

Quilting tour to Spain



13 March to 1 April 2024

Visiting Stiges International Patchwork Festival, Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Segovia and Madrid

Quilting tour to Netherlands, Belgium and France

5 April to 23 April 2024

Visiting the Pour lÁmore du Fils Show in Nantes, Bayeux, Paris, Bruges and Amsterdam









DAY 1 Wednesday 13 March, 2024

Departure

Our holiday begins with a flight to Barcelona.

DAY 2 Thursday 14 March, 2024

Barcelona, Spain

We will arrive in Barcelona this afternoon. On arrival we will be met by our private coach and taken to our hotel.

DAY 3 Friday 15 March, 2024

Barceloi

Today we visit the International Patchwork Festival at Stiges, which is a suburb of Barcelona. The Festival is held in three marquees housing approximately 110 exhibitions along the Paseo de la Ribera seafront promenade. During our visit the group are able to take part in workshops, buy textiles or browse among the exhibits. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner to formally meet Michelle and other tour members.

DAY 4 Saturday 16 March, 2024

Barcelona

This morning we will have time to visit the Festival. In the afternoon we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Barcelona. Capital of Catalonia, Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain. We will see the historic cathedral and the beautiful streets of the Gothic Quarter. We visit the modernist Eixample district and see examples of Gaudi's stunning architecture, including a tour of the the famous Sagrada Familia.



DAY 5 Sunday 17 March, 2024

Barcelona

This morning we visit Casa Batllo a gorgeous Art Nuevo house designed by Gaudi. We will continue with a visit to Park Guell, designed by Gaudi which is a combination of architectural and landscape features with mature and natural looking plantings. Among them is the grand iron-balustrade entrance, with its mosaic tile work on the walls and the imposing staircase dragon. In the afternoon we visit Elsa Labors Patchwork shop. She sells batiks, 100 percent cotton fabric and all accessories associated with sewing. Michelle will explain our quilting project this afternoon.

DAY 6 Monday 18 March, 2024

Valenci

Today we travel to Valencia. We will have time to work on our project during the journey. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

DAY 7 Tuesday 19 March, 2024

Valencia

We will enjoy a city tour of Valencia with a local guide this morning. During the tour we will visit the Central Market an Art Nouveau building with about 1,000 stalls. We will continue with a visit to the Torres de Sorranes one of the 14th century towers, which were part of the ancient city walls. This gate is an entry point in the north of the city to the royal road. We will get a wonderful view of the city from it ramparts. In the afternoon we will visit the Museum of Ceramics and Decorative Arts. It houses a collection of ceramics, textile art and traditional costumes.

DAY 8 Wednesday 20 March, 2024

Granada

Today we travel to the historic city of Granada. This will be a long day of coach travel, so we will have time to work on our quilting project. We will stop in the attractive University City of Murcia with time for lunch. Located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Granada houses grand medieval architecture dating from the time of the Moorish invasion. This hilltop fortress encompasses royal palaces, serene patios and reflecting pools.



DAY 9 Thursday 21 March, 2024

Granada

Today we visit the famed Alhambra, the palace of the Moorish sultans of Granada. Completed by 1391, it is one of the most spectacular Arabic buildings in the world. We visit the palace and the impressive gardens that surround it. Late afternoon we will visit Hobbypatch, which stocks many children's fabrics and other quilting needs.

DAY 10 Friday 22 March, 2024

Cordoba

Today we board our private coach and drive to Cordoba, once the capital of the Arab kingdom of Al-Andalus, a seat of learning and culturally diverse. On arrival we will enjoy a guided tour of the city, including Puente Romano and Plaza del Porto. We will also visit the Mosque Cathedral, so named as it is a mosque inside a cathedral. From the Patio de los Naranjos, to the Mihrab and into the Cathedral, this 10th century monument displays the amalgamation of Islamic and Christian architecture.

DAY 11 Saturday 23 March, 2024

Cordoba

This morning we visit the House Museum del Guadameci Omeya. We will see the original Omeya technique used to decorate leather. This much appreciated guilt leather panel was used to decorate leather with plant or animal themes. We continue with a visit to Mathilda Patchwork, which displays a vast array of fabric.

DAY 12 Sunday 24 March, 2024

Today we travel to Seville, which is famous for flamenco dancing, bullfighting and its myriad of cafes and tapas bars. The remainder of the day is free to explore the museums, monuments and churches, of Seville, or enjoy its plentiful plazas. This evening you will have time to explore the cuisine of Valencia and you may like to soak up the atmosphere by dining at a restaurant that includes a spectacular Flamenco show at your own cost. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

DAY 13 Monday 25 March, 2024

Seville

Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Seville with a local guide. We will explore the charming barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter of Seville with its narrow streets of whitewashed houses, gaily flowered balconies and hidden squares shaded by flowering orange trees. We will visit Seville's magnificent 15th century Gothic cathedral and its famous bell tower La Giralda, a symbol of the city. Across the square is the entrance of the impressive Real Alcazar Palace completed after the Christian re-conquest in typical Mudejar-style. With a maze of rooms, exquisitely decorated patios and exotic gardens, it is one of the oldest royal residences in Europe still in use today.

DAY 14 Tuesday 26 March, 2024

Seville

We first visit the museum of arts and popular culture, before continuing to the Flamenco dance Museum, where we will find out the history of Flamenco Dancing as well as attending a live performance.

DAY 15 Wednesday 27 March, 2024

Madrid

This morning we travel to the capital of Spain, Madrid. With a population of over three million, Madrid is one of Europe's most hospitable, cosmopolitan cities, with wide avenues, attractive parks and a great sense of the joy of life.



DAY 16 Thursday 28 March, 2024

Madrid

We will enjoy a morning sightseeing tour with a local guide of the historic centre of Madrid, including stopping for a photograph opportunity at Plaza Cibeles and to do some people watching at the Plaza Mayor. We continue with a trip on the Teleferico de Madrid (cable car). We will see Madrid's amazing skyline as well as a zoo, and many beautiful parks on the journey. This afternoon we visit the Garment Museum. It has recently undergone a refurbishment re-opening at the end of 2021. This museum preserves rare and important pieces from the 16th and 17th century including a woman's vest. From the 18th century it houses a lovely collection of men's jackets and waistcoats.

DAY 17 Friday 29 March, 2024

Segovia

We enjoy a day trip to Segovia today. Started as a Celtic settlement under the Romans, Segovia is famous for its aqueduct built under the Emperor Trajan. We will visit the Cathedral and the Jewish Quarter behind the Cathedral. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner.

DAY 18 Saturday 30 March, 2024

Departure

This morning we depart Madrid on our flight to Australia.

In flight

DAY 19 Sunday 31 March, 2024

Australia

DAY 20 Monday 1 April, 2024



Extension Tour of Spain

DAY 1 Saturday 30 March, 2024

Madrid

This morning we farewell those returning to Australia, before travelling to Toledo for the day. Known for its Medieval, Arab, Jewish and Christian monuments, Toledo is situated on the banks of the Tagus River. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city before returning to Madrid.

DAY 2 Sunday 31 March, 2024

Salamanca

Today we travel to Salamanca with a stop in Avila. We will marvel at the intact medieval walls with 80 semi-circular towers, joined by crenellated battlements surrounding Avila. We continue to Salamanca, whose history dates back to the Celtic Era. Known for its university founded in the 11th century, this World Heritage City will take your breath away.

DAY 3 Monday 1 April, 2024

Salamanca

We will enjoy a walking tour of the gorgeous sandstone city of Salamanca this morning. We will see the University building integrated into the town, the Plaza Mayor and the New Cathedral. We will visit the Convento de las Duenos, a Dominica Convent in the centre of the city. In the afternoon we visit the Art Nouveau and Art Deco Museum, which contains beautiful decorative art items from the 19th and 20th centuries.

DAY 4 Tuesday 2 April, 2024

Caceres

Today we travel to Caceres. Founded by the Romans, the old town has a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance architecture. The final series of Game of Thrones was filmed here in the medieval town, and was depicted as the fictional town of Kingslanding. We will stop in nearby Trujillo to visit the fabric shop Alamy. Tonight help Michelle celebrate her birthday in this beautiful location (at your own expense).

DAY 5 Wednesday 3 April, 2024

Caceres

We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the World Heritage City of Caceres today. We will see the medieval cobbled streets and fortified palaces and houses of the town. In the afternoon we visit the Casa Museo Arabe Yusuf Al-Birch, where we will see how people lived in the 12th century. We continue to visit Artsolutely an art and photography exhibition.

DAY 6 Thursday 4 April, 2024

Madrid

We return to Madrid today via Merida, which was founded in the 1st century BC by the Romans. We will visit the The Teatro Romano a theatre built by the Romans still in use today. We will enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 7 Friday 5 April, 2024

Amsterdam

Today those continuing on the Nethlands, Belbium and French tour will fly to Amsterdam ready to meet the tour group arriving from Australia tomorrow. Those returning to Australia will fly home today.

Quilting tour to Netherlands, Belgium and France

DAY 1 Friday 5 April, 2024

Departure

Our holiday begins with a flight to Amsterdam.

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DAY 2 Saturday 6 April, 2024

Amsterdam, Netherlands

On arrival in Amsterdam we are transferred to our city hotel. This afternoon we join a glass-top canal boat cruise and explore Amsterdam's maze of canals. We learn about the history of this gorgeous city.

DAY 3 Sunday 7 April, 2024

Amsterdan

This morning we visit the famous Den Hann and Wagenmakers, which stocks amazing original handmade Dutch reproduction print fabric, duvets and bed-coverings. In the afternoon we visit the Katten Kabinet, which is a museum depicting cats. It includes paintings, drawings and sculptures sometimes by famous artists. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner.

DAY 4 Monday 8 April, 2024

Amsterdam

This morning we travel to the historic town of Delft to tour the Royal Delft factory. They have been creating blue Dutch ceramics since 1653. After the guided tour we will have time in the museum and the shop. In the afternoon we visit the very interesting and moving Anne Frank House, dedicated to the Jewish wartime diarist Anne Frank. She went into hiding in WW11 in a secret annex to escape from the Nazis with seven other people. After more than two years they were discovered and deported to concentration camps. Out of the eight prisoners, Anne's father Otto was the only one to survive.

DAY 5 Tuesday 9 April, 2024

Bruges, Belgium

Today we travel to Bruges Belgium, the capital of West Flanders in northwest Belgium, distinguished by its canals, cobbled streets and medieval buildings. On the journey we stop in picturesque Antwerp, a port city on the River Scheldt, with a history dating from the Middle Ages. We visit Quilt Shop Leur with an extensive range of fabrics. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.



DAY 6 Wednesday 10 April, 2024

Bruges

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Bruges, known as the 'Venice of the North' and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It is an UNESCO World Heritage-listed city. We will see the world-famous Market Square, the Royal Residence, Royal Square, Houses of Parliament and Art Nouveau houses and view the remarkable City Hall. There will also be time to explore the maze of winding, cobbled alleys and romantic canals. This afternoon we will visit the Choco Museum, which tells the story of cocoa and chocolate from the Mayan's via the Spanish conquistadors until today. We will see how chocolate is made and learn the health benefits of chocolate.

DAY 7 Thursday 11 April, 2024

Bruges

This morning we will visit the Bruges Lace Centre. It has been housed in a renovated old lace school of the sisters of the Immaculate Conception. We will see various different types of lace and learn about their geographical origin. We will also learn about the lace industry in Bruges. In the afternoon we visit the Gobelin Creative Patchwork and Quilting store. This store has been in existence for 25 years. You will be amazed at the amount and variety of cotton fabric that is on offer.



DAY 8 Friday 12 April, 2024

Paris France

This morning we travel to the romantic city of Paris. On arrival we enjoy a sight-seeing tour with a local guide, covering Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Tuileries and a drive along the Champs Elysee to the Arc de Triomphe. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

DAY 9 Saturday 13 April, 2024

Paris

This morning we will visit the Toile de Jouy Museum. This museum was created in 1977 and dedicated to the activity of the Jouy factory and textile printing. More than three thousand original Toile de Jouy designs exist. In the technical exhibition room we will see engraving tools, wood blocks, plates and copper rollers. We will follow the evolution of Toile de Jouy in the display of bed hangings, ornaments, textile panels and dresses. In the afternoon we travel west of Paris to visit Château de Versailles, the extravagant palace, set in grand formal gardens, for Louis XIV. In the grounds of Versailles, we visit the Grand Trianon and the Petit Trianon which belonged to Queen Marie Antoinette, with its romantic landscape of meandering paths, streams, rustic bridges and lake.



DAY 10 Sunday 14 April, 2024

Bayeux

This morning we travel to Bayeux, a town on the Aure River in the Normandy region of north-western France. We travel to the gorgeous fishing village of Honfleur with time to browse the gorgeous specialist boutiques. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

DAY 11 Monday 15 April, 2024

Bayeu

Today we visit the famous 68 metre Tapisserie de Bayeux. It is a wonderful 11th-century piece of embroidery depicting the 1066 Norman invasion of England. It is listed as an UNESCO Memory of the world and is on display in an 18th-century seminary. In the afternoon we visit the Sophie Passion and Couture Boutique, which offers the biggest choice of patchwork fabric in the region.

DAY 12 Tuesday 16 April, 2024

Bayeux

Today we travel to Caen to visit Atlier de la Souris. This small but delightful quilting shop sells fabric by the metre, patchwork supplies, presents and home décor items. We continue with a visit to Beuvron-en-Auge one of Normandy's prettiest villages packed with gems. Wander around the village and admire the 16th-century Vieux manor, the 17th and 18th-century half-timbered houses and visit the many specialist boutiques located in the village centre.

DAY 13 Wednesday 17 April, 2024

Nantes

This morning we will travel to Nantes, a city on the Loire River in the Upper Brittany region of western France. On the journey we stop in Le Chapelle Saint Aubon to visit Le Mille Patch quilting shop, which stock many different varieties of fabric. The city has a long history as a port and industrial centre. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. We will enjoy our four-night stay while we visit the Pour l'Amore du Fil Show.

DAY 14 Thursday 18 April, 2024

Mantoc

This year will be the eleventh year that the Pour l'Amore du Fil Show has operated. It has exceptional exhibits, antique quilts, and dozens of famous artists and designers from around the world. There are more than 120 selected stands, workshops and demonstrations. We will attend the show today. Michelle Marvig is employed by the show's organisers to promote her latest book and we will include a copy of the book as part of the tour.



DAY 15 Friday 19 April, 2024

Mantec

Another day to enjoy the Pour l'Ámore du Fil Show. The rest of the day will be free for shopping or exploring.

DAY 16 Saturday 20 April, 2024

Nantes

This morning we visit the restored, medieval Château des Ducs de Bretagne, where the Dukes of Brittany once lived. Built in the late 15th century by Francois 11. We will visit the ramparts, where we can look down on the courtyard and moat. We continue with a visit to the museum, where the Decorative Arts section contains pottery, textiles and glass. In the afternoon we visit the Island of Machines. A project designed by two imaginative Frenchmen. You will see many machines re-created from Jules Verne's Invented Worlds and from drawings of Leonardo da Vinci's machines. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner and say goodbye to Michelle.

DAY 17 Sunday 21 April, 2024

Paris

Today we travel to Paris. Michelle will stay in Nantes continuing her work at the Show. In the afternoon we visit the beautiful white Basilica Sacre Coeur on top of the hill at Montmartre. This location provides wonderful views all over Paris. The area is home to the last windmill, vineyard and narrow cobbled streets in Paris. We will have time to explore the streets near the Cathedral, where painters have sold their wares for about a hundred years. There is much to be seen in Montmartre – museums, artisans and restaurants.

DAY 18 Monday 22 April, 2024

Departure

This morning we depart Paris on our flight to Australia.

DAY 19 Tuesday 23 April, 2024

Arrival Australia

This morning we arrive in Australia and tour activities end.





Spain extension price:

The price per person twin-share \$ 2,700 Single supplement 850

Included in the Spain tours prices:

- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to Barcelona and return to Australia from Madrid and a flight from Seville to Madrid.
- Travel in first-class chartered coaches.
- Accommodation and breakfast in three and four star hotels, including taxes and service charges.
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary.
- Entrance to the International Patchwork Festival at Stiges, and attractions as detailed in itinerary.
- A welcome and farewell dinner on the main tour and a farewell dinner on the extension tour.
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig.
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Tour Manager meeting the group in Barcelona.

Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.

free flight Madrid to Amsterdam

Included in the Netherlands, Belgium

Netherlands, Belgium and France tour price:

The price per person twinshare

Included taxes at 20/3/2023

Single supplement

 Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney Brisbane and Perth to Amsterdam and return to Australia from Paris.

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• Travel in first-class chartered coaches.

and France price:

- Accommodation and breakfast in three and four star hotels, including taxes and service charges.
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary.
- Entrance to the Pour l'Amore du Fil Show and attractions as detailed in itinerary.
- A welcome and farewell dinner.
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig.
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Tour Manager meeting the group in Amsterdam.

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Drinks.
- · Lunches and dinners unless listed in the itinerary.

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