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# MICHELLE MARVIG

AND TRAVELRITE INTERNATIONAL  
ON A FABULOUS  
QUILTING TOUR TO  
FRANCE

10 TO 28 MAY 2026

VISITING • NICE • AVIGNON • CLERMONT-FERRAND  
BLOIS • ANGERS • MONT ST MICHEL • PARIS







## ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Sunday, 10 May 2026 .....Depart Australia

Today we depart Australia on our overnight flights to Nice, France.

### Day 2 - Monday, 11 May 2026 .....Nice, France

This afternoon we arrive into Nice. On arrival, we are transferred to our hotel in Nice on the shore of the gorgeous Bais de Angers, a jewel on the Mediterranean.

### Day 3 - Tuesday, 12 May 2026 .....Nice

This morning, we will travel to Monte Carlo in the fairy-tale principality of Monaco, most noted for its glamorous atmosphere. It is considered Monaco's wealthiest district. It is the location of the cathedral built in 1878, where Princess Grace is buried and the Royal Palace, home to Prince Albert 2. We see the Formula One Grand Prix circuit in Monaco. We will travel along the spectacular Grand Corniche, the most famous panoramic road in the world, and see the memorable French Riviera on our journey to Nice. We will explore Nice's narrow picturesque streets with free time to wander. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner, and Michelle Marvig will outline the wonderful experiences we will have during the tour.

### Day 4 - Wednesday, 13 May 2026 .....Nice

This morning, we visit Toto Tissus in Nice, which sells a vast array of fabrics. We then travel to Grasse, where we will have free time for lunch. In the afternoon Michelle will lead the group on our visit to the Museum of Costume and Jewelry. We will also visit the Fragonard perfume factory before heading back to our hotel.

### Day 5 - Thursday, 14 May 2026 ..... Arles, France

Today we travel to Arles, famed for inspiring the painting of Van Gogh. On arrival, we enjoy an orientation tour including the Arles Amphitheater, built by the Romans in 90 AD to hold over 20,000 spectators, the Saint-Trophime Church and the Place du Forum, before continuing to Avignon. Those wishing to dine with the group please meet in the hotel lobby this evening.

### Day 6 - Friday, 15 May 2026..... Arles

Today we travel to Aix-en-Provence, the old capital of Provence. We will see the old town with its gorgeous 18th and 19th century squares, many of them with attractive fountains in their center and beautiful sandstone buildings. We will visit Calissone, which stocks sewing tools, threads, patterns and an enticing selection of fabrics. There will be time to explore the many interesting shops and cafes. In the afternoon, we visit Musée des Tapisseries, housed on the 1st floor of the former Archbishop's Palace. The collection, made up of 17th and 18th century tapestries, consists of three suites, with: 'The Grotesque', inspired by Berain, 'The Story of Don Quixote', by Natoire and 'Russian Games', by Leprince. There are also some remarkable pieces of furniture.

### Day 7 - Saturday, 16 May 2026 ..... Arles

This morning we travel to Uzès, a charming medieval city. We walk to the arcade-lined Place aux Herbes where the enormous Saturday market takes place. We see many different types of olives, exotic local herbs, all kinds of food and local craft items. We have time to buy local specialities and lunch before continuing to visit Pont du Gard, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World. The aqueduct is part of a system, which brought spring water from a catchment area near Uzès to Nîmes: it was built in the first century and despite its two thousand years it is still in good condition. Our last stop of the day will be at the Musée du Vieux Nîmes, which takes you through the origins and legend of jeans and cashmere shawls.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUILTING TOUR TO FRANCE

- Explore Monte Carlo in the fairy-tale principality of Monaco
- Travel along the spectacular Grand Corniche and see the memorable French Riviera on our journey to Nice.
- Enjoy an orientation tour of Arles
- Visit Musée des Tapisseries, with a collection of 17th and 18th century tapestries
- Visit the Museum of Costume and Jewelry in Grasse
- Visit the Saturday market at Uzès, a charming medieval city. We see many different types of olives, exotic local herbs, all kinds of food and local craft
- Enjoy a walking tour with a local guide to explore the sights of Avignon
- Visit the Festival des Jardins de Chaumont sur Loire
- Explore Château d'Angers, a massive 9th-century fortress which houses the extraordinary Apocalypse Tapestry
- Explore Mont St Michel, an iconic island commune, famed for its striking medieval abbey
- Visit many unique fabric shops
- Work on a project designed by Michelle Marvig

## 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 Quilter's 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 8 - Sunday, 17 May 2026 ..... Arles

This morning, we enjoy a walking tour with a local guide to explore the sights of Avignon. We will see the Palace des Papes, the seat of the popes from 1309 until 1377, Place d'Horloge and learn about the interesting history of the city. After lunch, we travel to Tarascon to visit the Souleirado Textile Museum. It was established in a typical Provencal interior. It contains several rare pieces of printed cloth, popular 18th -19th century Provencal costumes and a large collection of earthenware, pottery and paintings. In the evening, the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group.

#### Day 9 - Monday, 18 May 2026 ..... Clermont-Ferrand, France

Today we travel through a sparsely populated area including the Aubrac Natural Regional Park for our overnight stay in Clermont-Ferrand, bordered by the volcanic Chaîne des Puys mountains, which provided the black rock for the Gothic Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption Cathedral.

#### Day 10 - Tuesday, 19 May 2026 ..... Blois, France

Today we travel through the gorgeous French countryside to Blois, situated on the Loire River. During the Renaissance it was the official residence of the King of France and the location of the Chateau Royal de Blois. On arrival we check into our hotel and the remainder of the day is free.

#### Day 11 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026 ..... Blois

Today we travel through the Loire Valley to visit the Festival des Jardins de Chaumont sur Loire, which started in 1992 to introduce the public to imaginative and innovative new designs. The thirty show gardens are selected from designs submitted by landscapers from around the world and are set within landscaped grounds. In the afternoon we visit the famous 16th century Chateau Villandry, renowned for its ornamental vegetable gardens. The ornamental formal garden has been terraced into three levels, displaying hedges of box, fine yew topiaries and flowers. The lowest level is the famous potager, which has a checkerboard design and elevates vegetable growing to a fine art. We will return to Blois for an evening at leisure.

#### Day 12 - Thursday, 21 May 2026 ..... Blois

The morning, we will enjoy visits to two quilt shops. Our first stop is at J'Imagine Quilt, that sells a variety of fabrics and haberdashery. We continue to De Mailles en Tissus, a general sewing store. This afternoon's treat is a trip to Chateau de Chenonceau, spanning the River Cher, which reflects its stately beauty. Known as the 'Ladies Castle', its design and charm are a result of six important women throughout its history. Two large formal gardens and extensive woodland surround this fairytale chateau.

#### Day 13 - Friday, 22 May 2026..... Angers

Today we travel through the countryside to Angers, which overlooks the Maine River. On arrival, we will explore Château d'Angers, a massive 9th-century fortress which houses the extraordinary Apocalypse Tapestry. This tapestry is the world's largest medieval tapestry, created in the 14th-century. Spanning 103 meters, it vividly illustrates scenes from the Book of Revelation, showcasing dramatic imagery of judgment, the end of the world, and the battle between good and evil. In the evening, the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group.

#### Day 14 - Saturday, 23 May 2026 ..... Angers

This morning, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Angers, including the historic Saint-Maurice Cathedral, the Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Jean Lurcat. The museum is dedicated to contemporary tapestry art, showcasing the works of artist Jean Lurcat, who revitalized tapestry weaving in the 20th century, creating large-scale, modern pieces. After time for lunch, we visit Pappa Pique et Mamon store, which offers a large range of fabrics.

#### Day 15 - Sunday, 24 May 2026 ..... Mont St Michel, France

Today we travel north to Mont St Michel. Along the way we will stop in the vibrant town of Rennes. As you stroll down its cobble streets, you'll be charmed by lively café terraces, stunning Art Deco architecture and welcoming restaurants. We continue to Mont St Michel, checking into our hotel late afternoon.

#### Day 16 - Monday, 25 May 2026 ..... Mont St Michel

Mont St Michel is an iconic island commune located on the coast of Normandy, France. Famed for its striking medieval abbey, it rises dramatically above the surrounding tidal waters, offering visitors a rare blend of history and natural beauty. The abbey is reached via the steep winding village street, lined with museums, restaurants, hotels and shops. The abbey's imposing architecture dates to medieval times, and still inspires awe, showing both military and religious strength. We enjoy a full day exploring the island before returning to our hotel.

#### Day 17 - Tuesday, 26 May 2026 ..... Paris, France

Today we travel to Paris. Along the way, we will stop in Caen to visit Atelier de la Souris. This small but delightful quilting shop sells fabric by the metre, patchwork supplies, presents and home décor items. On arrival into Paris late afternoon, we check into our hotel. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner and say goodbye to Michelle and group members.

#### Day 18 - Wednesday, 27 May 2026 ..... Departure

After breakfast we are transferred to the airport to begin our journey home.

#### Day 19 - Thursday, 28 May 2026 ..... Arrive Australia

We arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.





## TOUR PRICE FOR THE QUILTING TOUR TO FRANCE

The cost of the tour per person twin share \$10,990  
includes air taxes at 1 April 25

Single supplement \$2,500

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### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

- Economy class flights from Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney to Nice and return from Paris
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig
- Travel by private coach
- Sightseeing tours, entrances and workshops as outlined in the itinerary
- A welcome and farewell dinner
- 3 and 4 star accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis in Nice, Avignon, Clermont-Ferrand, Blois, Angers, Mont St Michel and Paris
- A Travelrite International tour manager, who will meet you on arrival at Nice

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately

## General information and booking conditions

**Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.**

**Tour Operator:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd, (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

**Tour Costs:** The tour costs are based on general transport, entry, and accommodation costs as at 1 April 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

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