

Quilting and Hidden Textile Treasures of Japan

Tour EXCLUSIVE!
Janome Tokyo
Headquarters

November 10 – 22, 2025

Tour Leaders: Kimberly Einmo & Susan Cleveland



Golden Pavilion



Group of geisha girls



Japanese Textile at a market in Kyoto

TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

- EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- MAXIMUM 24 IN A GROUP
- CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES





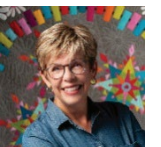
OVERVIEW

The Quilting and Hidden Textile Treasures of Japan Tour is a 13-day immersive experience exploring Japan's rich textile heritage, contemporary practices, and cultural landmarks. You'll engage in hands-on workshops with skilled artisans, learning traditional techniques such as Roketsu dyeing, Washi Paper making, and Temari embroidery. The tour also includes visits to iconic landmarks like Kyoto's Kinkakuji Temple, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kanazawa's Kenrokuen Garden, and the Miho Museum. Alongside textile experiences, you'll have opportunities to explore local markets and enjoy a special visit to the Janome Factory in Tokyo. The journey provides a perfect balance of textile education, cultural exploration, and hands-on experience.

TOUR LEADERS



Kimberly Einmo is an international author, award-winning quilter, fabric designer, and has served as a quilt show judge for more than twenty-five years. But one of her highest honors is to represent Janome-America as their National Spokesperson. Kimberly has written six best-selling books, all published by the American Quilter's Society, and she wrote the popular Stray Threads column, in American Quilter Magazine, for almost a decade. Currently, she designs fabrics for Benartex Fabrics and Timeless Treasures Fabrics. Kimberly has developed and manufactures a signature line of Precision Quilting Rulers, and she is also a Featured Artist for the Electric Quilt Company. A proud military wife and mother of two grown sons, Kimberly is a respected and prominent leader in the quilting industry. She and her husband, fondly known in the quilting world as "Mr. Kim," live with four rescue kitties and one pampered pup outside of Denver, Colorado. They both love to travel and meet sewing enthusiasts from all walks of life around the world!



Known for her enthusiasm and clever solutions to quilting's tricky tasks, **Susan Cleveland** enjoys meeting quilters and teaching her techniques internationally. Her quilts have received eight awards at International Quilt Festivals in Houston and many other prestigious shows. Her books, tools, magazine articles, TV shows, and internet classes have been making quilting's challenges more manageable for 20 years. Susan's classes on Blueprint/Craftsy are among the most popular as they inspire quilters throughout the world. Quilters love Susan's Piping Hot Binding technique/tool and also her patented Prairie Pointer Tool. Don't miss out on an opportunity to travel and laugh with Susan!

TOUR DATES

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TOUR PRICE

\$7,590 per person, twin share
\$1,130 single supplement

TOUR DEPOSIT

Deposit of \$800 is required per person to confirm your booking on tour.

GROUP SIZE

Maximum number of **24** in this group

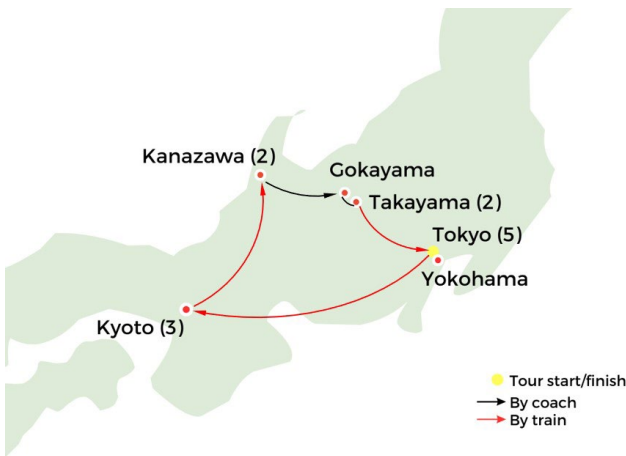
ITINERARY

Tokyo (4 nights), Kyoto (3 nights), Kanazawa (2 nights), Takayama (2 nights), Tokyo (1 night)

INCLUSIONS

12 nights' accommodation on a twin-share basis in a well-appointed hotels • All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners • Travel by private, comfortable air-con vehicle • Bullet trains • Shared airport/hotel transfers • Services of well-qualified English-speaking local guides • Entrance fees to tours and workshops in the itinerary.

DETAILED ITINERARY



Start & Finish

The tour starts at 6 pm on Day 1 Monday November 10th at Hotel Century Southern Tower in Tokyo. The tour ends after breakfast on Day 13 Saturday November 22nd, at Hotel Century Southern Tower in Tokyo.

Shared arrival & departure transfers are included. (The shared transfers are only valid between our designated hotels and airports during available transfer service times. Conditions apply.)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive visit to **Janome Sewing Machines headquarters** with a well-known quilting artist.
- Visit the **Yokohama Quilt Show**, a major highlight of Japan's quilting scene.
- Discover Tokyo's vibrant **Nippori Fabric Town** and visit **renowned quilting shops**.
- Enjoy a hands-on experience at the **Temari ball-making workshop** in Matsumoto.
- Step into the historic **Gokayama Village** and learn about traditional **washi paper-making**.
- **Golden Leaf Workshop**: Learn the intricate process of applying gold leaf in textile design.
- Visit the **Miho Museum**, known for its stunning architecture and impressive collection of cultural artifacts.
- Participate in **dyeing workshops** and explore textile centers in Kyoto.
- **Flea Market in Kyoto**: Explore a vibrant, traditional flea market, offering textiles, crafts, antiques, and local goods.

ACCOMMODATION

TOKYO – Hotel Century Southern Tower

KANAZAWA – Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel or similar

TAKAYAMA – Tokyu Stay Hida Takayama

KYOTO – DoubleTree by Hilton Kyoto Station

Pre- and post-tour accommodation can be booked through Opulent Quilt Journeys. All bookings include room, breakfast, and taxes. Please contact our office for details.

Included meals are indicated with B, L, D.

Day 1 Monday November 10

Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival in Tokyo, meet your tour group. This evening provides a chance to relax after your journey and meet your fellow travelers. (D)

Day 2 Tuesday November 11

Tokyo

In the morning, visit Yoko Saito's **Quilt Party**, a popular quilting shop and workshop space where you can admire stunning quilt works and purchase supplies. Explore **Nippori Fabric Town**, Tokyo's renowned textile district filled with fabric shops offering a variety of materials, from traditional Japanese prints to modern designs. Afterwards, participate in a **Temari ball-making workshop**, learning to create these beautifully embroidered Japanese thread balls. Enjoy a panoramic view from **Tokyo Government Building**. (B, L)

Day 3 Wednesday November 12

Tokyo

Morning visit **Sashiko-kan** in Hinohara Village. Then return to Tokyo and we'll spend the afternoon at the **Janome Sewing Machines headquarters**. Enjoy dinner at Ukai restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4 Thursday November 13

Yokohama Quilt Show

Spend the day at the **Yokohama Quilt Show**, one of Japan's most prominent quilting events, where you can admire exquisite quilts, participate in workshops, and shop for unique fabrics and quilting supplies. Return to Tokyo in the evening. (B)

Day 5 Friday November 14

Tokyo to Kyoto

Depart Tokyo for Kyoto by Shinkansen bullet train. Upon arrival in Kyoto, participate in a **Roketsu dyeing workshop**, where you'll learn the traditional wax-resist dyeing technique. Then visit the most iconic landmark of Kyoto, **Kinkakuji** (the Golden Pavilion), famous for its gold-leaf exterior. (B)



Roketsu dyeing workshop



Kyoto street



Temari Ball

Day 6 **Saturday** **November 15**

Kyoto

On the 15th of every month, Hyakumanben Chion-ji Temple comes to life as the Hyakumanben Tetsukuri Ichi (**Hyakumanben Handicraft Market**) is held. We'll discover this lively market before visiting the famous **Misuyabari Needle Shop**. Also enjoy a traditional art performance at Gion Museum in the historic **Gion district**. (B)

Day 7 **Sunday** **November 16**

Kyoto

Begin with a morning visit to **Fushimi Inari Shine**, renowned for its thousands of red torii gates. Then visit the **Miho Museum**, located in the Shigaraki Mountains, which showcases an impressive collection of Asian and Western antiques. Afternoon visit the **Nishijin Textile Centre** in Kyoto, where you can learn about the production of traditional Nishijin-ori textiles. (B, L)

Day 8 **Monday** **November 17**

Kyoto to Kanazawa

Travel to Kanazawa, where you will attend a **Golden Leaf Pasting Workshop**. Golden leaf pasting is a traditional craft where thin sheets of gold are applied to various surfaces, such as wood, paper, and ceramics. You will have the opportunity to create your own unique serving plate. (B)

Day 9 **Tuesday** **November 18**

Kanazawa

The day begins with a visit to **Kenrokuen Garden**, one of Japan's most beautiful and historic gardens. Next, attend a **Yuzen painting workshop**, learning the delicate art of traditional Japanese textile painting. The day concludes with a visit to the **Higashi Chayamachi District**, a charming area known for its traditional tea houses and well-preserved Edo-period architecture, offering a glimpse into Kanazawa's rich cultural heritage. (B, L)

Day 10 **Wednesday** **November 19**

Kanazawa to Takayama

Depart Kanazawa for Takayama, en route, visit **Gokayama**, a village known for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses. Then, attend a **washi paper-making experience**, where you will learn about the craftsmanship behind this traditional Japanese paper. Arrive in Takayama and enjoy a **Hida beef dinner**. (B, D)

Day 11 **Thursday** **November 20**

Takayama

Start your day with a visit to the **Takayama Morning Market**, where you can browse local produce, crafts, and traditional items while soaking in the lively atmosphere. Next, take a walking tour of **Takayama Old Town**, exploring its well-preserved Edo-period streets, quaint merchant houses, and picturesque alleyways. Afterward, visit

WEATHER & CLOTHING

In November, Japan experiences cool, crisp weather with daytime temperatures ranging from 50°F to 68°F. Overall, expect dry, clear skies and vibrant autumn foliage, making it an ideal time for sightseeing.

TRAVELLING WITH DIETARY NEEDS

Traveling to Japan offers rich cultural experiences and diverse cuisine, but it's important to plan if you have dietary restrictions. Japanese meals often include rice, noodles, seafood, vegetables, and tofu, which may impact your needs:

- **Seafood allergies:** Watch out for dashi or bonito (fish stock).
- **Gluten sensitivities:** Avoid soy sauce, miso soup, tofu, ramen, udon, and tempura.
- **Egg intolerances:** Tamagoyaki and okonomiyaki contain eggs; many desserts include dairy.
- **Nut allergies:** Nuts may appear in toppings, sauces, or desserts.

At Opulent Quilt Journeys, we'll notify restaurants and provide knowledgeable guides to help with ingredient checks, ensuring you enjoy Japan's culinary delights while adhering to your dietary needs.

FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

This tour is physically demanding. To participate on this tour, you should be able to:

- Keep up with the group at all times
- Walk throughout the day at a moderate pace
- Negotiate walking over uneven ground on dirt tracks
- Walk up and down steps and slopes
- Get on and off a coach with steps unassisted
- Move your luggage unassisted



Shirakawago Takayama

Takayama Jinya, a historical government building offering a glimpse into the town's administrative past. End your day with a stop at the **Hida Sashiko Shop**, where you can admire and purchase exquisite hand-stitched textiles and learn about the art of Sashiko embroidery, a traditional craft of the region. (B)

Day 12 **Friday** **November 21**

Takayama to Tokyo

Take the Shinkansen back to Tokyo. Upon arrival, participate in a unique **Pin Cushion Workshop**, where you will learn the delicate art of creating traditional pin cushions under the guidance of a skilled artisan. In the evening, gather with the group for a **farewell dinner** to celebrate the journey. (B D)

Day 13 **Saturday** **November 22**

Depart Tokyo

The tour concludes after breakfast. Depart for the airport for your onward journey or extend your stay in Japan. (B)

INQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

For further information or to secure a place, please contact
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