

Join Michelle Marvig on the 2025 *Quilters Companion* magazine

Patchwork Tour of
Victoria & Tasmania
Including the Tasmanian Craft Fair

Visiting Melbourne, Geelong, Hobart and Launceston

19 October to 3 November 2025

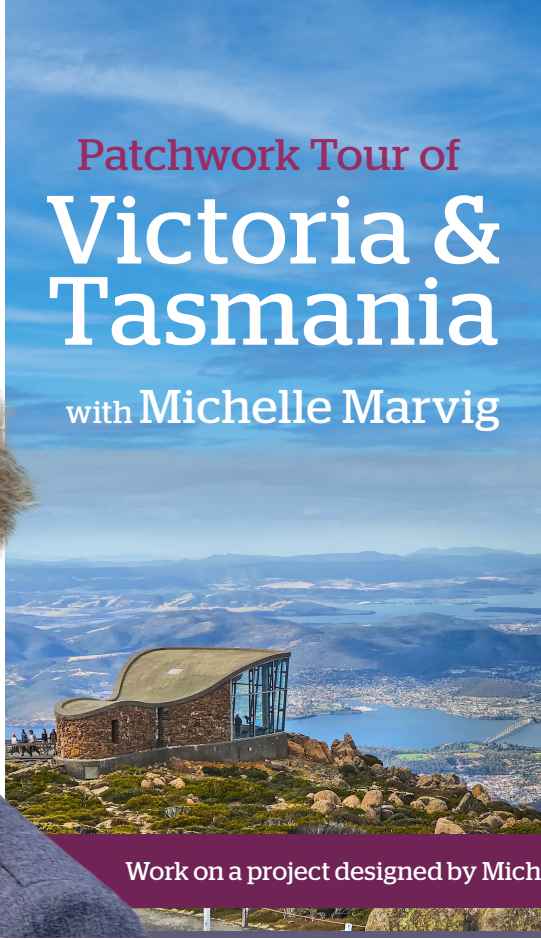


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Work on a project designed by Michelle Marvig



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DAY 1 Sunday, 19 October 2025

Arrive Melbourne

Tour members will meet at Melbourne Airport. Please ensure you book your flight to arrive in time for you to be ready for departure at 1.00pm. We enjoy an orientation tour of Melbourne, including the Queen Victoria Market, before being transferred to our hotel for check in. This evening, we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner to meet Michelle Marvig and other tour members.

DAY 2 Monday, 20 October 2025

Melbourne

This morning, we visit Cutting Cloth, which stocks a collection of beautiful fabrics together with curated collections of project kits and pre-cut fabric bundles, sewing notions and haberdashery. We will continue with a visit to NGV International, which houses an extensive collection of art and sculpture from Europe, Asia, America and Oceania. After exploring the gallery, we will enjoy a Sparkling High Tea.



DAY 3 Tuesday, 21 October 2025

Melbourne

Today we travel to Chandlers Cottage in Drouin, to meet with Leesa Chandler who owns The Textile Pantry. Leesa published her first pattern in 2004, and has published over 200 patterns for quilts, bags, clothing and home decor since then. All her patterns are tested in house, independently by other quilters. We will enjoy morning tea and Leesa will talk about Chandlers Cottage and designing fabrics, plus offer a sneak peek at new fabrics and projects. There will be time for you to shop fabrics, patterns and projects, as well as rich Japanese made prints and digitally printed fabrics by Jason Yentor.

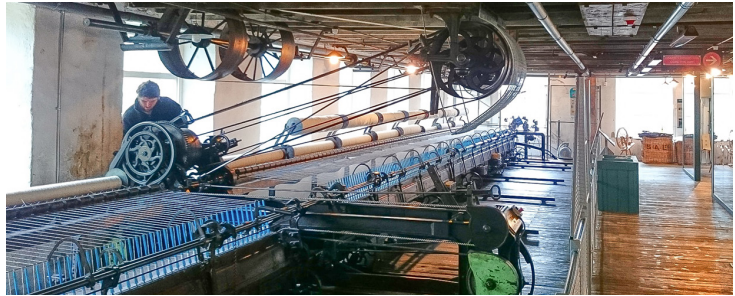
DAY 4 Wednesday, 22 October 2025

Geelong

In the morning, we travel to Geelong, where we will visit the Bellarine Sewing Centre. It is filled with a fabulous range of fabrics, patterns, equipment and gifts. Owned by John Thorpe, who has worked in the industry for more than 30 years and Zoe Clifton, who runs a pattern business called Zoe Clifton Design. She writes patchwork books, patterns and templates. We continue with a visit to the National Wool Museum, which tells the Australian story of wool, fibre and textiles. We will enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the museums collection of Quilts and Waggas and learn the stories behind these interesting objects.

Michelle Marvig

Within two years of discovering patchwork, Michelle was working for an Australian distributor of American patchwork cottons, as a sample maker. This allowed her to work from home, around the responsibilities of her two small children. It also meant that she was exposed to many styles of fabrics and stepped up to the challenge of designing quilts in all genres. It was during this time that her work was noticed by magazine editors. She was among the contributors included in the first edition of Australian Patchwork and Quilting magazine. Her quilts have received numerous awards at the NSW Quilters Guild Quilt Shows. Since 2008 Michelle has escorted Australian quilters overseas on patchwork tours to America, Canada, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore and Europe for Travelrite International and Quilter's Companion. When not traveling on tours, Michelle teaches workshops around Australia, and New Zealand. She loves teaching others the skills required to make new quilt designs and to understand the best way to use fabrics. She also loves to help others spend their money in the patchwork shops on tour!



DAY 5 Thursday, 23 October 2025

Geelong

In the morning, we visit Amitie Textiles, owned by famous Australian Quilter Jen Kingwell. Jen carefully sources fabrics from across the globe, with a special focus on high-quality, distinct pieces, including many rare finds from Japan. We will enjoy a Show and Tell, followed by free time to shop.

DAY 6 Friday, 24 October 2025

Hobart

Today we travel to Melbourne Airport for our late morning flight to Hobart. On arrival we visit Runnymede, a beautifully preserved 19th-century whaling captain's elegant homestead. The house has a rich collection of artefacts related to the maritime interests of Captain Charles Bayley and his family, who made it their home for over 100 years.

DAY 7 Saturday, 25 October 2025

Hobart

This morning, we will visit the bustling Salamanca Market, where we can purchase items from 170 stall holders representing artisans, designers and producers. In the afternoon we visit the Cascade Female Factory for a talk hosted by Christina Henri. Her project "Roses from the Heart" is a memorial to all women sentenced to transportation as convicts to Australia. 25,566 cloth bonnets (taken from an 1860s servants bonnet) symbolize the women whose lives have been shrouded by a veil of amnesia for far too long.

DAY 8 Sunday, 26 October 2025

Hobart

Today we travel to the Tasman Peninsula, where we visit the ruins of the infamous penal settlement at Port Arthur. We will be provided with a Port Arthur Site Entry ticket, which includes a 45-minute introductory guided tour. We then continue our exploration of the site 'self-guided', with an audio guide. We will also go on a short cruise that will take us close to the Isle of the Dead. During today's travels we will see other natural wonders of the Tasman Peninsula, the Tessellated Pavement, the Blowhole, and the Devil's Kitchen.

DAY 9 Monday, 27 October 2025

Hobart

In the morning, we visit the Museum of Old And New Art. MONA is a world-renowned art collection that doesn't take itself too seriously and is a place to appreciate art, without pretension. After time for lunch, we will visit the Thread, Needlework and Patchwork store established over 40 years ago. They offer patchwork and needlework supplies and accessories to complete your latest project.

DAY 10 Tuesday, 28 October 2025

Hobart

Today we will visit two stores in North Hobart. Our first stop is at Quarter Inch, the new home of Hugs 'n Kisses – known all around the world for over 15 years. They stock haberdashery supplies, threads, papers, stabilizers, battings, findings and more. We will continue with a visit to Frangipani Fabrics. Group members can shop for new fabrics or from their wonderful range of preloved fabrics that have been sourced or received as donations.

DAY 11 Wednesday, 29 October 2025

Launceston

We travel to Launceston today, stopping on the way for free time in the town of Richmond, home to more than 50 historic buildings, mostly from the 1820s. We will enjoy lunch at Frogmore Creek Winery, the largest, ultra-premium, cool-climate winery in Southern Tasmania. After lunch, we continue to Ross, renowned for its beautiful convict-built bridge. We will visit the Wool Centre, which was established as a community center and a retail space for all things related to wool. Late afternoon we check into our Launceston hotel.

DAY 12 Thursday, 30 October 2025

Launceston

We travel to visit Ashgrove Cheese Dairy Door, an award-winning paddock to plate dairy, which sells many well known cheese varieties. The remainder of the day is free for individual shopping or exploration.

DAY 13 Friday, 31 October 2025

Launceston

This morning, we travel to Deloraine and visit The Quilters Corner. They carry lots of patchwork fabric and also stock a variety of notions, batting, pre-cuts, kits and patterns from leading Australian and International designers. After lunch we visit Deloraine Creative Studios, a not-for-profit organization that offers a unique experience for people to view artists and craftspeople at work, creating handcrafted Tasmanian products and works of art.

DAY 14 Saturday, 1 November 2025

Launceston

Today we enjoy exploring the Tasmanian Craft Fair. Michelle will point the group in the direction of the most interesting sights.

DAY 15 Sunday, 2 November 2025

Launceston

Another day exploring the Craft Fair. This evening, we will enjoy a Farewell Dinner to say farewell to Michelle and other tour members.

DAY 16 Monday, 3 November 2025

Departure

We travel to Launceston Airport late in the morning, where the tour concludes. Please book flights that depart after 1.00pm.



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The price per person twin-share \$ 6,595
The price for a single supplement per person \$ 1,750

Included in the price of the Crafty Tour:

- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig
- Entrances and workshops as outlined in the itinerary
- A welcome and farewell dinner, winery lunch and sparkling afternoon tea
- 3 and 4-star accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis in Melbourne, Geelong, Hobart and Launceston
- A Travelrite International tour manager, who will meet you at Melbourne Airport
- Travel by private coach
- Economy-class flight from Melbourne to Hobart

Not included in the price:

- Flights to Melbourne and return from Launceston
– *Please speak to our travel consultants for a well-priced quote*
- Travel insurance
- Additional arrangements not detailed in the itinerary
– These will be quoted for separately
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary

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