

Australia Quilt & Textile Tour 2025



September 15-26, 2025

Post-Tour Uluru

September 26-29, 2025



With Special Guest Guide
Pam Holland

Tour Hosts: Kim Caskey & Marcy Horswill

- Tailored small group tour
- With special guest Pam Holland
- Detailed custom itinerary
- Private presentations and hands-on workshops with expert instruction
- Quilt Show entrance
- Expert local guide, professional driver
- Maximum 25
- 2, 3 or 4 nights pre-tour hotel available
- Optional 3-night post-tour to Uluru
- Interest-free payment plan option

To register, visit

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Australia 2025

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Special Guest Guide: Pam Holland

Tour starts in Melbourne; Ends in Sydney

Pre-tour Melbourne (opt): September 11-14, 2025

- 2, 3 or 4-nights Melbourne 4-star hotel
- Guided activity with Pam Holland
- Special Meet & Greet Evening September 14
- \$169/night twin; + \$124 single

Land Tour: September 15-26, 2025

- 11 days/nights; 4-star hotels
- Melbourne (3 nights), Sydney (8 nights)
- \$6699 twin; + \$1500 single

Post-Tour Uluru (opt): September 26-29, 2025

- 3 nights Uluru 4-star hotel
- Special sight-seeing tours
- \$1999 twin; + \$600 single

(*All prices in USD *see page 4 Journeys Connect)

Registration deposit: \$500 per person

Maximum places: 25 (minimum 15)

Textile Artist,
Photographer,
Tutor, Illustrator,
Author, Judge,
Presenter,
Textile Culture Guide



Pam Holland

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Overview

Includes:

- **Meals:** Breakfast daily, 7 group dinners, 2 group lunches
- **Sight-seeing Tours** of Torquay, Phillip Island & Penguin Tour, Moonlit Sanctuary Conservation Park, Blue Mountains, Sydney, Sydney Harbour, Sydney Opera House, China Town
- **Quilt & Textile Activities** include Quilt NSW Quilt Festival, Amitie Quilt Shop (Jen Kingwell), Millrose Quilting & Gallery, Material Obsession (Kathy Doughty) with hands-on demonstrations & shopping; Creswick Woollen Mill, Eclectic Boogaloo Textile Tour, private & exclusive hands-on workshop with Pam Holland
- **Post-tour Uluru** includes *Sounds of Silence* dinner experience overlooking the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and morning Sunrise and Kata Tjuta Walpa Gorge tours. Recalibrate your understanding of the term natural wonder as you enjoy Australia's spiritual heart on this epic three-day Uluru adventure.
- 2 on-board Hosts
- Local, expert (and textile artist) Tour Guide
- Luxury coach/professional driver
- ... And so much more!



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Embark on an unforgettable journey that combines culinary delights, stunning sight-seeing, and engaging quilt and textile activities. Your adventure begins with daily breakfasts, setting the perfect tone for each day. Savour seven group dinners and two group lunches, providing ample opportunities to connect with fellow travelers over delicious meals.

Explore the scenic beauty of Torquay, Phillip Island, and the Moonlit Sanctuary Conservation Park. Witness the enchanting Penguin Parade and discover the breathtaking landscapes of the Blue Mountains. In Sydney, immerse yourself in iconic attractions such as Sydney Harbour, Sydney Opera House, and vibrant China Town.

For quilting and textile enthusiasts, this trip is a dream come true. Attend the Quilt NSW Quilt Festival and visit renowned shops like Amitie Quilt Shop, owned by Jen Kingwell, Material Obsession, owned by Kathy Doughty, and Millrose Quilting & Gallery. Enjoy hands-on demonstrations, mini-workshops, and shopping sprees at these renowned shops.

Continue your exploration of speciality textiles with a visit to the Creswick Woollen Mill and the Eclectic Boogaloo Textile Tour. Enjoy a private and exclusive workshop with Pam Holland in the comfort of your hotel, offering a unique opportunity to learn from one of Australia's master textile artists.

The adventure continues with a post-tour extension to Uluru, where you'll experience the mesmerizing *Sounds of Silence* dinner overlooking the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Marvel at the sunrise during the Kata Tjuta Walpa Gorge tour and let the natural wonders of Australia's spiritual heart recalibrate your senses over an epic three-day exploration.

Throughout the journey, you'll be guided by local experts and textile artists, ensuring an enriching and informative experience. Travel in comfort aboard a luxury motor coach with a professional driver, accompanied by two on-board hosts dedicated to making your trip memorable. More than just a tour... this remarkable journey is an immersive experience filled with culture, creativity, and camaraderie!



Pam Holland

Welcome to the enchanting world of textile art, where every thread and stitch is a creation. This intricate and captivating domain is not just a fleeting interest for me; it is my life's purpose, the very essence of my being. From the moment I first held a needle and thread, I knew I had found my calling. The art of weaving and sewing, of bringing fabric to life with colors and patterns, has been my passion, my driving force.

I am incredibly fortunate to share my love of textile art with people from all corners of the globe. Through workshops, exhibitions, and personal connections, I have seen firsthand how this art form can touch lives and spark inspiration. It is a universal language, transcending cultural and linguistic barriers, speaking directly to the soul. There are no fancy frills here, no pretense—just pure, unadulterated art from my heart, created with love and dedication.

While I could list accolades and achievements, I believe they pale in comparison to the joy and fulfillment I derive from my craft. Take my word for it: this is what I was meant to do. Each piece I create is a reflection of my inner world, a tangible expression of my emotions and thoughts.



Through textile art, I have found a way to connect with others, to share a piece of myself, and to contribute to the rich tapestry of human creativity.

"Artists are inventors, shaping the new from the already established."

Some of my ideas about quilts come to me through the whisperings of those who came before me and things unknown. I call them my *Whimsy Ideas!* Other inspiration comes from nature, my photography, my experiences in travel and the light in my expression as I see the world as a very special place.

To be really honest, I simply love sharing and enthusing students to look at the world just a little differently and express it through textile art.



Meet Your Tour Hosts

Kim Caskey

I have been sewing and creating my whole life and I am so grateful to have found my people!

I started quilting about 35 years ago, after a formal education in garment drafting and construction. I have a busy custom quilting business and am blessed to work on such beautiful creations every day.

I am passionate about quilting and grateful to have the opportunity to continue to inspire others. My intention is always to educate and enthuse in an atmosphere of fun and support. I have instructed classes and workshops in basic and advanced techniques for guilds and groups all over the world, thanks to my international quilting connections.

I have hosted specialized tours to many international destinations over the years, including Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, France, Italy, Japan, and Newfoundland. I look forward to travelling with you!



Marcy Horswill

Since I was a little girl, drawing on paper with pencils and crayons was part of my self-expression. As an adult, creativity is my passion... I work hard to be creative every day. I love to make artwork with my hands and dabble in quilting, fibre art, wood-block printing, wood carving and painting on stones. However, I am often intrigued to use computer software as my medium. My illustrations and graphic designs begin as doodles or sketches, which are transferred to my computer—playtime begins.

A graphic designer since 1985, visual representation of concepts and ideas is foremost in my mind. Though originally self-taught as a computer-based designer, I eventually pursued a Bachelor of Design and later a Master of Fine Arts in Fibre Art simply out of curiosity and a personal commitment to life-long learning. Quilting, fibre art, and textile surface design are intertwined with other artistic interests.

My career parallels my passion as past Editor of Canadian Quilting Magazine and currently as Publisher of the BC and Alberta Country Registers.



I have been working closely with Marc Kavanagh and his team at Journeys Connect as the Tour Operator for all tour destinations outside of North America. Benefiting from over 37 years' experience, Journeys Connect is a business-to-business wholesale travel provider offering tailor-made group and specialty vacation programs to Europe, South America, Africa, and Japan. Their services are available exclusively to travel industry professionals and can offer optional travel insurance through TripMate Inc.

"Whether it is a family group enjoying a culinary experience in Tuscany, a small group of 14 on a experiential vacation in the UK, a larger affinity group traveling through France and Spain, or a group of friends on a golf experience in Ireland and Scotland, we have the experience and knowledge to take care of every aspect of your group's travel arrangements. We strive not just to meet the expectations of our customers, but to exceed them."

Marc's dedication to professionalism, stellar customer service, and his ability to always go above and beyond, far outweighs the slight inconvenience of pricing tour packages in USD\$.



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What You Need To Know

Kim Caskey Tours:

Thank you for your interest in Kim Caskey Tours! Our tours offer exciting sightseeing experiences and unique activities for quilt and textile enthusiasts. Even your non-quilting friends will find plenty to enjoy, as we cater to everyone. All you need is a love of travel, an interest in meeting new people, and a willingness to have fun!

How to register for this tour:

- Print and complete the brochure/registration form and email it to Kim at kim@kimcaskey.ca
- Alternatively, you can send a photo of each completed page to Kim at 780-288-9008
- If you would prefer to speak to Kim directly, please call 780-288-9008 (Canada)
- A \$500 deposit (refundable until December 1, 2024), processed on your credit card, will hold your spot

Payment of your tour:

- Choose what portions of the tour you wish to purchase on the registration form (pre-tour, land tour, post-tour, TripMate travel insurance)
- The total amount of your purchase, less your \$500 deposit (and TripMate travel insurance premiums) will be divided into 6 payments, payable on the first of each month January through June, 2025
- Payments are processed by Journeys Connect through your credit card on file with them
- Alternatively, you may choose to pay in full
- Payment plans offered are at NO additional cost or fee

Airfare:

- Airfare from your home airport to Melbourne and return from Sydney is not included in the tour package cost
- Group airfare cannot be accommodated as many travelers choose to arrive early or extend their trip, while others use their frequent flyer miles; booking your own airfare will allow for these options

**IMPORTANT: MID-TOUR AIR TRAVEL:

- The Land Tour itinerary requires air travel from Melbourne to Sydney on Thursday, September 18, as well as coach transfer to and from the airports
- The cost for this air travel is estimated to be ~\$100 to \$150 AUD per person
- Once the minimum number of travellers has been reached (15) and flights are available to book, a group air package will be booked by Journeys Connect in conjunction with the itinerary
- You will be advised of the cost as soon as it becomes available, and should you wish to proceed with your registration, the cost will be added to your account (to be paid with your 6 instalments)
- You will have the option to cancel your registration should you desire **Initial:**

**IMPORTANT: POST-TOUR ULURU AIR TRAVEL:

- The post-tour Uluru extension requires air travel from Sydney to Uluru on Friday, September 26, return from Uluru to Sydney on Sunday, September 29, as well as coach transfers to and from the airports
- The cost for this air travel is estimated to be ~\$300 to \$350 AUD per person
- Once the minimum number of travellers has been reached (10) and flights are available to book, a group air package will be booked by Journeys Connect for this post-tour extension
- You will be advised of the cost as soon as it becomes available, and should you wish to proceed with your registration, the cost will be added to your account (to be paid with your 6 instalments)
- You will have the option to cancel your post-tour registration should you desire **Initial:**

Meeting Up With The Group in Melbourne:

- Travellers will make their own way from the airport to the hotel via taxi or Uber or other arrangement; there is no hotel shuttle service
- The *Meet & Greet* evening event will take place in the hotel on Sunday, September 14; the meet-up time and exact location will be announced well ahead of travel time
- When booking your air travel, please be aware it is your responsibility to schedule your flight(s) to arrive in time for you to meet the group at the designated hotel prior to the start of the tour
- If your flight is delayed or canceled and you arrive outside the designated group departure time, it will be your responsibility (including any associated costs) to meet up with the group after you arrive; please contact Kim if you are unable to meet at the designated time and we will work with you to suggest alternate transportation
- At the end of the tour, transportation to the designated airport may be available but the cost associated for this transfer is not included; further information will be provided closer to travel time

Pre-travel Information Sessions:

- You will be invited to attend a few information sessions presented by Kim Caskey Tours via Zoom; these will be scheduled once per month beginning in March 2025 and will be recorded for viewing later
- These information sessions (and associated resources discussed) will provide you with valuable information about your tour, including information on the sites, shops, hotels, and events you will be attending, as well as suggested airline flights, necessary and handy smart phone apps, currency, electricity, packing advice, etc.

Accommodation:

- Hotel accommodations are provided at four or five-star, centrally located hotels
- Specific hotel information and websites will be advised during an information session

Roommate:

- If you do not have a roommate, but would like to register as twin-share, please let me know
- I cannot guarantee that you will be paired with a roommate, but all attempts will be made
- If a roommate cannot be found for you, you will be responsible for the single supplement fee as indicated
- If you registered as twin share (two travelers per room) and your roommate must cancel for any reason, you will be responsible for paying the additional single supplement charge should another roommate not be found
- If you have travel insurance (strongly recommended), this additional unexpected cost may be recoverable through your insurance policy; be sure to read your policy carefully

Specialty Activities & Free Time:

- We have worked closely with the quilt shops and textile artists on this tour to offer an authentic quilting experience
- No special supplies or fabric will be required, and any necessary kits will be supplied
- Further information will be available at an information session
- This tour is full of history, sites, and places of interest; our guides will elaborate on various and alternative activities to consider as we approach each location
- Historical sites such as churches and landmarks, photography opportunities galore, or even a round of golf are a few activities to consider, and can be arranged
- Any costs associated with these activities will be the responsibility of the traveler

What You Need To Know

Dress Code:

- Casual and comfort!
- Plan to bring clothing that you can layer, as the temperatures can vary in different parts of the country and throughout the day
- Casual pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, t-shirts, a light sweater, etc. are suggested
- You may want to pack a bathing suit for use in hotels that have pools or hot tubs
- Packing one "nice" outfit is always a good idea
- Comfortable walking shoes or sandals are a MUST!
- A waterproof jacket with a hood is highly recommended and carrying an umbrella is not recommended, as it doesn't leave your hands free to take photos!

Flexibility:

- Every effort is made to follow the planned itinerary, however, please keep in mind this tour has been planned more than a year in advance and therefore, some changes or revisions may be required due to timing, weather, or closures
- Any change necessary will only enhance your experience

I have read and understand the points listed above

Signature

Date