

Textiles in the Land of the Rising Sun

October 11 - 22, 2024
Tour Leader: Kris Vierra



TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

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





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Tour dates: October 11-22, 2024

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Tour price:

Twin share per person: \$5,590

Single supplement: \$1,160

Booking deposit: \$600 per person

Maximum places: 25

Itinerary: Tokyo (3 nights), Kawaguchi Lake (1 night), Takayama (2 nights), 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

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Highlights:

- Sightseeing tours of Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Takayama, Kyoto
- Welcome Dinner in Tokyo
- Travel to Nippori Textile Town
- Shibori resist dyeing techniques workshop
- Yoko Saito's shop, the Quilt Party
- "Bullet train ride" on the famous Shinkansen train
- Visit Itchiku Kubota's Kimono Museum
- Enjoy a walking tour with a local guide of Takayama
- Visit to a Sashiko shop, they have a comprehensive collection of Japanese textiles, vintage Kimonos and many quilting patterns
- Explore the lively flea market Kobo-Ichi at Toji Temple
- Visit the Kyoto Museum of traditional Crafts
- Arimatsu Shibori Workshop
- Nishijin Textile Centre
- Geisha district Kamishichiken in Kyoto
- Yuzen Dyeing Workshop
- Kinkankuji Temple & Ryoan-ji Temple
- Yamamoto Roketsu Dyeing Workshop
- Visit Fushimi Inari, the most famous shrine dedicated to the Shino God of rice
- Farewell Dinner in Kyoto



Kris Vierra has been sewing or quilting for over 20 years. She loves sharing her passion for quilting and all things related to fabric, believing that quilting should be fun and not stressful. Kris teaches at national shows and guilds across the country, and has won

numerous national awards for her machine quilting skills over the years. Most recently, Kris won the Best Long Arm Quilting award at AQS Quilt Week Paducah and the PFAFF Master Award for Machine Artistry at the International Quilt Festival Houston. Two of her quilts, Tiger, Tiger and Star of India, are part of the permanent collection at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. Kris is also the author of the Stress Free Quilting® book series. She loves traveling and meeting quilters from around the world. Kris believes that no matter what language you speak fabric is universal.

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.



Autumn in Mt. Fuji



Shibori Demonstration



Temari Balls

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, Friday October 11; the tour concludes after breakfast at Hotel Granvia Kyoto, on Day 12, Tuesday October 22.

The shared transfers are included and will be included in your final documentation. (The shared transfers only apply between our designated hotel and airports)

Day 1 Fri Oct 11

Arrive Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo and transfer to hotel for check in. Group dinner tonight. (D)

Day 2 Sat Oct 12

Tokyo

Our first stop is one of Japan's oldest gardens, **Koishikawa Korakuen**. Later visit the **Tokyo National Museum**, one of the oldest and largest of Japan's top-level national museums. Wander through the busy **Asakusa district** and visit the **Senso-ji Temple**. In the afternoon, make a stop at Amy Katoh's special shop - **Blue and White**. Our tour concludes with a stop at **Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square** where you can find some special craft item to take home. (B)

Day 3 Sun Oct 13

Tokyo

This morning visit the historic **Nippori Fabric Town**, home to nearly 100 of 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. Stop at **Okadaya Shinjuku Honten**, one of the best places for craft supplies in Tokyo. (B)

Day 4 Mon Oct 14

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 your onsen hotel. (B, D)

Day 5 Tue Oct 15

Kawaguchiko-Matsumoto-Takayama

Toady enjoy a scenic drive through the Japanese Alps en route to Takayama, Known for its merchant houses, temples and strong craft traditions this 16th century town is a delight. On the way, we stop at **Matsumoto Castle**. Next to the castle, there is a craft store, if time permits, we may have **Temari ball making workshop**. Hida Beef dinner tonight. (B D)

Day 6 Wed Oct 16

Takayama

This morning, we travel by coach to visit **Shirakawago Village**, a UNESCO world heritage site famous for their traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses. Return to Takayama. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 7 Thu Oct 17

Takayama-Nagoya-Kyoto

Morning visit to a very special shop – **Hida Sashiko Shop** before travelling to Japan's ancient capital, Kyoto. (B)

Day 8 Fri Oct 18

Kyoto

In the morning, travel to 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 **Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design** (formerly known as Fureaikan), a museum dedicated to preserving Kyoto's traditional and cultural works of art. Later, head to a Kyo-Yuzen's pattern painting studio and learn to create your own masterpiece in the **Yuzen painting workshop**. (B)

Day 9 Sat Oct 19

Kyoto

This morning, 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**. In the afternoon, participate in a **Roketsu dyeing workshop** using a traditional wax-resist dyeing method. (B)

Day 10 Sun Oct 20

Kyoto

Enjoy a day excursion by 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 11 Mon Oct 21

Kyoto

This morning, explore the lively **flea market** at Toji Temple. The Toji Temple flea market is one of Kyoto's three major markets. Also stop at the iconic **Nomura Tailor**. Afterwards visit **Kyoto Orinasukan Museum**. The museum's collection includes over 1,000 pieces of Nishijin textiles, including kimonos, obis, and other traditional garments, as well as tapestries, rugs, and other woven items. Stroll in **Kamishichiken**, the oldest geisha district in Kyoto before our farewell dinner tonight. (B, D)

Day 12 Tue Oct 22

Depart Kyoto

The tour ends after breakfast. (B)



Kinkakuji Temple



Roketsu dyeing workshop



Higashiyama, Kyoto



Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kyoto



Maiko and Geisha in traditional clothes

Price per person (Land Tour):

The tour price is \$5,590 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a twin or double room for sole use is \$1,160 per person. A deposit of \$600 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

Inclusions:

- 11 nights twin-share accommodation at well-appointed hotels with breakfast daily
- Meals, workshops and entrance fees as stated in the itinerary
- Shared arrival & departure airport/hotel transfers (conditions apply)
- Transportation in Japan including trains and chartered coaches
- An English-speaking tour manager 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/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
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**

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:

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

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

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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 make sure your passport is valid for six (6) months before you depart for international travel.

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.

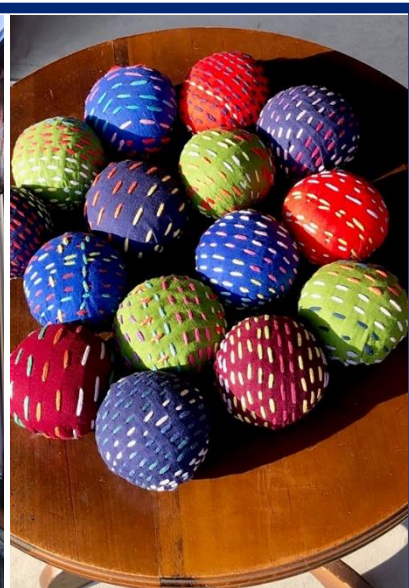
AUTHORISATION

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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