



# Japan Quilt Tour 2019

21 January – 1 February 2019

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 glorious Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival.**



**Judi Mendelssohn**

## Our Experts

A former Editor for (British) Patchwork & Quilting magazine, Judi Mendelssohn is the owner and Director of P&Q Tours Ltd, specializing in tours for quilters. She also gives talks and teaches patchwork workshops and classes around the UK and abroad.

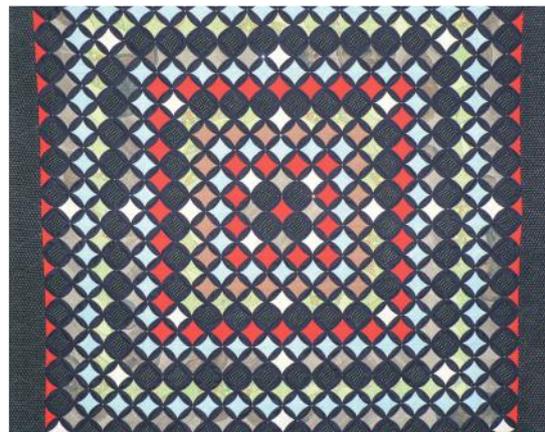
Lynne Edwards is an internationally known quilt designer, teacher and author. Two of her books, 'The Sampler Quilt Book' and the 'New Sampler Quilt Book' have sold more than 100,000 copies worldwide and are generally recognized as being among the classic essentials on any quilter's bookshelf. Lynne is an acknowledged authority on Cathedral Window quilts, introducing



**Lynne Edwards MBE**

many quilters to the design possibilities using this technique. Among many awards perhaps the one she is most known for is the MBE in the New Years Honours list in 2008 for services to Arts and Crafts. A couple of years ago, Lynne and Judi joined forces to hold quilting breaks under the title of 'Cue Two' where they teach workshops, lead themed projects and give joint talks.

Lynne and Judi will lead some hand sewing and origami folding projects (kits provided) during the tour and share their knowledge of Japanese quilts, fabrics and techniques along the way.



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## The Itinerary

### 21 – 22 January: UK-Tokyo

Fly overnight from London Heathrow to Tokyo (Narita International Airport) with a change of plane en route. Transfer by private coach to The Tokyo Dome Hotel for 6 nights. Your hotel is adjacent to the Tokyo Dome (where the Great Quilt Festival will be held).

### 23 January: Tokyo Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of Tokyo by private coach as we visit the Imperial Palace, bustling Sensoji Temple in Asakusa and then go on to Nippori Fabric Town – a fantastic centre for speciality fabric stores. With over 100 stores you are bound to find whatever you are looking for and at a reasonable price.

### 24 January: Tokyo International Quilt Festival

After breakfast, attend the wonderful Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival and enjoy the rest of the day there. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner tonight.

### 25 January: Itchiku Kubota Trip

Today we will enjoy a day trip to the stunning Itchiku Kubota Museum which is located near Lake Kawaguchi and offers wonderful panoramic views of Mt Fuji, beloved by Itchiku. Itchiku is famous for his artistic kimonos inspired by a long lost 16th century technique called tsujigahana (*a tie-dyeing technique mixed with drawings and impressing foil, appearing at the end of the 15th century but disappearing some 100 years later*).



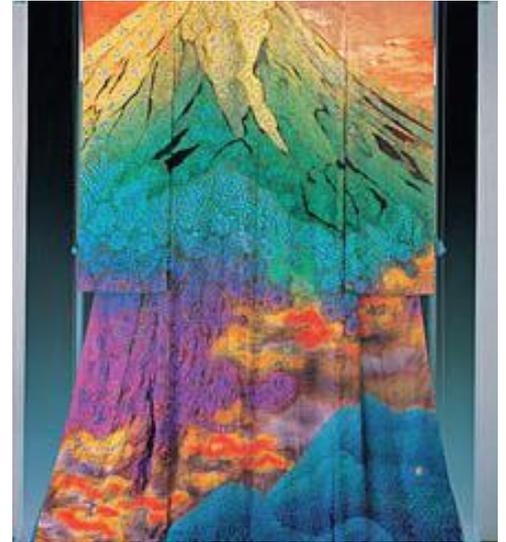
# An Insight into Itchiku Kubota Art Museum

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 "Tsuji-gahana", a Japanese fabric dyeing technique that originated in the Muromachi era (1336 to 1573). After 20 years of experience, he mastered "Itchiku Tsuji-gahana", his original technique that expressed clear, beautiful, yet subtle colours, by repeated dyeing and washing in water each time.

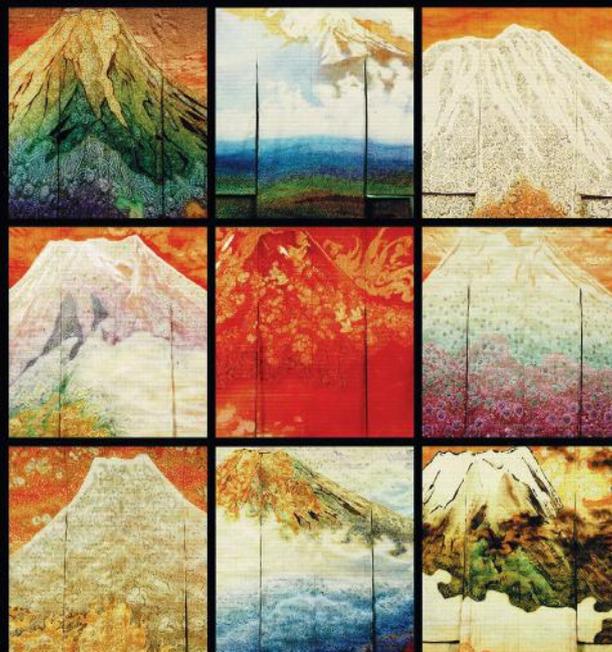
Located near Lake Kawaguchi, with a panoramic view of Itchiku's beloved Mount Fuji, the museum permanently

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.)

## 26 January: Visit to Sachiko Yoshida

Today we will spend a day with the famous Japanese quilt-maker Sachiko Yoshida who will explain all about her beautiful quilt and kimono collection.

## 27 January: Tokyo

In the morning we travel by public transport to serenely beautiful Meiji Shrine and lively Harajuku. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the afternoon you have another opportunity to visit the Great Quilt Festival.

## 28 January: Kyoto

After breakfast, we transfer by the famous Bullet Train to Kyoto. You'll be met at Kyoto station by private coach from where you will enjoy an afternoon tour of Kyoto. Visit the beautiful Temple of the Golden Pavilion and its gardens. Then we go on to the stunning Kiyomizu Temple perched on the slopes of a hillside. Check in to the Karasuma Kyoto Hotel for 4 nights.

## 29 January: Kyoto

Today we start with a little walking tour of the local covered markets before visiting the awe-inspiring Sanjusangendo Temple which features 1,001 gilded statues. We then 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.

## 30 January: 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.

## 31 January: Kyoto

We start the day with a visit to Nijo Castle with its gorgeous interiors and famous squeaking "nightingale" floor which alerted the inhabitants to intruders. We then move on to the Nishijin Textile Centre in the Nishijin district - the famous home of Kyoto's silk fabric weavers. Here you can try on a 12-layered kimono or try hand weaving (both require a prior appointment), 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. In the evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

## 1 February: Return to UK

Sadly, it is time to say "sayonara" and we will transfer to Kansai International Airport (Osaka) 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 on a shared basis with breakfast daily
- Single Bullet train ticket from Tokyo-Kyoto
- Airport Transfers in Japan for those passengers arriving and departing with the main group (pre- and post- extension passengers will need to arrange their own airport transfers).
- Day trip to Itchiku Kubota Museum by private air-conditioned coach
- Full-day private air-conditioned coach tour of Tokyo
- Full Day and Afternoon private air-conditioned coach tours of Kyoto
- 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 Quilt Festival on Jan 27 2019)
- Shibori Dyeing class & a Stencilling class
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- 1 standard sized baggage transfer from Tokyo-Kyoto
- 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 2019. All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

PRICE:	LAND-ONLY PRICE:	SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:	*OPTIONAL DAY TRIP TO HIROSHIMA:
<b>£3,595.00</b>	<b>£2,895.00</b>	<b>£575.00</b>	<b>£215</b>
per person on a sharing basis	per person on a sharing basis <i>(not including flights. non-UK passengers only)</i>		per person <i>*Minimum numbers apply</i>

To confirm a place on the trip, a deposit of £300.00 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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