

Join Michelle Marvig on Travelrite International's

# Quilting tour to Europe

Including the International Textile Exhibition  
at Brno in the Czech Republic

14 April to 3 May 2025

visiting Budapest, Brno, Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Vienna,  
Passau, Esztergom, Bratislava, Krems and Melk.  
*Includes a seven night cruise on A-Rosa Donna*



Extension tour to Dresden,  
Berlin and Hamburg  
1 to 8 May 2025



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with Michelle Marvig



### DAY 1 Monday 14 April, 2025

Our holiday begins with a flight to Budapest.

### DAY 2 Tuesday 15 April, 2025

This afternoon we arrive in Budapest, Hungary. Late afternoon Michelle will set group members up with their projects.

### DAY 3 Wednesday 16 April, 2025

In the morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Buda, the hilly area of the town, which grew up around the castle. We see the ornamental gateway leading to the Hapsburg steps and the Royal Palace and visit the Matyas Church, built between the 13th and 15th century. It was rebuilt in the baroque style by Franciscan Friars in the 16th century. From Gellert Hill, we will get a stunning view of Budapest. We cross the Danube to Pest on the chain bridge, the city's first permanent bridge. It was built in 1839 and led to an expansion of Pest in the late 19th and 20th century. Other sights on our tour around Pest include the Hungarian National Museum; the Parliament building designed by Imre Steindl the winner of a competition; and many Secession buildings. In the afternoon we visit Hobbymuvesz. This store has a comprehensive range of goods for a wide variety of crafts over two floors. Upstairs we will find all the sewing related goods, as well as knitting supplies. We will enjoy a welcome dinner this evening to formally meet Michelle Marvig and group members.



### DAY 4 Thursday 17 April, 2025

Today we travel to the attractive village of Szentendre, where we visit Kovacs Kekfest Hungarian fabric shop. They specialise in blue fabrics printed with traditional Hungarian blocks. There is a museum area, where we can see old fabrics and traditional blocks and there will be time to purchase quilting fabrics with a Hungarian Folk Art theme in blue prints.

### DAY 5 Friday 18 April, 2025

In the morning we travel to Brno for the International Textile Exhibition. Quilts from all over the world are showcased, made with a wide variety of techniques, themes and styles. More than 900 works from world-renowned artists will be exhibited during the event. About one third of the area is devoted to specialist shops selling fabrics, tools, textile accessories, beads and textile paints. On arrival in Brno we will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide. Known for its Modernist buildings we will see the restored Villa Tugendhat designed in 1930 by architect Miles van der Roch. We will also see the glorious 14th-century cathedral of St Peter and Paul. Michelle and the tour manager will meet group members wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

### DAY 6 Saturday 19 April, 2025

We spend today at the meeting. Michelle will advise on how to make the most of our visit.

### DAY 7 Sunday 20 April, 2025

Another day to enjoy the International Textile Exhibition.

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### DAY 8 Monday 21 April, 2025

We drive to Prague this morning. In the afternoon we will enjoy a sightseeing tour. We will see the Estates Theatre, where Mozart conducted the premiere of his opera Don Giovanni in 1787, then head into the Old Town Square, the medieval heart of Prague, and learn about the city's thousand-year-old history. We will see the beautiful Astronomical Clock and the exquisite Charles Bridge, and visit the elegant Jewish Quarter and Wenceslas Square, the scene of the 1969 Czech Uprising and 1987 Velvet Revolution. We travel to the top of Hradčany, Prague's Castle District, where we will enjoy stunning panoramic views. We walk past the famous castle guards and into Prague Castle with our guide to learn about the statues and monuments and hear exciting tales of myth and legend. We see St. George's Basilica, the oldest building still inside the castle today, which dates back to 920AD. We also see the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral, celebrated as one of the finest Gothic buildings in the world, which was begun in the 14th century and finally completed in the 20th century.



### DAY 9 Tuesday 22 April, 2025

This morning we visit the Decorative Art Museum housed in a Neo Classical building. They specialize textiles, fashion, toys, which group members will enjoy exploring. In the afternoon we will visit the Mucha Museum, which features the work of the Art Nouveau artist Alphonse Mucha, whose work is very well laid out in this museum. Michelle and the tour manager will meet group members wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

### DAY 10 Wednesday 23 April, 2025

Our journey today is to the gorgeous UNESCO Heritage town of Cesky Krumlov, where the Vltava River winds past a high cliff on top of which stands Cesky Krumlov castle built in the 13th century. On arrival we enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide, during which we marvel at the curvy Medieval streets and walk around the ramparts of the castle with its magnificent views.

### DAY 11 Thursday 24 April, 2025

This morning we drive to Passau, known as "the town of three rivers" as it lies at the junction of the Inn, the Danube and the small River Ilz. The old town with its Baroque churches and patrician houses lies crowded onto the narrow tongue of land separating the rivers. We board A Rosa Donna our four star river cruise boat for a seven night cruise, early afternoon. As we sail along the river we have time to work on our projects

### DAY 12 Friday 25 April, 2025

We continue to Vienna, where we arrive early afternoon. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of this grand city. We will see the Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Hapsburgs, the Parliament, St Stephens Cathedral, which is known for its vast roof of glittering tiles, and the wide boulevards befitting an Imperial City. We return to our boat, where we will be moored overnight.

### Prague

### Prague

### Cesky Krumlov

### On the Danube

### Vienna

**DAY 13 Saturday 26 April, 2025**

This morning we will see the colourful façade of the Hunderwasser apartments, designed by the artist Friedensreich Hunderwasser before visiting the Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is the former summer residence of the imperial family, that takes its name from a beautiful spring that was found on the sight. Leopold 1 started building the grand Baroque residence here in 1695. Half a century later Maria Theresa transformed it to become a glittering focus of court life. It remains the premier architectural, cultural and historic monument in Austria. The extensive gardens feature fountains and statues framed by trees and alleyways. There are follies, an orangery, French garden with a maze and a magnificent tropical greenhouse erected in 1882.

**Vienna****DAY 14 Sunday 27 April, 2025**

We arrive in Esztergom this morning. We will enjoy a walking tour of the highlights of this charming town. Esztergom is Hungary's most sacred town, the seat of the Archbishop of Hungary. We visit Esztergom Basilica and Saint Stephens Square and learn about its hidden gems. We dock in Budapest mid-afternoon on arrival there will be free time for individual exploration.

**Esztergom****DAY 15 Monday 28 April, 2025**

This morning we visit Fabrickashop. Entering through the glass front doors we will enter a world of colour. This shop has a diverse range of textiles for dressmaking and quilting. Delve into the stock to find a new favourite, maybe even embossed leather! In the afternoon we will visit a traditional Palinka Distillery. It is a traditional fruit brandy 40% or more proof. We will enjoy a tasting with a flavour of apricot or plum, whatever the drink is made of.

**Budapest****DAY 16 Tuesday 29 April, 2025**

After docking in beautiful Bratislava we enjoy a walking sightseeing tour. We stop in Hlavne Namestie, the gorgeous main square, which was originally a market-place. We see the 16th century Maximilian fountain in its centre. We will see the Franciscan Church, which was remodeled in the 18th century to its present gothic form. We walk through Michael's Gate, which is the only gate that remains from the medieval fortification. We will have free time for shopping or individual exploration before returning to the boat mid-afternoon.

**Bratislava, Slovakia****DAY 17 Wednesday 30 April, 2025**

We will be docked for a short time in the charming city of Krems on the confluence of the Danube and Krems Rivers early morning. Enthusiastic tour members can explore the Baroque Steiner Tor, which was part of the 15th-century walls of the city on their own. At lunch time we stop at the town of Melk for a visit to the Benedictine Abbey on a rocky outcrop above the town. The abbey was founded in 1089 when Leopold II gave one of his castles to Benedictine monks. The monastic school was founded in the 12th century and the Baroque abbey in the early 18th century. We return to the boat late afternoon and sail to Passau. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner with drinks to say goodbye to group members and Michelle

**Krems /Melk****DAY 18 Thursday 1 May, 2025**

After disembarking the boat we travel to Munich to board our flight to Australia

**Departure****DAY 19 Friday 2 May, 2025****In Flight****DAY 20 Saturday 3 May, 2025**

Tour members arrive in Australia and tour activities finish.

**Australia**

## Extension Tour to Dresden, Berlin and Hamburg 1 to 8 May 2025

**DAY 1 Thursday 1 May, 2025**

After disembarking the boat we travel by coach to Dresden. During this journey we have time to work on our projects. There are few city silhouettes more striking than Dresden's. The classic view from the River Elbe's northern bank takes in spires, towers and domes belonging to palaces, churches and stately buildings; indeed, it's hard to believe that the city was all but wiped off the map by Allied bombings in 1945. Michelle and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

**Dresden****DAY 2 Friday 2 May, 2025**

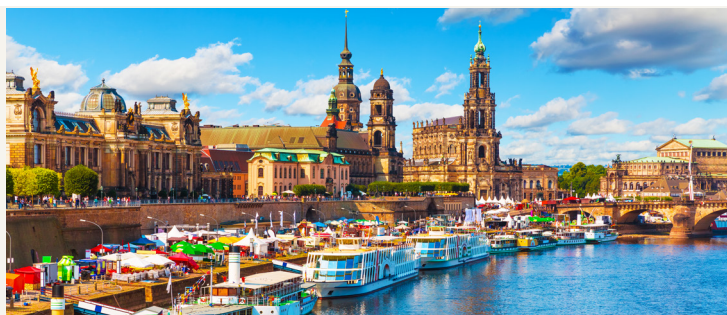
In the morning we will have a sightseeing tour, which covers all the major highlights in the historic city centre, such as the Theatre Square, The Zwinger, the Church of Our Lady, the Royal Cathedral, the Royal Mews and the Procession of Princes. We will learn about the rise of the city to become a major cultural centre before it met its tragic fate during WWII. We visit Dresden's spectacular Frauenkirche, one of the most remarkable reconstruction projects ever to have taken place in Germany, if not the world. This afternoon we first enjoy a stroll along Brühl's Terrace, which was once the private garden of the Count of Bruehl. From this vantage point we will get wonderful views of the Elbe River. We continue with a visit to The Royal Palace, which was for 400 years the residence of the electors and the Kings of Saxony. Within the castle is the Green Vault, which we will visit. It contains 3,000 pieces of spectacular jewelry and showcases the goldsmith's art.

**Dresden****DAY 3 Saturday 3 May, 2025**

Today we travel further north to Berlin, capital of Germany. We will first visit the town of Colditz. On a cliff overlooking this small town is Colditz Castle, famed for its dramatic escape attempts by prisoners of war during WWII. It has stood on this site since the Middle Ages. During WWII it was known as Oflag IV-C, a German abbreviation of "officers' camp", a prisoner-of war camp for high-profile allied officers, who had repeatedly escaped from other camps. We will tour the castle, learn the truth behind this notorious camp and see the site of the famous escape attempts. We continue to Berlin, our home for three nights.

**Berlin****DAY 4 Sunday 4 May, 2025**

Berlin is a modern city, which is being revitalized after the many years of communist rule in the East. We enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide of this gracious city of museums and modern architecture, visiting the Brandenburg Gate, Check Point

**Berlin**

Charlie, the Reichstag and much more. We visit Planet Patchwork this afternoon, where we will see a huge range of fabrics and notions. They stock Moda, Makower, Free Spirit, Lewis and Irene and many more fabric brands. Choose your fabric by colour, theme, brand or simply because you have to have it!

**DAY 5 Monday 5 May, 2025**

Today we travel the short distance to Sanssouci, the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, in Potsdam, near Berlin. It is often counted among the German rivals of Versailles. We will have a tour of the palace and have time to enjoy the vast gardens, including the Sicilian and the Nordic gardens, the Marly Garden (Marlygarten), awash with flowers, blossoming shrubs and statues, and contrasted by the more sombre atmosphere of the Friedensgarten. To the south of Palace Sanssouci lie the Charlottenhof, the Rose Garden, the Dichterhain, the former carp pond and a sculpture of the San Ildefonso Group.

**Berlin****DAY 6 Tuesday 6 May, 2025**

Today we drive across the flat German plain to Hamburg, a northern German port city connected to the North Sea by the Elbe River. It is crossed by hundreds of canals. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner to say goodbye to group members and Michelle

**Hamburg****DAY 7 Wednesday 7 May, 2025**

This morning we visit the Fashion Collection of the MKG, comprising over 10,000 items of women's, men's and children's clothing, including underwear and accessories. The collection documents the development from the courtly and upper-class clothes of the mid-18th century to the fashion and styles of our time also clothing of other periods, cultures and traditions. At lunch time we travel to Hamburg airport to board our flight to Australia.

**Departure****DAY 8 Thursday 8 May, 2025**

The group arrives in Australia this evening and tour arrangements conclude.

**Australia**

### Included in the Quilting Tour of Europe price:

- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney Brisbane and Perth to Budapest and return to Australia from Munich.
- Travel in first-class chartered coaches.
- Accommodation and breakfast in four and three star hotels, including taxes and service charges.
- A welcome and farewell dinner.
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary.
- Entrance to the International Textile Exhibition at Brno.
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig.
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Tour Manager meeting the group in Budapest.

### Not included in the price:

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

**AVAILABILITY:** All cabins are subject to cabin availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy. *Please call for details on 1800 630 343.*

### Included in the Extension tour to Dresden, Berlin and Hamburg price:

- Travel in first-class chartered coaches.
- Accommodation and breakfast in four and three star hotels, including taxes and service charges.
- A farewell dinner.
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary.
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig.
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Tour Manager travelling with the group.

### Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees.
- Travel insurance.
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary.

**Extending:** You can stay longer in Europe for minimal additional cost. *Please contact Travelrite International on 1800 630 343 for more information.*

## General Information and Booking Conditions

**Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.**

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd, (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on airfare, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 4/3/24. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$1200 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 92 days before departure for the Quilting Tour. Paying by cheque or cash a 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payment by Visa, Mastercard or AMEX.

**AIR TAXES:** from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth as listed in the itinerary. Please contact us for air taxes from different cities. Air taxes are as at 4/3/24. If they change due to government and airline charges and currency variations, Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

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Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee:
Over 90 days	loss of \$1200
90 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice	100% of full fare.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS:** The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 92 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost.

**TOUR ORGANISATION:** Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All passengers will require a valid passport. Visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

**BAGGAGE:** All passengers qualify for the 20kg (44lb) free baggage allowance.

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Cabin / Description	Deck	Twin-Share Price (PP)	Single Price
S Outdoor Window	1	\$ 10190	N/A
A Outdoor Panorama Window	1	\$ 10490	\$ 12490
C Outdoor Juliette Balcony	2	\$ 10990	\$ 13190
Included Air taxes as 19 March 2024		\$ 320	\$ 320

\* Ship-board gratuities have not been included in your fare



**PORT AND HANDLING CHARGES:** Please note that Port and Handling charges have been included in your fare.

**GRATUITIES:** Ship-board gratuities of have not been included in your fare.



### Extension Tour prices:

Per person twin share: \$ 2490

Single Supplement: \$ 500

transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite International your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite International any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

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