



JAPAN -Textile & Fibre Arts Tour 2020

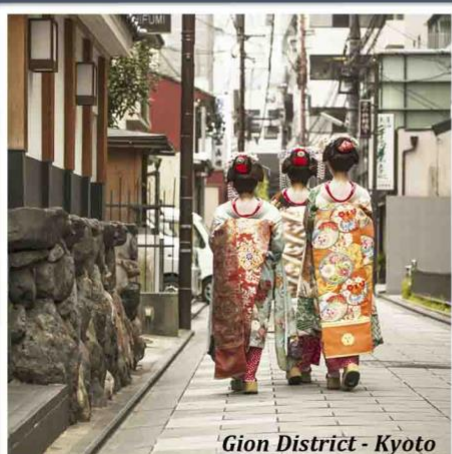
Fabric - Fashion - Fun

You are invited to join Sue Neall on a 15 day fully escorted tour for sewing & textile enthusiasts

9 - 23 May 2020

\$6,950 * price per person twin share
(Single Supplement: \$2,100)

This tour is about discovering ancient traditions, techniques, craftsmanship and quality, in textiles, findings and patterns, while sharing the love of sewing and creativity with like-minded friends



Gion District - Kyoto



Nagoya Castle - Nagoya



Golden Temple - Kyoto

Sew Inspirational tour highlights include:

- * 14 nights 4-star accommodation
- * 14 Breakfasts * 1 Lunch * 1 Tea Ceremony * 12 Dinners
- * Japanese National Tour Leader & Specialist Guides
- * Vintage, Kimono & Modern Textiles
- * Weaving, Shibori, Sashiko, Indigo-dyeing, Art & Homewares
- * Fashion & Quilting Patterns * Tokyo Nippori Fabric Town
- * Cooking School & Market Visits
- * Castles, Gardens & Temples
- * Gion Geisha District & Kimono Fashion Parade
- * 2 UNESCO World Heritage sites - Kinkakuji & Kiyomizudera

Fully escorted by Sue Neall -
Sue combines her experience with Textiles, Sewing & Travel
to put together tours for like-minded women of all ages

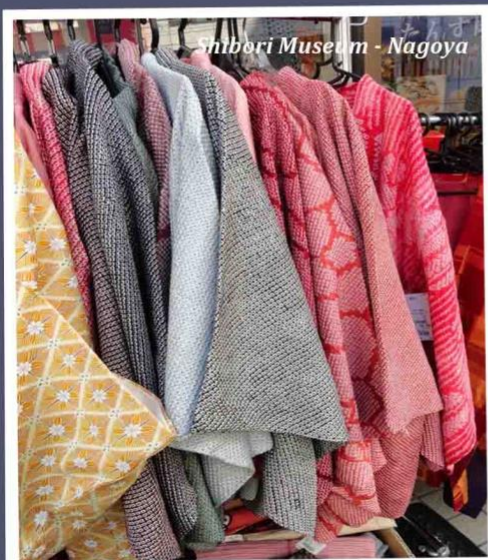
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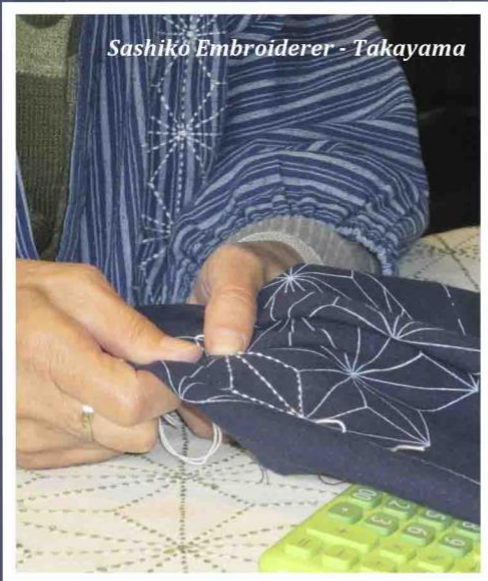
* Conditions apply. Price is per person twin share as of the 1st of June 2019. Subject to availability. Airfares not included.



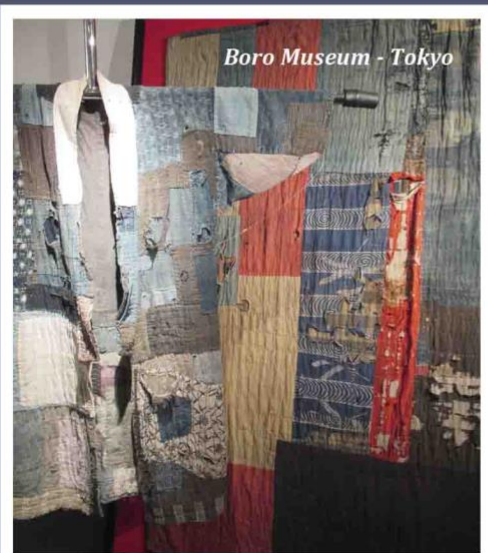
sew INSPIRATIONAL events



Shibori Museum - Nagoya



Sashiko Embroiderer - Takayama



Boro Museum - Tokyo

Day 1: Kyoto - Saturday 9 May 2020

Kyoto - 6 nights

Arrive Osaka airport & group transfer to hotel. Meet for introductions and welcome dinner. **D**

Day 2: Kyoto - Sunday 10 May 2020

The Nishijin district, famed for weaving, is in a very traditional area. It is a great place to see machiya (old Kyoto townhouses), museums and galleries devoted to Kyoto's weaving industry. We will also visit the -
* Aizenkobo Handycraft Centre has an indigo dyeing workshop that has been in operation for three generations.
* Nishijin Textile Centre and Kimono Fashion
* Kinkakuji Temple - UNESCO Golden Pavilion
* Kiyomizudera - UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most celebrated temples in Japan with breathtaking views of Kyoto.
* Ninnenzaka and Sannenzaka streets in the most beautifully restored district of Kyoto, with traditional wooden houses & shops. **B, D**

Day 3: Kyoto - Monday 11 May 2020

* Kitano Tenmangu Temple
* Arashiyama bamboo forest
* Togetsu Bridge shopping street
* Okochi Sanso villa and garden **B, D**

Day 4: Kyoto - Tuesday 12 May 2020

* Orinasu kan Museum of Nishijin Textiles
* Fureaikan (Museum of Traditional Crafts)
* Kyoto Handycraft Centre to see handicrafts & demonstrations of techniques. **B, D**

Day 5: Kyoto - Wednesday 13 May 2020

This morning the group will participate in a traditional Bento cooking class which includes a delicious lunch. After lunch we travel to the Kyoto CBD to visit:
* SOU SOU is a shop that makes and sells Jikatabi, rubber-soled tabi and Japanese clothes made from traditional textiles based on the concept of 'Creating a New Japanese Culture'.
* The Misuyabari Needle Shop
* Nomura Tailor (2 fabric & baby shops) **B, L, D**

Day 6: Kyoto - Thursday 14 May 2020

Tour historic Nijo Castle before participating in a traditional Tea Ceremony. We will then visit the Nishiki Koji Food Market and finish the afternoon with free time for shopping the CBD. Tonight wander the Gion District, Kyoto's Geisha district. **B, Tea. Evening FREE TIME.**

Day 7: Kyoto to Kanazawa - Friday 15 May 2020

Kanazawa - 1 night

We will forward our larger bags to Takayama and travel to Kanazawa by fast train. Having escaped bombing in WWII Kanazawa is one of Japan's best-preserved cities. Upon arrival visit:
* Kenroku-en garden (magnificent in Spring)
* Ishikawa Kenritsu Dento Sangyo Kokeikan - Traditional Industrial Art Hall and the kingdom of craft. **B, D**

Day 8: Kanazawa to Takayama -

Sat 16 May 2020 Takayama - 2 nights

Visit the Nagamachi Yuzenkan Silk Centre before catching trains to Takayama.
* Walking Tour of Takayama - Traditional winding streets in Sannomachi-suji district
* Hida Sashiko Shop has a comprehensive collection of Japanese textiles, vintage Kimonos and many quilting patterns. **B**

Day 9: Takayama - Sunday 17 May 2020

Free time at Takayama Morning Market. In the afternoon catch bus to Hida-no-Sato Historical Village to see 30 Gassho-zukuri houses and a samurai house. **B, D** * **After dinner there is free time to enjoy the famous hot spring facilities at the resort.**

Day 10: Takayama to Nagoya - Monday 18 May 2020

Nagoya - 1 night

Travel by fast train to Nagoya and then private coach to Arimatsu, an historic town, famous for kimono and textile wholesalers. Visit Shibori Museum for an exhibition and demonstration of shibori (tie dyeing).
* Optional shibori workshop available.
Finish the day visiting Nagoya Castle. **B, D.**

Day 11: Nagoya to Tokyo-Tue 19 May 2020 Tokyo - 4 nights

Travel by Shinkansen Bullet Train to Tokyo.
* Shinjuku Garden and Meiji Jingu Shrine
* Free time for lunch in Shinjuku district **B, D**

Day 12: Tokyo - Wednesday 20 May 2020

Full day Tokyo City Tour Including -
* Sensoji temple district of Asakusa has craft and souvenir stalls and Nakamise dori, Japan's oldest shopping street.
* Amuse Museum to see the Boro Collection - Apparel created by upcycling scraps of indigo fabric from traditional garments.
* Amy Katoh's Blue and White Shop - Amy is 'flame keeper' of all things handcrafted.
* Walk through Harajuku and Omotesando, the centre of Japan's teenage culture, but also one of the most sophisticated and fashionable districts in the world. **B, D.**

Day 13: Tokyo - Thursday 21 May 2020

* Full Day at Nippori Fabric Town. **B, D.**

Day 14: Tokyo - Friday 22 May 2020

Full day coach tour to Kawaguchi-ko, part of the Fuji five lakes (best views of Mt Fuji).
* Itsuku Kubota Art Museum-15th century dyeing technique displayed on Kimonos.
* Kachikachi Ropeway
* Iyashi no Sato village near Lake Saiko. Each shop specialises in a traditional craft such as pottery, incense or weaving. **B, D.**

Day 15: Tokyo - Saturday 23 May 2020

Free morning before transferring to Haneda airport to fly **HOME** or to new adventures. **B**