

London, Normandy & Paris Textile Celebration Tour

2025

April 3-14, 2025

Pre-Tour

April 1 & 2, 2025

Post-Tour

April 14 & 15, 2025

Tour Host:
Linda Timms

Join Us!



To Register

email: info@bluebarnquiltco.com

- Tailored Small Group Tour
- English speaking expert guide
- Detailed custom itinerary
- Hands-on private trunk show & workshop with an internationally known quilter
- Textile and Museum Tours
- Maximum 25 travellers
- Pre & Post tour hotel available
- Interest free payment plan option



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London Paris 2025 Textile Celebration Tour

Tour Dates: April 3 - 14, 2025
Pre-Tour dates: April 1 and/or 2, 2025
Post-Tour dates: April 14 and/or 15, 2025
Tour Host: Linda Timms
Land Tour price: \$6199
Single supplement: + \$1498
Pre-Tour Hotel: \$193 pp twin share/ night
 \$378 pp single/ night
Post-Tour Hotel (Paris): \$199 pp twin share/ night
 \$366 pp single/ night
 All Prices in USD

Non Refundable Registration deposit:
 \$500 per person
Maximum Places: 25 (minimum 15)

Price does NOT include:
 Return Airfare, Travel Insurance, or
 Gratuities & Service Charges

Optional: Boutis Workshop in Paris with
 Kumiko Nakayama Geraerts: \$132 per
 person

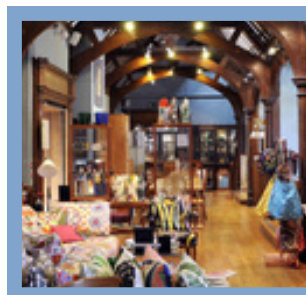
Itinerary: 11 nights/ 12 days, 3 & 4-star
 hotels, London (3 nights), Caen (5 nights),
 Paris (3 nights)

Includes:

- Breakfast daily & 3 group dinners

Overview

- London Textile Tour with Rebecca Devaney
- Guided tours of William Morris Gallery and the Victoria & Albert Museum
- Antique Textile Co. with Christopher Wilson-Tate
- Visit to Liberty of London
- Walking Tours of Bayeux & Caen, Bayeux Cathedral & Bayeux Tapestry
- Normandy Landing Beaches, including Juno Beach, the Canadian Memorial Gardens & Canada House
- Deauville & Honfleur, Calvados Tour & Tasting, tour of St Wandrille Abbey
- Trunk Show & Workshop with Internationally known Quilter
- Mont St Michel, tour & Abbey
- Monet's Garden Tour
- Textile Walking Tour in Paris
- Musee de la Toile & Maison Sajou
- Eurostar from London to Paris
- English speaking Tour Guide
- Luxury coach/professional driver
- ...and so much more!



Overview

Hotels:

11 nights' hotel accommodation in the following hotels, or similar:

April 3: London – 3 nights, 4-Star **Mercure London Bridge**

April 6: Caen – 5 nights, 3-Star **Ibis Styles Centre Gare**

April 11: Paris – 3 nights, 4-Star **Crowne Plaza Republique**

Meals:

Breakfast each morning, except day of arrival

April 3: Welcome dinner in London hotel

April 6: Welcome dinner in Bayeux hotel

April 13: Farewell dinner in a local restaurant within walking distance of Paris hotel

**Note: Subject to availability, the group may be seated in a private room for Welcome and Farewell dinners*

Tour Manager:

Services of a professional English-speaking Tour Manager for 12 days (April 3 – 14, 2025)

Transport:

Luxury touring coach for all transfers and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary
Eurostar train ticket from London to Paris (standard class)



Outline of Inclusions:

April 3: Full-day local coach for day tour. Entrance and guided tours of the **William Morris Gallery**, and the **V&A Museum**. Welcome dinner in hotel. Overnight in London. (D)

April 4: Full-day local coach for group transfers in London. Textile walking tour in London with **Rebecca Devaney** (3- hours). Visit **Liberty of London** (arranged by Blue Barn Quilt Co.) Overnight in London. (B)

Note: If group is larger than 15 guests, group will be split in to two separate 3-hour Textile tours.

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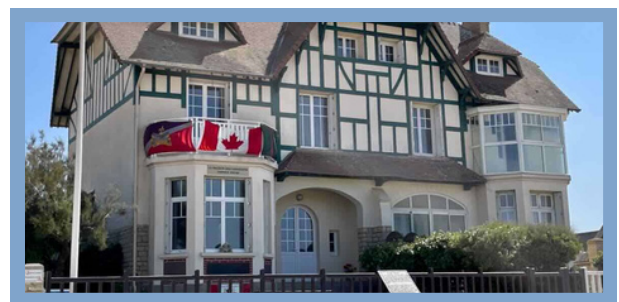


April 5: Full-day local coach for group transfers in London. Visit the **Antique Textile Company** with speakers **Christopher Wilson-Tate** and **Rebecca Devaney** (2-hours). Overnight in London. (B)

April 6: Group transfer to St Pancras Rail Station. Eurostar train from London to Paris. Group transfer from Paris Gare du Nord Rail Station to Caen. Welcome dinner in Caen hotel. Overnight in Caen. (B/D)

April 7: Full-day local coach. **Walking tour of Bayeux** (1.5 hours). Visit **Bayeux Cathedral** and **Bayeux Tapestry**. Walking tour of Caen. Visit **Caen Castle** and **Canadian Memorial Gardens**. Overnight in Caen. (B)

April 8: Full-day local coach. Full-day **Normandy Landing Beaches** excursion. Visit **Juno Beach**, guided tour of Juno Beach Centre including the bunkers. Exterior visit to **Canada House** (first house to be liberated by Canadian forces), visit to the **Canadian cemetery** at Beny-sur-Mer and visits to **Omaha Beach Memorial** and **Pointe du Hoc**. Overnight in Caen. (B)



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April 9: Full-day local coach. Full-day excursion to **Deauville and Honfleur** including guided tour and 3 calvados tastings at **Pere Magloire** or similar and guided tour of **St Wandrille Abbey**. Overnight in Caen. (B)

April 10: Full-day local coach. Full-day excursion to **Mont St Michel** including guided tour and entrance to **Mont St Michel Abbey**. Overnight in Caen. (B)

April 11: Group transfer from Bayeux to Paris via Giverny including guided tour and entrance to **Monet's House**. Overnight in Paris. (B)

April 12: Roundtrip transfer from hotel to Textile walking tour meeting point. **Textile Tours of Paris** walking tour with **Rebecca Devaney**. Overnight in Paris. (B)

Note: If group is larger than 15 guests, group will be split in to two separate 3-hour Textile tours.

April 13: Full-day local coach and guide for full day, Visit and guided tour at **Musee de la Toile** and visit to **Maison Sajou**. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant within walking distance of the Paris hotel. Overnight in Paris. (B/D)

April 14: End of services. (B)



Overview



- Hotel portorage of one suitcase per person
- 24-hour in-country emergency assistance in England and France

Optional Boutis Workshop in Paris:

Optional Boutis workshop in Paris with Kumiko Nakayama Geraerts: \$132.00 per person. Includes cost of all materials, workshop, and translation by Rebecca Devaney.

Optional Pre-nights in London:

4-Star Mercure London Bridge, including breakfast
\$193.00 per night, per person sharing a twin/double room
\$378.00 per night, per person in a single room

Optional Post-nights in Paris:

4-Star Crowne Plaza Republique, including breakfast
\$199.00 per night, per person sharing a twin/double room
\$366.00 per night, per person in a single room

Important Information:

Hotels are subject to availability at time of booking.

Registration Form

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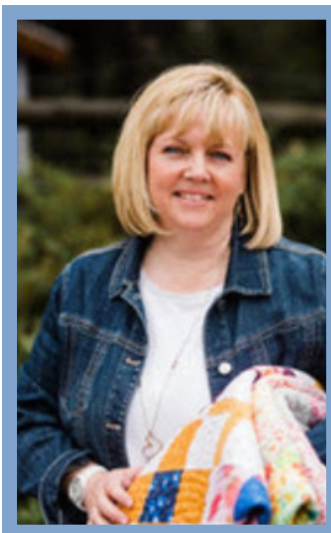
Meet Your Host

Linda Timms

I am the owner of Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and I welcome you to this wonderful Blue Barn Adventure!

I have been creating my whole life. I have been quilting for more than 25 years, as well, I am a longarm quilter. My passion for quilting and teaching led me to open Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. as a new chapter in my life approached with all four my of children leaving home. I am very grateful that quilting has played such an integral part of my life, and I consider these opportunities a huge blessing and joy.

I love to travel - especially to Europe. I have visited the UK and France several times and I am so looking forward to sharing this Textile Celebration Tour experience with you!



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About Us

Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. - a boutique quilt shop and longarm studio, offering a wonderful collection of carefully curated fabrics. Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. is Canada's #1 source for Liberty of London Tana Lawn and Quilting cotton fabrics!

Blue Barn Quilt Guild - a quilting community where you will learn from industry-leading teachers, try new techniques, and meet new friends in an encouraging atmosphere.

Blue Barn Classroom- a place to learn! Whether you are new to quilting or a seasoned veteran, Blue Barn offers a wide variety of lectures and workshops - in-person and virtually.

JourneysConnect

Benefiting from over 34 years experience, Journeys Connect is a business to business wholesale travel provider offering expertise in creating imaginative and inspiring tailor-made group and specialty vacation programs to Europe, South America, Africa, Japan, and the USA.

Our services are available exclusively to travel industry professionals. Offering private group journeys to inspire. We have the experience and knowledge to take care of every aspect of your group's travel arrangements

Terms and Conditions

This is a private group journey, based on a minimum of 18 participants to operate. Rates quoted are in US dollars, per person. Hotels are subject to change. Due to weather conditions and circumstances beyond our control, the itinerary is subject to change.

Payment Details:

All payments are made through Journeys Connect in US\$ and processed through a credit card.

Initial Deposit:

- \$500 per person is required to reserve space (plus optional travel insurance). Full and final payment is due by December 29, 2024, with payment options
- OPTION 1: Payment in full
- OPTION 2: \$500 deposit + 3 equal monthly installments (Oct 29, Nov 20, and final balance owing Dec 29th)
- All payments will be charged to the credit card on file.

Roommate Cancellation:

- If you register for a twin room (two travelers per room) and your roommate cancels (before or during the tour), and another roommate cannot be found, you will be responsible for paying the additional "single supplement" charge.
- If you have purchased Trip Travel Protection insurance, this additional cost may be recoverable through your insurance policy. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance for this and any other emergencies.

Trip Travel Protection Insurance:

Travel Insurance is offered through Trip Mate Insurance at 9% of per person cost. This must be booked and paid in full at the time of the client's initial booking

- Deposits and payments are non-refundable, we strongly recommend purchase of Trip Travel Protection Insurance. Refunds will only be issued should the minimum 15 travellers not be reached. Journeys Connect offers full coverage for
- Trip Travel Protection Insurance Premium Land Tour
- Trip Travel Protection Insurance Premium Pre-Tour Hotel
- Trip Travel Protection Insurance Premium Post-Tour Extension

Responsibility/Liability:

Payment of the land tour package constitutes consent to all Legal policies and terms and conditions described here. Neither the Operator (Journeys Connect), Tour Host (Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Linda Timms), nor any mentioned or unmentioned subagents or affiliates shall be held responsible for any personal injury, property damage or other loss a passenger incurs on any tour arising from acts or omissions by any air carrier, public transport company, hotel, car rental company, subcontractor or other person or organization, whether such company is rendering any services supplied on the tour.

All tickets and vouchers are issued and supplied subject to the foregoing and to any and all terms and conditions under which transportation and services are provided. The Tour Operator and Tour Hosts accepts no responsibility for losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, flight cancellations or misconnections due to mechanical problems, sickness, quarantine, weather, acts of God, strikes, government actions, war, terrorism, or other circumstances beyond its control. Passengers must bear all such losses or expenses.

To guard against unforeseen circumstances, we recommend you purchase the optional travel protection plan offered with each booking. The Tour Operator reserves the right to alter prices at any time prior to departure and without prior notice if circumstances so warrant. Any devaluation or revaluation of currencies may affect published price.



HEALTH & SAFETY WAIVER

The safety and comfort of our guests is our first concern. We have worked diligently with our Tour Operator to give you the peace of mind you expect. However, there is no way to eliminate all possible risks while travelling. Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., and Journeys Connect therefore cannot assume liability in the unlikely event you contract COVID-19. This is the reason for the necessity of the following waiver of liability:

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while traveling with Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., and Journeys Connect, and that contact with the virus that causes COVID-19 may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. You understand that the risk of becoming infected by COVID-19 on a Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc./Journeys Connect trip may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and others, including, but not limited to Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect employees, suppliers (and their employees) and other passengers.

You understand that you could encounter others, including but not limited to others travelling on this trip, who have COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, or who are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 or other viruses but who exhibit no symptoms of infection or an infectious disease, which could result in your having serious medical conditions requiring medical treatment in a hospital, quarantine in a government-appointed location, and could possibly lead to death. You agree that having considered these risks, you desire to participate in the Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc./Journeys Connect trip and you freely and voluntarily assume complete personal responsibility for the risk of exposure, illness, and death due to COVID-19, even if such injuries or death occur in a manner that is not foreseeable at the time this agreement is signed.

You acknowledge that you have been strongly advised to have comprehensive health insurance (including "travel insurance").

You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in this Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc./Journeys Connect trip with knowledge of the inherent risks of COVID-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

To the extent permitted by law, you hereby:

- assume and agree to accept any and all risks related to COVID-19 during the course of your travel with Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect; release Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. and Journeys Connect and its employees, officers, directors, and agents, ("the Releasees") from any and all claims that may accordingly arise during the course of your participation in and following the trip.
- you confirm that you have adequate financial resources in case medical care is needed relating to COVID-19 and understand the inherent and potential health risks of travel during this time.

This Waiver shall be binding on you, your family, your heirs, and any attorney, agent, executor, trustee, representative, or assignee to the extent permitted by law. You hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Journeys Connect and the Releasees for any claims against Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc., Journeys Connect or the Releasees by any member of your family, your heirs or assigns, your estate, your employer, or by any other person for whom or to whom you are or may be responsible, whether at law or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

I agree that if any portion is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. No additions, deletions or changes can be made to the release form, and signing it is a requirement for joining the trip.



Tour Member Expectations

This document applies to all Tour Members in your tour group. If you cannot meet the expectations as outlined, please call, or email info@bluebarnquiltco.com to discuss.

Blue Barn Quilt Co Inc. tours are physically active. Hotels may provide fewer North American style amenities, and our touring culture emphasizes flexibility and open-mindedness. These are essential characteristics of your tour experience. Unfortunately, a few people ignore these details, thus resulting in a less than desired experience for everyone. We truly want you to be happy with your tour choice. Please read the following carefully and understand that by participating in a Blue Barn Quilt Co Inc. tour, you assume certain obligations and responsibilities to Linda Timms (Tour Host) and your fellow tour members, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Understand the physical levels of your tour's daily activities and be capable of fully and happily (no one likes a grumpy or complaining traveller) participating without any assistance — in the following levels of activity:
- Walk 10,000+ steps over the course of the day, up and down stairs, and over unpaved or cobblestone surfaces
- Be comfortable on your feet for up to four hours walking and standing, both inside museums and outdoors in all weather conditions
- Bring one main piece of luggage, plus one smaller day pack or shoulder bag, all of which you must be able to carry yourself, sometimes up stairs
- Carry or roll your luggage for up to 15 minutes from the bus to the hotel, then haul it up several flights of stairs to get to your room (where no porter service is available)
- After orientation and transportation lessons, be able to navigate towns and cities on your own
- Be always available for group communication on Signal App (not just when on free Wi-Fi)

Please note: The Tour host may not be available to provide assistance for any of these activities. Tour members requiring help must be accompanied by an able companion who can be entirely responsible for providing the assistance.

Appreciate our quaint and sometimes peculiar hotel characteristics, which may include:

- No (or inadequate) air conditioning and/or elevators
- Potential street noise in some hotels
- Slow Wi-Fi connections or Wi-Fi only in common areas

Embrace and participate in our NO GRUMBLERS policy:

- Travel is all about experiencing things we're not used to; tour members are expected to be flexible and open-minded and to practice considerate social behaviour toward one another
- Accept that in rare circumstances your tour may have an additional tour member above the advertised number
- Agree that you won't be allowed to smoke or vape on the bus, in the hotel, or where other tour members are present. Look forward to surprises, understanding that itineraries are subject to change, and often Plan B turns out to be better!

Agree to follow all safety precautions and health directives set by your guide, host, or local officials to help safeguard your health and wellbeing as well as that of your fellow tour members.



Roommates - have you considered?

Sharing a room with another traveller can be a wonderful, added experience. Many roommates who start a tour as strangers, soon became fast friends and remain friends for years to come! Not only will you find a new friend, but you will save a significant cost not having to pay for the single supplement.

However, there are a few things to consider before agreeing to room with another traveller. We suggest you have a phone chat (vs. email conversation), so that you can discuss the logistics of sharing a room. After your communication, you can then decide if you wish to share a room with a stranger or opt for your own room.



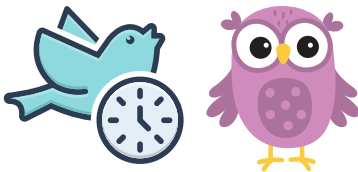
Alone Time

After being with the tour group all day, will you be ready for some alone time in the late evening (or in the morning before starting the day with the group)?



Setting some ground rules:

Discuss the following points and set some ground rules, so that you are both on the same page before the tour even starts.



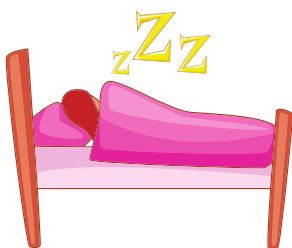
Are you a morning person or night owl?

- Do you rise extra-early?
- Do you read/computer/iPad/Phone after lights out (with a booklight)?



Bathroom time:

- Do you shower in the morning or evening?
- How much time do you typically spend in the bathroom getting ready for the day?
- Or before bed?



Personal habits:

- Do you snore?
- Use a CPAP?
- Smoke?
- Tidy?
- Messy?