

Art ^a_d Quilting in Japan

with *Sarah Ann Smith*

March 2 – 11, 2022

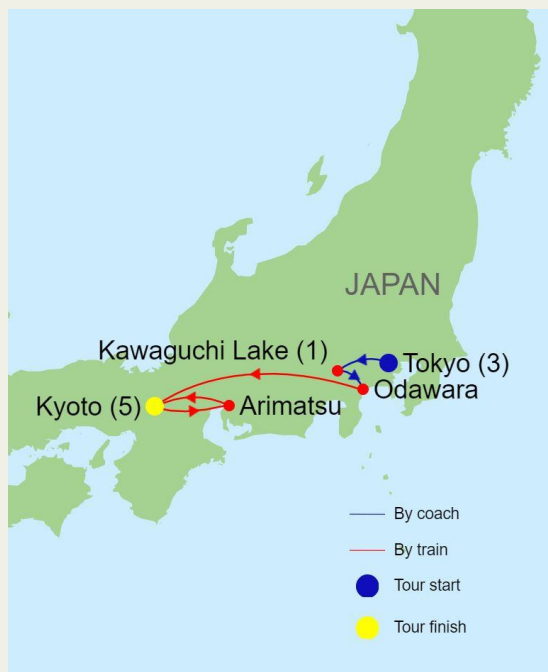
Tour Leader: Sarah Ann Smith



TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

- EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- MAXIMUM 25 IN A GROUP
- CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES





Art & Quilting in Japan

Tour dates: Mar 2 – 11, 2022

Tour leader: Sarah Ann Smith

Tour price: \$4,550

Single supplement: \$920

Booking deposit: \$500 per person

Maximum places: 25

Itinerary: Tokyo (3 nights), Kawaguchi Lake (1 night), Kyoto (5 nights)

Inquiries and Bookings:

For further information or to book this tour, please contact Opulent Quilt Journeys at 877-235-3767 or info@opulentquiltjourneys.com

OVERVIEW

Our Art & Quilting in Japan tour is a gateway to the tradition at the heart of Japan's fiber-art heritage.

Start our tour in Tokyo, the capital city of Japan and enjoy shopping trips to retail sites such as the Blue and White Shop and Nippori Fabric Town.

Then travel to Kawaguchi Lake, Kyoto, and Arimatsu. On this leg of the tour, an en route stop at the Itchiku Kubota Museum provides a view of the Kubota Kimono Collection and majestic Mt. Fuji. Fushimi Inari Shrine and its thousands of orange torii gates set the stage to experience Old Japan. Hands-on workshops introduce you to Shibori at the Narumi Shibori Museum and to Yuzen painting and Roketsu dyeing in Kyoto studios. Additional venues include the Orinasukan Handmade Fabrics Museum; the Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design, famous for indigo dyeing. You also will explore the Gion District, a Geisha quarter in Kyoto.

Plus, feast in traditional Japanese food and make your own sushi on this immersive 10-day journey.

YOUR TOUR LEADER



When **Sarah Ann Smith** was six, her family returned to the US after living on four continents. Sarah was not a "natural born" artist and her route to art was circuitous with university, a Master's Degree, and life as a US diplomat. Sarah says her birthplace was a geographical accident, it should have been

Maine, where she arrived in 2004. Maine's everyday beauty in all seasons inspires her work. Playing with color, cloth, dye, paint, line, shape, form, light and shadow is simply pure joy. Sarah's work has been juried into shows around the world including the inaugural Rising Stars exhibit at International Quilt Festival 2017 and is in public and private collections. She authored *ThreadWork Unraveled* and *The Art of Sarah Ann Smith...so far*, has been published regularly and internationally in magazines, online and in books, teaches nationwide, has a video workshop *Art Quilt Design, from Photo to Threadwork* and appeared on Quilting Arts TV and on The Quilt Show. Please visit www.sarahannsmith.com.

"For as long as I can remember, Japan has touched my life. My mother worked in Tokyo in 1946 and '47, and fell in love with the people, culture and country. Her lifelong friendship with the Yasudas became my link to Japan. As a wee child, she read me The Tale of Urishima Taro. My undergraduate thesis (1979) was about Japanese literature, and in 1996 Mother and I visited Japan. I'm eager to share with you the beauty of the land, art and culture."

- Sarah Ann Smith

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



TOKYO

Tokyo's modern face and popular attractions make it a leading international destination, drawing 15.2 million visitors in 2019. From exquisite cuisine and museums to craft markets and the Imperial Palace East Garden, Tokyo offers a memorable blend of cultural experiences.



KYOTO

In Kyoto, visitors discover the cultural heart of Japan. Once the nation's capital, this city of 1.5 million residents retains and offers a sense of Old Japan. It is resplendent with temples, shrines, traditional crafts, and other must-see points of interest.



TEXTILE WORKSHOPS

Hands-on workshops in Yuzen painting and two dyeing techniques – Shibori and Rocketsu wax resist – connect you with generations of Japanese craftspeople. As you work with talented artisans in studio settings, you gain a deep appreciation for these time-honored processes.



JAPANESE TEXTILES

Japanese Textiles suggests the luscious silks of Kimonos and beautiful blues of indigo. There is so much more. Tokyo Nippori Fabric Town is street after street of textile bliss. Explore indigo dyer's shops in Kyoto. Arimatsu offers Shibori in every form imaginable. Antique kimonos, Tenugui Towels, Furoshiki cloths, and Indigo are just a few things you will be tempted by.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Wed Mar 2

Arrive Tokyo

Meet your tour leader at hotel lobby and start our tour at 1 pm. We'll stroll through the beautiful **Imperial Palace East Garden**, and visit the world-famous quilter Yoko Saito's retail shop **Quilt Party**. This quilt store specializes in quilting, fabric, and patchwork materials needed for any craft project. Enjoying a group **welcome dinner** tonight. (D)

Day 2 Thu Mar 3

Tokyo

After breakfast, we make a visit to **Akie Ginza's** remarkable **Sashiko Museum** in the small village of Hinohara. Housed in a 200 year old house, it's filled with her sashiko work, apparel, wall hangings, handbags, jewelry and home décor and more. Then visit **Meiji Jingu Inner Garden**, a secret garden within the Meiji Shrine complex. In the afternoon, we make a stop at a special shop - **Blue and White**, which houses artisan ceramics, designer clothing, traditional textiles, fun jewelry, collectibles, and gifts. (B)

Day 3 Fri Mar 4

Tokyo

We start our day with a visit to the historical **Edo Museum**. Then attend a **Japanese cooking class** to enjoy a Sushi making experience and lunch. We also make a stop at **Amy Katoh's home** before visiting the historic **Nippori Fabric Town**, home to nearly 100 shops carrying all sorts of fabric and notions. (B)

Day 4 Sat Mar 5

Tokyo-Kawaguchiko Lake

Today we travel to Kawaguchi Lake, we make a stop at the beautiful **Itchiku Kubota Museum** to see the stunning Kubota Kimono Collection. This museum contains the works of the textile artist Itchiku Kubota who revived the traditional fabric dyeing technique of Tsujigahana. Also visit **Fujisan World Heritage Centre** on the way. This evening we enjoy the view of Mt Fuji, from our onsen hotel. (B, D)

Day 5 Sun Mar 6

Kawaguchiko Lake-Odawara-Kyoto

Today we bid farewell to Kawaguchi Lake and make our way to Kyoto where we visit the popular **Kiyomizudera Temple**. Its classic red pagoda has been influential to Japanese architecture for centuries. Stroll along the street of **Kiyomizu-Zaka** where the narrow lanes, wooden buildings and traditional merchant shops invoke a feeling of the old capital city. We'll end our day with a walk through Kyoto's best known Geisha quarter – the **Gion District**. (B)

Day 6 Mon Mar 7

Kyoto

This morning we visit **Yoshiko Jinzenji's studio** in the Mount Hiei region north of Kyoto. Yoshiko Jinzenji is one of the foremost quilt artists in the world. In the studio we'll be able to view a variety of her finished quilts and homeware pieces and yardage with

her printed designs. Then, we participate in a **Roketsu dyeing workshop** using a traditional wax-resist dyeing method. Yamamoto Roketsu is a family operated workshop continuing this traditional Kyoto textile dyeing technique. A special trip today includes a visit to **Orinasukan Handmade Fabrics Museum**. Originally a machiya townhouse built as a home and weaving workshop, this hand-weaving museum, with its atrium, skylights, big beams, tatami reception room and courtyard garden to the rear, the same today as when it was originally lived and worked in. (B)

Day 7 Tue Mar 8 Kyoto-Arimatsu-Kyoto

Today we travel by Bullet Train to **Arimatsu** – the center of Shibori dyeing dating back to the early 17th century. We will visit the **Narumi Shibori Museum** and participate in a **Shibori-dyeing workshop**. We have the opportunity to explore the town before returning to Kyoto. (B)

Day 8 Wed Mar 9 Kyoto

This morning we visit the **Little Indigo Museum** owned by renowned Indigo Dyeing artist Hiroyuki Shindo. Then we visit the spectacular **Kinkakuji Temple**, known as the **Golden Pavilion**. The temple's stunning gold leaf coating makes it one of Japan's must-see structures. Also visit Japan's most famous rock garden, **Ryoanji Temple**. The garden consists of a rectangular plot of pebbles surrounded by low earthen walls, with 15 rocks laid out in small groups on patches of moss. Before returning to our hotel, we make a stop at **Nishijin Textile Center** to see up close the weaving, dyeing and design processes of Japanese kimonos. (B)

Day 9 Thu Mar 10 Kyoto

This morning we visit the intriguing **Fushimi Inari Shrine**. The magical, seemingly unending path of over 5000 vibrant orange torii gates that wind through the hills behind Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine makes it one of the most popular shrines in Japan. Afterward, create your own masterpiece in the **Yuzen painting workshop**. Yuzen is a dyeing-technique that originated in the middle of the Edo period, toward the end of the 17th century. Then visit the **Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design** (formerly the Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts Fureaikan). Later we visit the iconic **Nomura Tailor**, one of the world's best sewing and needlecraft shops. Tonight, we enjoy our **farewell dinner** in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10 Fri Mar 11 Depart Kyoto

Our tour ends after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)





Price per person (Land Tour):

The tour price is \$4,550 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a twin or double room for sole use is \$920 per person. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

Inclusions:

- Shared arrival & departure transfers.
- Transportation in Japan including trains and chartered coaches
- 9 nights twin-share accommodation at well-appointed hotels with breakfast daily
- Meals, workshops and entrance fees as stated in the itinerary
- An English-speaking guide throughout the trip in Japan

Exclusions:

- International airfares to Japan
- Travel insurance
- Porterage at hotels & personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned

Fitness to participate: In order to get the most from your travels and keep up with the group, a reasonable level of fitness is required. You will need to be able to walk for a few hours at a gentle pace; use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities); undertake walking tours of 1-2 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces; stand for long periods in museums and other sites; embark/disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance; handle your own luggage.



BOOKING FORM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Opulent Journeys LLC is hereafter referred to as Opulent Quilt Journeys.

This information is very important, please read it carefully. It is the responsibility of the traveler to read and agree to these Terms and Conditions before signing up or making payment for any tours.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Final payment of the tour fee and any additional travel will be due 75 days before departure.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply, based on the day we receive written notification:

> More than 75 days before departure:

Forfeit of all deposits paid*+

> 75-31 days before departure:

50% of total amount due for tour*

> 30 days or less before departure:

100% of total amount due for tour*

*You may also be liable to pay any cancellation charges imposed by third parties for flights and additional accommodation and services.

+ \$500 per person of your deposit may be credited to another Opulent Quilt Journeys tour departing within 18 months of the original tour you booked.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR: No refunds or credits will be provided to travelers by Opulent Quilt Journeys for any unused accommodations, flights, services, or other itinerary features unless agreed to in writing by both parties. We recommend Travel Insurance.

TOUR CHANGES OR CANCELLATION: In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to make such alterations without notice, if this causes additional costs and charges, these will be the responsibility of the passenger, and must be paid at the time of the occurrence. Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, and without advance notice, a full refund will be made, which constitutes a full settlement. Opulent Quilt Journeys is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred by tour members prepaying for a cancelled tour, such as non-refundable airline tickets or passport or visa fees.

TRIP CANCELLATION, HEALTH, ACCIDENT, MEDICAL EVACUATION & BAGGAGE INSURANCE: For your protection comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended and in the best interest of each traveler, to protect you before and during the trip. Travel insurance is not included in the price of the tours. If travel insurance is not purchased, a waiver must be signed prior to departure.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodations are in modern centrally located hotels and resort hotels. Hotels are based on availability and may vary by

destination, city, and dates of travel. Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to substitute hotel accommodations of similar quality at any time without notice.

BAGGAGE: Guests are responsible and must conform with all international and/or domestic air carrier restrictions, excess baggage fees, and are responsible for their own luggage during the tour. We recommend one bag/suitcase per person, plus a small carry-on. We request that only one bag per person on van tours. We recommend Travel Insurance with baggage protection.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORTS & VISAS: For all international travel, travelers are required to provide proper identification for customs and immigration. US citizens must have a valid passport for travel outside of the United States. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT. Non-US citizens must consult their consulate for ID or Visa requirements. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN PROPER IDENTIFICATION, PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT AND VISAS FOR ALL TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE USA. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the anticipated tour end date. Passengers who are denied boarding or entry for improper documentation will not be eligible for a refund of any amount. We recommend that you check with the appropriate Consulate regarding their visa requirements.

PRICES: Current tour prices are listed with each tour, and are subject to change with the fluctuation of currencies, supplier increases, fuel and other surcharges and other reasons beyond our control, until full payment is received, except in the case of intra-air provided. All quoted prices include the cost of tour operator planning and operation. Each tour lists the items that are included in that specific tour. Please refer to the tour itinerary you are joining for pricing and inclusions.

TRAVELERS COMPORTMENT: Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right not to accept or retain as a tour participant any person whose physical/mental condition or general deportment impedes the operation of the tour or affects the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other tour participants or for any other reason. If a person is required to leave a tour it will be considered an unused portion and non-refundable, and they will be responsible for all their expenses to return home including any rebooking fees by airlines and/or suppliers.

RESPONSIBILITY: Opulent Journeys LLC, hereafter indicated as Opulent Quilt Journeys acts only as an agent for all suppliers of services, or in accepting reservations for services on its tours. The suppliers or independent contractors providing transportation, accommodations and all other services are not agents or employees of Opulent Quilt Journeys. To the extent that Opulent Quilt Journeys or its supplier is involved in sale of air/or cruise transportation to you, Opulent Quilt Journeys, acts only as an agent of the air carrier and/or cruise line. By utilizing the services of all

suppliers, the passenger agrees that neither Opulent Quilt Journeys, nor any representatives shall be liable for any accident, injury, including loss of life, damage, loss, delay, irregularity, or expenses arising from acts of God, strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, terrorist activity, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm, or corporation furnishing transportation, sight-seeing, accommodations, or any services in connection with such travel plans or from any other occurrences what so ever. All such expenses or losses are the responsibility of the passenger. **By commencing travel, the passenger willingly assumes all risks and responsibilities expected or unexpected involved with such travel. We urge purchase of travel insurance to protect against such risks.**

SEVERABILITY: The invalidity or unenforceability of any part of this Agreement, or the invalidity of its application to a specific situation or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, or its application to other situations or circumstances. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

CLAIMS OR DISPUTES/ARBITRATION: In the event of a dispute or claim made by the traveler concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, promotion of tour, tour inclusions, performance of Opulent Quilt Journeys, or any claim made against Opulent Quilt Journeys, Opulent Quilt Journeys will make every effort to resolve said dispute or claim between the individual parties involved. If the dispute or claim cannot be resolved between the traveler and Opulent Quilt Journeys, the traveler agrees that any dispute or claim shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association in an arbitration conducted in, and governed by the laws of Arizona, USA. In connection with any action or legal proceeding arising out of this agreement, the parties hereby specifically and knowingly waive any rights that either party might have to demand a jury trial.

Upon making a deposit to Opulent Quilt Journeys, it shall constitute full knowledge, acceptance and consent by the participant to all provisions in the tour brochure; the website, General Information, Terms and Conditions; the Registration Form, and all other release forms. All participants will be required to sign this liability release form prior to embarking on their trip.

Opulent Quilt Journeys advises it may vary its Terms and Conditions from time to time. Updated Terms and Conditions will be published on our website. Please contact us if you would like to check if Terms and Conditions have changed.



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JOURNEYS

TOUR NAME:

TOUR DATE:

TOUR LEADER:

Tour code

BOOKING FORM

TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOKING FORM:

OPTION 1: Complete the form. Save, print and sign. Please scan the completed form and email it to us at info@opulentquiltjourneys.com

OPTION 2: Print the form, complete it manually and post it back to our mailing address

Opulent Quilt Journeys, 20701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 107-426. Scottsdale, AZ 85255

(Please provide a copy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form)

YOUR DETAILS:

PASSENGER 1

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):

Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

City: State: Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Cell:

Name of next of kin (in case of emergency):

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

Email:

PASSENGER 2

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):

Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

City: State: Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Cell:

Name of next of kin (in case of emergency):

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

Email:

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ROOMING PREFERENCES

I am traveling: ☐ on my own ☐ with a friend or family member

Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

I/we would like: ☐ a single room ☐ a twin share room (2 beds in the room) ☐ a double room (1 bed in the room)

If a single would you like us to organize twin-share on your behalf? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a smoker? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Please note that Single Supplement will be payable if we are unable to arrange twin-share for you)

YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on group meals based on this information.

PASSENGER 1

☐ I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies:

PASSENGER 2

☐ I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies:

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

PASSENGER 1

☐ I do not have specific medical conditions

I have the following medical condition(s):

PASSENGER 2

☐ I do not have specific medical conditions

I have the following medical condition(s):

YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Opulent Quilt Journeys to organize this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Pay directly by check made payable to Opulent Quilt Journeys
Mail to:

Opulent Quilt Journeys
20701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 107-426.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

☐ Pay by credit card (Please complete details below, or call
Opulent Quilt Journeys 877-235-3767 for account details)

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Card Number:

Name on card:

Expiry Date:

3 or 4 digit security code:

Card Holders Signature:

Date:

(Payments by credit card will be subject to a Merchant Administration Fee as follows: 3% for Visa / MasterCard / American Express)

AUTHORIZATION: By submitting this booking form you are authorizing us to charge the cost of deposits for booking on this tour. No further charges will be made without your prior authorization.

YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

☐ I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I/we am/are able to meet these requirements.

☐ I/we accept the conditions on page 1 of this booking form

Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to decline the booking or terminate the holiday of any traveller.

AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions on page 1 of this booking form and on our website, and the inclusions and non-inclusions listed in the detailed itinerary for the tour.

Signature:

Date:



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