

Join Linda Collins on the
2025 *Quilters Companion* Magazine

USA

Quilting Tour

7 to 25 October 2025



Visiting Lowell near Boston
Burlington, Springfield,
Plymouth, and the
2025 International
Quilt Festival in Houston



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Visit the International Quilt Festival in Houston, there are a large number of classes that tour members will be able to attend.

Visit to the Mayflower II and Pilgrim Hall Museum to learn about the Pilgrims experience.

Visit the Shelburne Museum Exhibitions, which include 18th and 19th-century houses and furniture, fine art and folk art and New England Quilt Museum at Lowell, which has a vast array of quilts on display.

See glorious Fall Colour during our travel through the New England countryside.



Work on an original project designed by Linda Collins during the tour.

DAY 1 Tuesday 7 October 2025

Houston

We depart Australia today on our flight to Houston, USA. We arrive the same day as we depart because we cross the International Date Line. Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States and an international business centre.

DAY 2 Wednesday 8 October 2025

Houston

We travel to the Painted Pony n Quilts located at La Porte this morning. This is a large store with a variety of fabrics. This evening Linda will escort the group to pre-view night at the International Quilt Festival..

DAY 3 Thursday 9 October 2025

Houston

The International Quilt Festival opens today to the public. There will be a large number of classes that tour members will be able to attend. Book early, so that you are able to register for those of your choice. They are offered in appliqué, design and all aspects of quilting. In the evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner to formally meet Linda and other tour members.

DAY 4 Friday 10 October 2025

Houston

We will visit the International Quilt Festival today. There will be time to browse among the displays and buy items for future quilting.



DAY 5 Saturday 11 October 2025

Houston

Today we travel to Le Grange to visit the Texas Quilt Museum. Housed in an historic 1895 building on La Grange's town square museum has a wealth of beautiful and historic quilts. The quilts on display have been made by internationally renowned quilt makers in traditional and avant-garde styles. We continue to Old Town Springs, where group members will be able to visit the many artisan shops for shopping.

DAY 6 Sunday 12 October 2025

Burlington

Today we fly north, to Burlington, the educational centre of Vermont. The 20,000 students at the University of Vermont enliven the town and in the downtown area there are many chic boutiques and an appealing menagerie of sidewalk wares, craft vendors and street performers. Those wishing to dine with the group will meet in the lobby to have dinner together.

DAY 7 Monday 13 October 2025

Burlington

Today we will travel a short distance to the 100 acre Shelburne Museum. Its thirty-five buildings contain one of the largest American quilt collections. Exhibitions include 18th and 19th century houses and furniture, fine art and folk art. This afternoon we visit Yankee Pride Quilts, which has a great selection of fabrics.



Linda Collins

Linda has been quilting for over 35 years and has been a serious antique quilt collector for over 25 years.

In 2003 Linda began an annual quilt exhibition in her barn. (Quilts In The Barn) that ran for 14 years as a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. She featured both Australian and International Quilters.

Linda began publishing patterns 15 years ago and now has over 30 patterns published. They are based on antique quilts in her collection and her own designs and published in Australian magazines and Quiltmania. In 2016 Linda began producing acrylic templates for her designs and she also had a book published by Quiltmania, based on antique quilts in her collection, with patterns to reproduce them. In 2018 Linda co-authored a book, based on designs inspired by antique quilts in her collection, with Martingale Publishing.

Linda has had five years' experience in Sydney and Melbourne Quilt show's retail booths and has planned, and hosted several Interstate and International Quilt teachers for quilt retreats in her home. She has also planned and hosted an International Quilt Historian in her home for several Quilt Retreats. Linda's antique quilt collection is extensive and she has held trunk shows for several Quilt Guilds and quilt shops in the past few years. She is currently hosting several quilt friendship groups in her studio, as well as designing and creating new quilts. In 2023 Linda led a Quilting tour to the USA.

DAY 8 Tuesday 14 October 2025

Burlington

We will continue our exploration of the region, seeing glorious fall colours as we drive along the shores of Lake Champion, the largest lake in the United States after the Great Lakes. We travel to Middlebury, an attractive town with Victorian style buildings converted into stores and restaurants. The pristine Congregational Church, the stately Middlebury Inn and Middlebury College make this a charming town. We visit the Quilters' Corner at Middlebury Sew-N-Vac. We will also visit Warren, a small village containing craft shops and an old style country store. The Warren Covered Bridge is reflected in the Mad River, which flows underneath it.



DAY 9 Wednesday 15 October 2025

Springfield

Our journey takes us south to the interesting Living History Shaker Commune, which was founded in 1790 and was active until 1960. We will tour the restored building and have time in the store, where many craft items are for sale. Those wishing to dine with the group meet in the lobby to enjoy dinner together.

DAY 10 Thursday 16 October 2025

Springfield

In the morning we visit picturesque Old Sturbridge Village, which re-creates village life in rural New England during the 1790ies until the 1830ies. We continue with a visit to Bayberry Quilt and Gift shop, which stocks fabric and completed quilts.

DAY 11 Friday 17 October 2025

Lowell

We travel east through the gorgeous New England countryside today. On the journey we stop at Valley Fabrics, Northampton for retail therapy. They stock fabrics, notions, kits, patterns and pre-cuts. Those wishing to dine with the group will meet in the lobby to have dinner together.



DAY 12 Saturday 18 October 2025

Lowell

Today we travel to Salem, the location of the Salem Witch Trials 1878. We visit the 17th century Witch House, the home of Judge Corwin, the only home still existing, with ties to the trials. We continue with a guided tour of the magnificent house of the Seven Gables, the setting for the 1851 novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne and visit its beautiful seaside garden.

DAY 13 Sunday 19 October 2025

Lowell

This morning we visit the New England Quilt Museum, which has a vast array of quilts on display. We will have a gallery talk with a local expert. We continue with a visit to the Boott Cotton Mills and explore the history of the mill girls and the Boott Mill boarding house.

DAY 14 Monday 20 October 2025

Plymouth

We journey south to Boston today, the cradle of American Independence and now New England's centre for finance and technology. We enjoy a Boston city tour with a local guide. During the tour we will see Paul Revere's House and Kings Chapel, home to the largest and sweetest-sounding bell. We will also see Faneuil Hall, and the Old Statehouse, which was the seat of Colonial Government from 1713. There will be free time to explore Boston, before we travel to Plymouth.



DAY 15 Tuesday 21 October 2025

Plymouth

Today we visit the Mayflower II the full scale reproduction of the tall ship. The original ship landed in Plymouth in 1620. A descendant of the Mayflower's original voyage, Dianne Miller, will demonstrate a quilt bed turning for our group. In the afternoon we will visit the Pilgrim Hall museum, which tells the story of the hazardous Mayflower voyage, the dreadful first winter and the first Thanksgiving.

DAY 16 Wednesday 22 October 2025

Plymouth

Today we will travel by ferry from Hyannis to historic Nantucket. We will have time to wander the quaint streets and browse in the interesting stores and boutiques that line them. We will enjoy a walk around the area, to see the beautiful houses in town and the harbour area. We will visit the Whaling Museum to learn about Nantucket's history. This evening we enjoy a Farewell Dinner to celebrate the end of our wonderful tour.

DAY 17 Thursday 23 October 2025

Departure

We travel to Boston airport to board our flight to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

DAY 18 Friday 24 October 2025

In flight

DAY 19 Saturday 25 October 2025

Australia

We arrive in Australia today and tour arrangements conclude.

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The cost of the tour is per person twin-share	\$ 10,190
Air taxes and fuel surcharges at 30/8/24 per person	\$ 470
Total package price per person twin-share	\$ 10,660
The price for a single supplement per person	\$ 3,100



Included in the Quilting Tour with Linda Collins are:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane to Houston and return from Boston to Australia. Please enquire about prices from Perth.
- Economy-class air travel from Houston to Burlington.
- Accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4 star rated centrally located hotels with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Breakfast daily, a welcome and farewell dinner.
- Travel in a first-class coach.
- Sightseeing and general entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary.
- Tour leadership by Linda Collins as detailed in the itinerary.
- The services of a Travelrite International Tour Manager.

The tour will be fully escorted by a professional Australian tour manager meeting the group in Houston for the tour. The tour manager will look after all the travel arrangements and each night the tour manager will organize a restaurant booking for anyone in the group interested in dining with other group members.

Not included in the cruise price:

- Passport and visa fees.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately.
- Air taxes, government and air fuel surcharges.

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