have been sewing and creating my whole life and I am so grateful to have found my people!

I am passionate about quilting and textile arts, and grateful to have the opportunity to continue to inspire others as the Education and Special Events Coordinator for Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc.

My intent is to educate and enthuse in an atmosphere of fun and support. I have instructed classes and workshops in basic and advanced techniques for guilds and groups all over the world, thanks to my international quilting connections.

I have hosted many specialized tours to several international destinations over the years, and I look forward to travelling with you.

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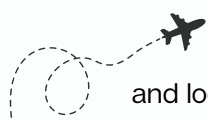


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Benefiting from over 35 years' experience, Journeys Connect is a business to business wholesale travel provider offering expertise in creating imaginative and inspiring tailor-made group and specialty vacation programs to Europe, South America, Africa, Japan, and the USA.

Our services are available exclusively to travel industry professionals. Offering private group journeys to inspire. We have the experience and knowledge to take care of every aspect of your group's travel arrangements.

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Please be a traveler not a tourist.
Try new things, meet new people,,
and look beyond what's right in front of you.
Those are the keys to understanding
this amazing world we live in.

Andrew Zimmern



Terms and Conditions

This is a private group journey, based on a minimum of 20 participants to operate. Rates quoted are in US dollars, per person. Hotels are subject to change. Due to weather conditions and circumstances beyond our control, the itinerary is subject to change.

Payment Details:

All payments are made through Journeys Connect in US\$ and processed through a credit card.

- **Initial Deposit:**

\$500 per person is required to reserve space. Full and final payment is due by June 1, 2024, with payment options (OPTION 1: Payment in full; OPTION 2: \$500 deposit + 6 equal monthly instalments 01JAN24 - 01JUN24). EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: save \$500 by registering before December 31, 2023. All payments will be charged to the credit card on file.

- **Roommate Cancellation:**

If you registered for a twin room (two travelers per room) and your roommate cancels, and another roommate cannot be found, you will be responsible for paying the additional "single supplement" charge. If you have purchased Trip Travel Protection insurance, this additional cost may be recoverable through your insurance policy. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance for this and any other emergencies.

- **Trip Travel Protection Insurance:**

Deposits and payments are non-refundable; we strongly recommend purchase of Trip Travel Protection Insurance. Refunds will only be issued should the minimum 20 travelers not be reached. Journeys Connect offers full coverage for residents of North America through Trip Mate, please visit: <http://www.tripmate.com/wpF421S> for complete details. Trip Travel Protection Insurance premiums are paid at time of registration to ensure all pre-existing conditions are covered, and calculated at 8.5% of total purchase.

Mobility:

Our tours are physically active. In order to stay with with group and keep the pace, you must (happily and effortlessly) be prepared to:

- Carry/roll your luggage over uneven pavement (possibly several blocks) and up stairways to reach your hotel, and up several flights of stairs to reach your room
- Be on your feet, walking and standing, for up to three hours, indoors and outdoors, in all weather conditions
- Sleep with street noise and no (or weak) air conditioning
- After orientation and transportation lessons, be able to navigate cities on your own

Responsibility/Liability:

Payment of the land tour package constitutes consent to all Legal policies and terms and conditions described here. Neither the Operator (Journeys Connect), Tour Hosts (Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Linda Timms, or Kim Caskey), nor any mentioned or unmentioned subagents or affiliates shall be held responsible for any personal injury, property damage or other loss a passenger incurs on any tour arising from acts or omissions by any air carrier, public transport company, hotel, car rental company, subcontractor or other person or organization, whether such company is rendering any services supplied on the tour.

All tickets and vouchers are issued and supplied subject to the foregoing and to any and all terms and conditions under which transportation and services are provided. The Tour Operator and Tour Hosts accepts no responsibility for losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, flight cancellations or misconnections due to mechanical problems, sickness, quarantine, weather, acts of God, strikes, government actions, war, terrorism, or other circumstances beyond its control. Passengers must bear all such losses or expenses.

To guard against unforeseen circumstances, we recommend you purchase the optional travel protection plan offered with each booking. The Tour Operator reserves the right to alter prices at any time prior to departure and without prior notice if circumstances so warrant. Any devaluation or revaluation of currencies may affect published price.

Print Name

Date

Signature



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HEALTH & SAFETY WAIVER - COVID-19

The safety and comfort of our guests is our first concern. We have worked diligently with our Tour Operator to give you the peace of mind you expect. However, there is no way to eliminate all possible risks while traveling and Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect therefore cannot assume liability in the unlikely event you contract COVID-19. This is the reason for the necessity of the following waiver of liability:

The novel coronavirus, (herein "COVID-19") has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments have recommended physical distancing, limiting group sizes in some locations and wearing face coverings. While Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Journeys Connect, and our supplier partners in Europe have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we cannot guarantee that you or your travel party will not become infected with COVID-19 while traveling. In fact, traveling could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while traveling with Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect, and that contact with the virus that causes COVID-19 may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. You understand that the risk of becoming infected by COVID-19 on a Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc./Journeys Connect trip may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and others, including, but not limited to Journeys Connect employees, suppliers (and their employees) and other passengers.

You understand that you could encounter others, including but not limited to others traveling on this trip, who have COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, or who are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 or other viruses but who exhibit no symptoms of infection or an infectious disease, which could result in your having serious medical conditions requiring medical treatment in a hospital, quarantine in a government-appointed location, and could possibly lead to death. You agree that having considered these risks, you desire to participate in the Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc./Journeys Connect trip and you freely and voluntarily assume complete personal responsibility for the risk of exposure, illness, and death due to COVID-19, even if such injuries or death occur in a manner that is not foreseeable at the time this agreement is signed.

You acknowledge that you have been strongly advised to have comprehensive health insurance (including "travel insurance").

You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in this Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc./Journeys Connect trip with knowledge of the inherent risks of COVID-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

To the extent permitted by law, you hereby:

- assume and agree to accept any and all risks related to COVID-19 during the course of your travel with Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect release Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect and its employees, officers, directors, and agents, ("the Releasees") from any and all claims that may accordingly arise during the course of your participation in the trip.
- you confirm that you have adequate financial resources in case medical care is needed relating to COVID-19 and understand the inherent and potential health risks of travel during this time.

This Waiver shall be binding on you, your family, your heirs, and any attorney, agent, executor, trustee, representative, or assignee to the extent permitted by law. You hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Journeys Connect and the Releasees for any claims against Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Journeys Connect or the Releasees by any member of your family, your heirs or assigns, your estate, your employer, or by any other person for whom or to whom you are or may be responsible, whether at law or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

I agree that if any portion is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. No additions, deletions or changes can be made to the release form, and signing it is a requirement for joining the trip.

Print Name

Date

Signature



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Tour Member Expectations

This document applies to all Tour Members in your tour group. If you cannot meet the expectations as outlined, please call, or email us to discuss.

Blue Barn Quilt Co Inc./Kim Caskey Tours are physically active. Hotels may provide fewer North American style amenities, and our touring culture emphasizes flexibility and open-mindedness. These are essential characteristics of your tour experience. Unfortunately, a few people ignore these details, thus resulting in a less than desired experience for everyone. We truly want you to be happy with your tour choice. Please read the following carefully and understand that by participating in a Blue Barn Quilt Co Inc./Kim Caskey Tours tour, you assume certain obligations and responsibilities to Kim Caskey and Linda Timms (Tour Hosts) and your fellow tour members, including, but not limited to, the following:

Understand the physical levels of your tour's daily activities and be capable of fully and happily (no one likes a grumpy or complaining traveller) participate without any assistance — in the following levels of activity:

- Walk 10,000-12,000 steps over the course of the day, up and down stairs, and over unpaved or cobblestone surfaces
- Be comfortable on your feet for up to four hours walking and standing, both inside museums and outdoors in all weather conditions
- Bring one main piece of luggage, plus one smaller day pack or shoulder bag, all of which you must be able to carry yourself, sometimes up stairs
- Carry or roll your luggage for up to 15 minutes from the bus to the hotel, then haul it up several flights of stairs to get to your room (where no porter service is available)
- After orientation and transportation lessons, be able to navigate towns and cities on your own
- Be always available for group communication on What's App (not just when on free Wi-Fi)

Please note: Tour hosts may not be available to provide assistance for any of these activities. Tour members requiring help must be accompanied by an able companion who can be entirely responsible for providing the assistance.

Appreciate our quaint and sometimes peculiar hotel characteristics, which may include:

- No (or inadequate) air conditioning, elevators
- Potential street noise in some hotels
- Slow Wi-Fi connections or Wi-Fi only in common areas

Embrace and participate in our NO GRUMBLERS policy:

- Travel is all about experiencing things we're not used to; tour members are expected to be flexible and open-minded and to practice considerate social behavior toward one another
- Accept that in rare circumstances your tour may have an additional tour member above the advertised number
- Agree that you won't be allowed to smoke or vape on the bus, in the hotel, or where other tour members are present
- Look forward to surprises, understanding that itineraries are subject to change, and often Plan B is better!

Agree to follow all safety precautions and health directives set by your guide, host, or local officials to help safeguard your health and wellbeing as well as that of your fellow tour members. These precautions may include but not be limited to the following:

- Be able to present, if requested, an authentic CDC vaccination certificate showing that you are fully vaccinated
- Being seen by a health professional if you are showing symptoms of a contagious illness, and/or being tested for contagious illness (such as COVID-19) as a condition of continuing with the tour
- Maintaining proper social distancing
- Use of face masks (covering your nose and mouth); proper handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer

Traveller name (please print)

Signature

Date



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Medical Alert / Special Considerations

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Submit this completed form to: Kim.bluebarnquiltco@gmail.com

Please describe the nature of your disability/special need, or indicate NONE:

- Will you be travelling with any special equipment (eg. walking stick, medically necessary device, etc.)? If yes, please give details. Oxygen tanks are not permitted.

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Yes

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No

- Are you able to happily and effortlessly walk/climb stairs unaided numerous times per day (~10,000-15,000 steps or 5-10 city blocks per day)? Walkers/wheelchairs are not permitted.

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Yes

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No

- Do you have any dietary needs (allergies, special diet, etc.) we should be aware of to better assist you? If so, please give details.

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Yes

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No

- Please indicate any other special considerations we should be aware of:

- Medications: If you will be taking any prescription medication while on tour, we suggest you carry it with you in the original container and/or have the Rx available should you need to replace it. Please advise if your medication requires refrigeration while on the coach.

We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the special needs of our passengers; however, we are not responsible for any denial of special services by hotels, lodges, restaurants, other suppliers, or any additional fees charged for assistance. Escorted tours adhere to a pre-determined and unalterable timetable in conjunction with time-scheduled services provided by tour operators. The undersigned hereby indicates understanding and agreement with/to these conditions.

Please note:

- Carry your prescription medication(s) in the original container (and always in your carry-on luggage or personal bag)
- Carry a copy of your prescription order should you need to replace any lost medication while on tour
- Carry a small supply of over the counter medication (Advil, cold med, etc.)

Full Name:

Date:

Signature:

Registration Form

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Submit registration form to: kim.bluebarnquiltco@gmail.com

Full Name:
(exactly as it appears
on your passport)

Mailing Address:
(mailing address)

Email
Address:

Cell #:

Date of Birth:
MON/DAY/YEAR

Passport # &
Expiry date:

MON/DAY/YEAR

Emergency Contacts:

Name

Cell #

relationship

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Purchase Details (please check):

Pre-Tour
Twin / Ins:

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\$499

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insurance

Pre-Tour
Single / Ins:

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\$755

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insurance

EARLY BIRD
discount:

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\$5999

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insurance

Land Tour
Single / Ins:

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\$8198

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insurance

Land Tour
Twin. / Ins:

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\$6499

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insurance

EARLY BIRD
discount:

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\$7698

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insurance

Roommate
Name:

Payment Option (please check):

Please check:

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Payment in Full:

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Deposit \$500 + insurance premium;
& 6 instalments (OJAN24 - OJUN24)

Credit Card #:

Expiry Date:

Name on Card:

CVC:

Roommates - have you considered?

Sharing a room with another traveller can be a wonderful, added experience. Many roommates who start a tour as strangers, soon became fast friends and remain friends for years to come! Not only will you find a new friend, but you will save a significant cost not having to pay for the single supplement.

However, there are a few things to consider before agreeing to room with another traveller. We suggest you have a phone chat (vs. email conversation), so that you can discuss the logistics of sharing a room. After your communication, you can then decide if you wish to share a room with a stranger or opt for your own room.



- **Alone time:**

After being with the tour group all day, will you be ready for some alone time in the late evening (or in the morning before starting the day with the group)?



- **Setting some ground rules:**

Discuss the following points and set some ground rules, so that you are both on the same page before the tour even starts:



- **Are you a morning person or night owl?**

- Do you rise extra-early?
- Do you read/computer/iPad/Phone after lights out (with a booklight)?



- **Bathroom time:**

- Do you shower in the morning or evening?
- How much time do you typically spend in the bathroom getting ready for the day? Or before bed?



- **Personal habits:**

- Do you snore?
- Use a CPAP?
- Smoke?
- Tidy? Messy?



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