

# Fantasy Fabric Tour of France with European Patchwork Meeting

September 8 – 19, 2022

Tour Leader: Vickie Clontz, Annie's Keepsakes



## TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

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





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**Tour price:** \$5,120

**Single supplement:** \$990

**Booking deposit:** \$500 per person

**Maximum places:** 25

**Itinerary:** Avignon (5 nights), Lyon (2 nights), Strasbourg (3 nights), Paris (1 night)

### Inquiries and Bookings:

For further information and booking on this tour, please contact Opulent Quilt Journeys on 877-235-3767 or [info@opulentquiltjourneys.com](mailto:info@opulentquiltjourneys.com)

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## OVERVIEW

This 12-day French tour showcases the textile heritage of Provence with visits to museums, specialty shops, and workshops along with two days at the European Patchwork Meeting, an international quilting event that features hundreds of quilts and vendors.

In Avignon, the art of fabric printing in southern France is highlighted at the Souleiado Museum and the Olivades factory and outlet shop, where artisans build on generations of craftsmanship to produce goods for today. In Lyon, visit the Textile Museum and become immersed in 2,000 years of textile history. Then discover how the Soierie Vivante association preserves the city's last two 19th-century textile facilities: the municipal trimming workshop and the municipal weaving workshop.

Of course, France itself delights with architectural wonders and natural beauty. Enjoy time in Beaune, the center of the Burgundy winemaking region. Visit a factory in Provence that produces luxury wool blankets. Discover a gourmet chocolate maker, artisan potters, and ocher quarries. And shop to your heart's content at markets brimming with wares.

## YOUR TOUR LEADER



**Vickie Clontz** is an award-winning textile artist celebrating 31 years of business with her unique pattern company Annie's Keepsakes! Vickie has published over 100 patterns for quilts, home décor, sewing and wearable art, and just finished writing her

4th book for Leisure Arts. Her one-of-a-kind projects have appeared in 60+ magazines and books across the US and abroad. Vickie began sewing when she was 5 years old and developed a passion for textiles all through school, earning a Bachelor of Science in Clothing Design in college. She has continued her love of sewing by sharing her skills and expertise through teaching classes and workshops at shows, shops and for guilds across the US as well as in France. To see Vickie's work, please visit her website at <http://www.annieskeepsakes.com>

*I'm so excited to share with you my next textile adventure in France! We'll visit Avignon with its rich heritage of textile printing and museums, nearby Uzès with a stop in a Duke's castle, and Aix-en-Provence with a trip to the farmer's market, Cezanne's studio, and the famous Pont du Gard. We'll meander north to Lyon where we'll tour the oldest textile museum in the world and Beaune with its history of Burgundy winemaking. We'll spend 2 days at the European Patchwork Meeting, an incredible quilt show! We'll finish our trip in Paris and shop the amazing fabric district in Montmartre. I'll also be teaching some fun sewing projects along the way. Hope you'll join me for this magical trip you'll never forget!*

– Vickie Clontz

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



European Patchwork Meeting

### EUROPEAN PATCHWORK MEETING

European Patchwork Meeting draws quilting enthusiasts to four picturesque villages in France's Alsace region. This major international event is a breathtaking show that includes nearly 1,000 exhibited works and a wide array of vendors.



Pont du Gard © Benh LIEU SONG

### AVIGNON

Avignon's many ancient architectural treasures include the Palace of the Popes. This destination also showcases musicians, artisans, and sellers who offer everything from tablecloths to antiques. Well-known industries include textile printing and, in nearby Roussillon, ocher production.



L'Isle sur la Sorgue

### SUNDAY MARKET IN L'ISLE-SUR-LA-SORGUE, AVIGNON

The Sunday Market in this pleasant town attracts hundreds of vendors, expanding the destination's already impressive roster of vintage retail shops. To keep your energy up, enjoy a meal at one of the village's many eateries, or take a break to see the working water wheels.



Saone River, Lyon

### LYON

Lyon is France's third-largest city and today is recognized as a culinary center. Historically, it was a mainstay in France's production and weaving of silk. It is also rich with architectural landmarks to explore.



Luberon valley, Provence



Sunday Market, L'Isle sur la Sorgue



Gordes Village © French Moments

## DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L, and D.

### TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour begins at 6.30pm in the lobby of our hotel in Avignon, on Day 1, Thursday September 8, 2022.

The tour concludes after breakfast in our hotel in Paris, on Day 12, Monday September 19, 2022.

#### Day 1 Thu Sep 8

#### Arrive Avignon

Welcome to France! Meet your group in the lobby at 6:30pm to get acquainted and enjoy a **welcome dinner**. (D)

#### Day 2 Fri Sep 9

#### Avignon-Uzès-Avignon

After breakfast, we travel to the town of Uzès. Visit the **Duchy of Uzès**, where you are free to discover its beautiful shops and galleries, the Duke's castle, or the medieval garden. In the afternoon, travel to **Saint Quentin la Poterie** to visit a number of artisans and potters' studios and galleries. (B)

#### Day 3 Sat Sep 10

#### Avignon-Aix-en-Provence-Avignon

This morning, travel to Aix-en-Provence for the **Le Grand Marché (Farmer's Market)**, the most interesting market day in Aix. In the afternoon, explore Aix-en-Provence with a walking tour that includes **Cézanne's Studio**. The painter Paul Cézanne is Aix-en-Provence's most famous resident. A visit to his studio is a great opportunity to access his creative energy and his intimate environment. Return to Avignon for overnight. (B)

#### Day 4 Sun Sep 11

#### Avignon-Luberon-Avignon

After breakfast, visit the **Sunday market** in **L'Isle sur la Sorgue**. It hosts the largest antique and collectables market in Provence. In the afternoon, visit the **Chateau Lauris** in Luberon and tour its garden featuring plants that provide the pigments essential to natural dyeing. (B)

#### Day 5 Mon Sep 12

#### Avignon

After breakfast, we explore exceptionally well-preserved UNESCO site, the **Pont du Gard**, the three-tiered aqueduct built by the Romans in the first century AD. Next, discover the Agniel fabric store in Nîmes - **Les Entrepôts-Agniel**. Madame Auday and Thierry will welcome you in an area of 400 m<sup>2</sup> full of fabrics, clothing, furnishings, waxed canvas, coated canvas, outdoor canvas, haberdashery and technical products. Travel to Tarascon and visit **Souleiado Museum**. Founded in 1988, this unusual museum mingles memories of the Souleiado production and the history of textile printing. Our next visit is the **Olivades factory and outlet shop**. In 1977, Pierre Boudin created, with the help of his wife, a company still controlled by their children and

grandchildren, who have an ego! to perpetuate the ancestral art of printing on fabrics in the south of France, as it evolves and adapts to current times. (B, L)

**Day 6 Tue Sep 13** **Avignon-Tain l'Hermitage-Lyon**

Today we travel to Lyon by coach. En route, visit **Tain l'Hermitage**, a city known for its wine-making activity as well as for its interesting architectural and cultural heritage. Arrive in Lyon and check in our hotel. (B, L)

**Day 7 Wed Sep 14** **Lyon**

After breakfast, depart hotel to visit the **Textile Museum**. The Textile Museum covers 2,000 years of textile history, and is the first such collection in the world. In the heart of the Croix-Rousse district, visit the **Soierie Vivante** (an association dedicated to preserving the last remaining 19th-century weaving workshops), the **municipal trimming workshop**, and the **municipal weaving workshop**. (B)

**Day 8 Thu Sep 15** **Lyon-Beaune-Strasbourg**

After breakfast, depart Lyon and travel to Strasbourg by coach. En route, visit **Beaune** at the center of the Burgundy winemaking region. Surrounded by the Côte d'Or vineyards, the cobbled town is famous for an annual wine auction held at the Hôtel-Dieu (Hospices de Beaune). Recognized by its colorful, geometric-patterned tile roof, this 15th-century former hospital is now the Hôtel-Dieu Museum, showcasing works like "The Last Judgement" altarpiece by Van der Weyden. Overnight in Strasbourg. (B, L)

**Day 9 Fri Sep 16** **Strasbourg**

**The European Patchwork Meeting** is the focus of these two days. Enjoy daily breakfasts in the hotel before exploring the internationally renowned quilt show, which is dedicated to both traditional and modern work. Travel via coach transfer to and from Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines; local coaches shuttle visitors between the four villages where the show takes place. (B)

**Day 10 Sat Sep 17** **Strasbourg**

Another day dedicated to the **European Patchwork Meeting**. (B)

**Day 11 Sun Sep 18** **Strasbourg-Paris**

After breakfast we take TGV train from Strasbourg to Paris. In the afternoon, meet your tour leader for an excursion to the fabric district. It will be a fun time of shopping, strolling, and snacking along the way. Tonight, we'll enjoy our **farewell dinner**. (B, D)

**Day 12 Mon Sep 19** **Depart Paris**

Tour concludes after breakfast. (B)





Sainte Marie Aux Mines



Gordes Street

#### **Tour price per person (Land Tour)**

The tour price is \$5,120 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a single room is \$990 per person. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

#### **Tour Inclusions:**

- 11 nights twin-share accommodation at well-appointed hotels
- 2-day pass to the European Patchwork Meeting
- Chartered coach transport from Avignon to Strasbourg
- Train ticket from Strasbourg to Paris
- Visits and Entrance fees as stated in the itinerary
- Daily breakfast at hotels, lunch and dinners as stated in the itinerary
- An English-speaking local guide to accompany the group (except at the European Patchwork Meeting)

#### **Exclusions:**

- International airfare to France
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Drinks at meals
- Travel insurance
- Porterage & gratuities
- Personal expenses and anything not mentioned

**Fitness to participate:** 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; and handle your own luggage.



City of Lyon by night

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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](mailto: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:

**Please provide a copy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.**

### 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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## 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, HEATH, 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.

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**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.

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