



# Japan Quilt Tour 2024

2 - 13 November 2024

Our Japan Quilt Tour offers the holiday of a lifetime for quilt, patchwork and embroidery enthusiasts and on tour you will be delighted and astonished by the quality of Japanese craftsmanship.



**P&Q Tours Ltd and Japan Journeys are collaborating once again, to bring you a quilting tour to Japan timed to coincide with the World Quilt Festival (in its second year).**

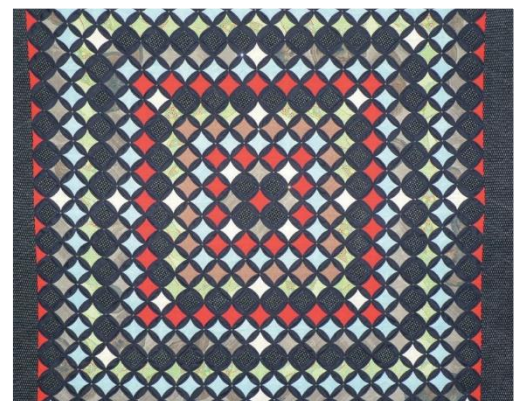


## Our Expert

A former Editor for (British) Patchwork & Quilting magazine, Judi Mendelsohn gives talks and teaches patchwork workshops and classes around the UK and abroad.

Judi will lead some hand sewing projects during the tour and share her knowledge of Japanese quilts, fabrics and techniques along the way.

**Judi Mendelsohn**



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## The Itinerary

### 2-3 November: UK - Kyoto

Fly overnight from London Heathrow to Osaka (Kansai International Airport) with a change of plane en route. Transfer by private coach to our hotel in central Kyoto for 4 nights.

### 4 November: Kyoto

Enjoy a full-day tour by private coach around this beautiful city. Visit the majestic Temple of the Golden Pavilion and its gardens. Then we go on to the atmospheric Sanjusangendo Temple, which contains 1001 gilded statues of the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy. Next we move on to the Kyoto Handicraft Centre where you have time to take lunch and browse a multitude of craft shops. After lunch, enjoy a Shibori Dyeing Class. Enjoy a Welcome dinner tonight.

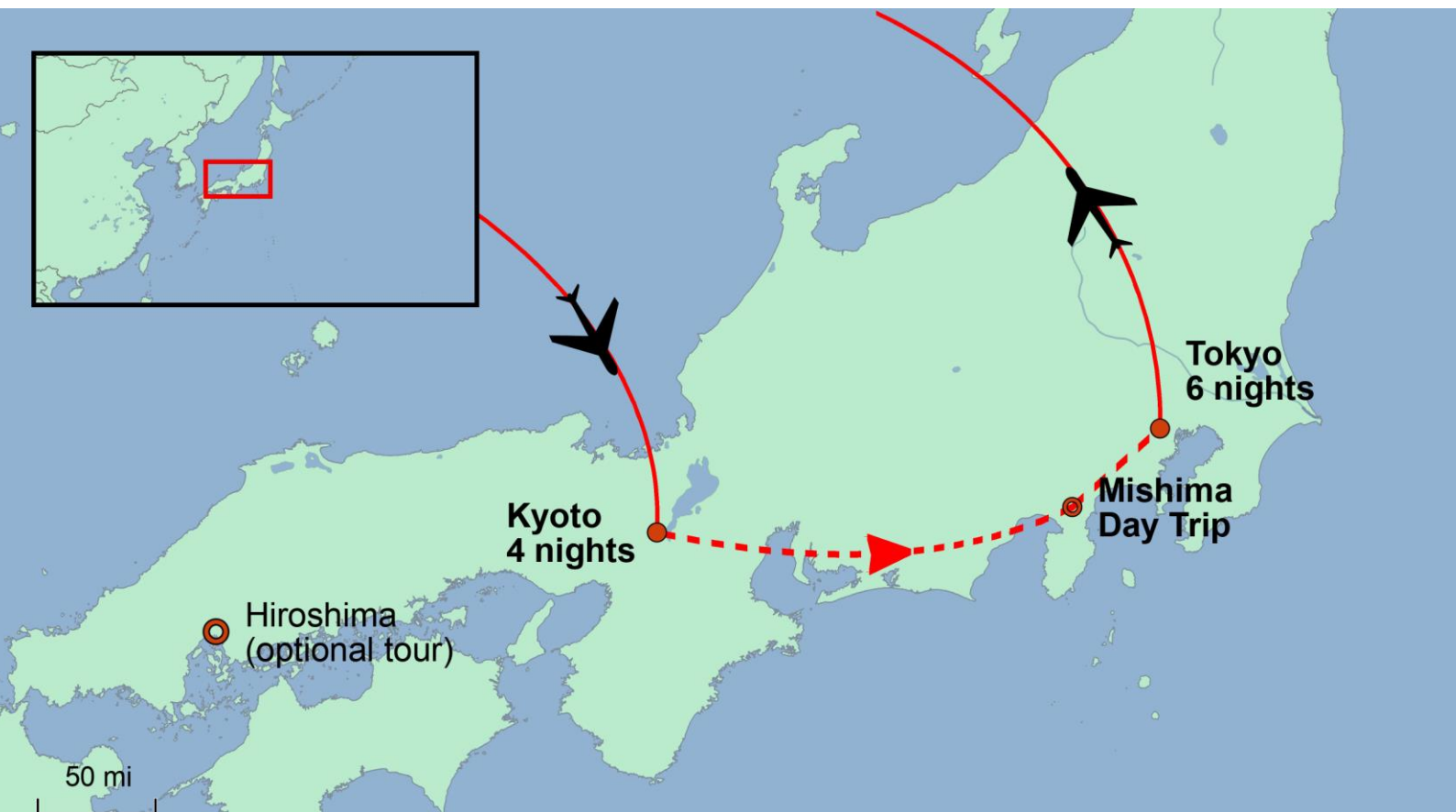
### 5 November: Kyoto

Today we start with a little walking tour of the local covered markets before being picked up by our private coach, which will

drive us to the Nishijin Textile Centre in the Nishijin district – the famous home of Kyoto’s silk fabric weavers. Here you can dress up in a beautiful kimono (which requires a prior appointment) from a wide variety of colours and patterns, watch a kimono show and learn about the method of kimono making. We will make a short stop for lunch before ending the day at the Yuzen Gallery to learn about the art of Yuzen silk craftsmen. We will have the privilege of visiting a traditional Japanese house where some Yuzen dyed kimono are displayed.

### 6 November: Free Day or Optional Tour

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kyoto. Alternatively, you may wish to join an optional day trip by Bullet Train to Hiroshima and the nearby beautiful island of Miyajima with lunch included.



# *An Insight into* *Itchiku Kubota Art Museum*

久保田一竹美術館

Itchiku Kubota opened his museum in Kawaguchi-ko, Japan in 1994. By the age of 40 he decided to devote himself to creation of original “Tsujigahana”, a Japanese fabric dyeing technique that originated in the Muromachi era (1336 to 1573). After 20 years of experience, he mastered “Itchiku Tsujigahana”, his original technique that expressed clear, beautiful, yet subtle colours, by repeated dyeing and washing in water each time.

Located near Lake Kawaguchi, with a panoramic view of Itchiku’s beloved Mount Fuji, the museum permanently showcases some of his artistic creations and invites visitors to discover the artist who created them.



Exploring these Gaudi inspired buildings, visitors discover Itchiku Kubota at his heart and share his passion for primitive arts and crafts in a peaceful shrine of Nature created by the artist’s vision.

On site, enjoy the beautiful garden surrounding the Museum and end the wonderful kimono experience with a traditional Japanese tea break in Itchiku Kubota's former workshop.





## The Itinerary (cont.)

### 7 November: Kyoto – Itchiku Kubota Museum - Tokyo

After check-out, we depart from Kyoto and board the fantastic Bullet Train to Mishima. From here, we take a private coach to the stunning Itchiku Kubota Museum which is located near Lake Kawaguchi offering you wonderful panoramic views of Mt. Fuji, beloved by Itchiku. Itchiku is famous for his artistic kimonos inspired by a long lost 16<sup>th</sup> century technique called tsujigahana (a tie-dyeing technique mixed with drawings and impressing foil appearing at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century but disappeared some 100 years later). You will have the opportunity to explore your surroundings before we will reboard the Bullet Train to Tokyo where we will check in to our hotel for 6 nights.



### 8 November: World Quilt Festival

After breakfast, attend the wonderful opening day of World Quilt Festival and enjoy the rest of the day there.

### 9 November: Free Day or World Quilt Festival

Enjoy a full day of leisure in Tokyo. Alternatively, you may wish to spend another day at the World Quilt Festival in Yokohama.

### 10 November: Tokyo

In the morning, we transfer by public transportation to serenely Meiji Shrine and lively Harajuku. You can explore nearby Harajuku and have lunch. In the afternoon, we will head back to Shinjuku and visit an array of craft and fabric shops including Bingoya and Okadaya

### 11 November: Tokyo

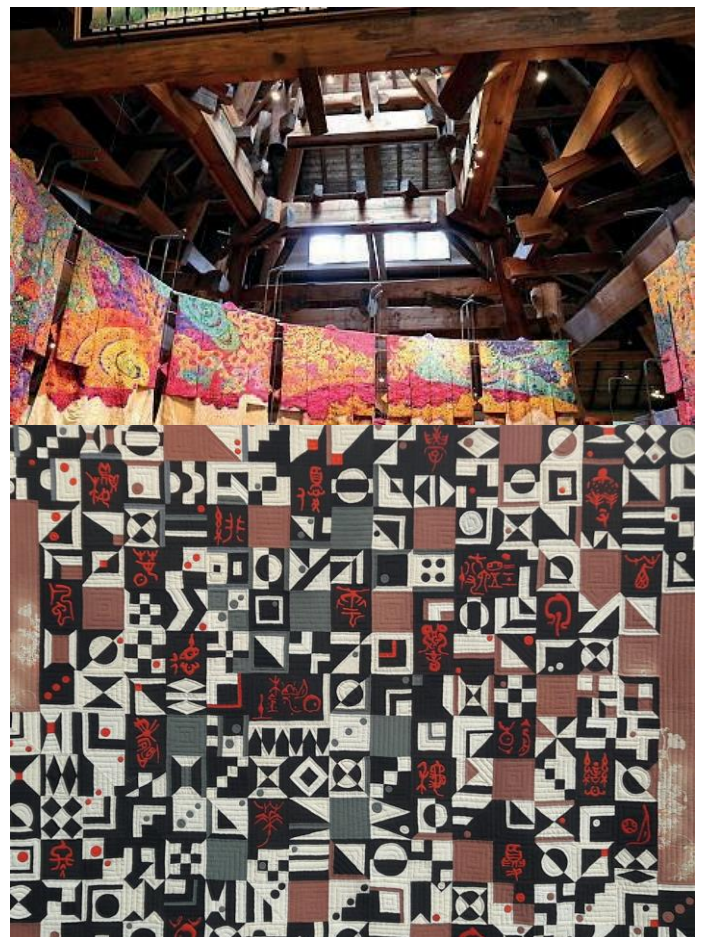
Today we transfer by private coach to explore Tokyo. We will visit the Imperial Palace, bustling Sensoji Temple and then spend most of your day in Nippori Fabric Town – a fantastic centre for speciality fabric stores. With over 100 stores you are bound to find whatever you are looking for at a reasonable price.

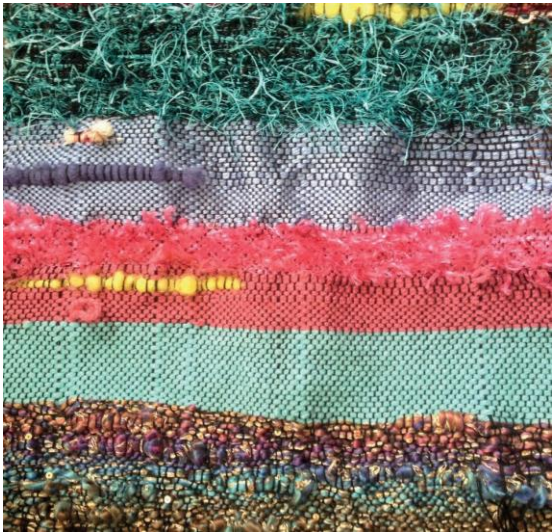
### 12 November: Visit Sachiko Yoshida

Today we will visit the famous Japanese quilt-maker Sachiko Yoshida who will explain and show us her beautiful quilt and kimono collection. Tonight enjoy a Farewell dinner.

### 13 November: Return to UK

Sadly, it is time to say “sayonara” and we will transfer to Narita International Airport (Tokyo) by private coach to depart for home.





## Price Includes:

- Economy Class scheduled international flights (with a change of plane en route)
- 10 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast daily
- Single Bullet train ticket from Kyoto – Tokyo
- Airport Transfers in Japan for those passengers arriving and departing with the main group
- One full-day & one half-day private air-conditioned coach tour of Kyoto
- One half-day private air-conditioned coach tour of Tokyo
- Day trip to World Quilt Festival by private air-conditioned coach on the opening day
- Day trips to Itchiku Kubota Museum & Sachiko Yoshida by private air-conditioned coach
- All local train and subway fares for sights visited
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all named attractions on tour (with the exception of the 2nd ticket to the World Quilt Festival)
- Shibori Dyeing class & a Stencilling class
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and 2 lunches
- 1 standard sized baggage transfer from Kyoto – Tokyo
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys Guide throughout

## Not Included In Price:

- Travel Insurance (available on our website)
- Lunches and dinners (other than those mentioned above)
- Optional day trip to Hiroshima

All price estimates are based on a minimum number of passengers travelling in 2024. All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

| PRICE:                        | LAND-ONLY PRICE:                                | SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: | *OPTIONAL DAY TRIP TO HIROSHIMA: |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>£4,645.00</b>              | <b>£3,645.00</b>                                | <b>£575.00</b>          | <b>£225.00</b>                   |
| per person on a sharing basis | per person on a sharing basis                   |                         | per person                       |
|                               | (not including flights. non-UK passengers only) |                         | *Minimum numbers apply           |

To confirm a place on the trip, a deposit of £470.00 per person must be paid. The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure.



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