

2012 Art & Textile Tour

September 6-19, 2012

Patchwork-Europa in Alsace, France

Limited to 20 participants
~ Exciting Itinerary ~Fun-Loving Group ~

It certainly comes as no surprise that Jeanne Mills Tours is heading to France in 2012. We are going to Alsace, in eastern France, in September 2012 to attend the Patchwork-Europa exhibition, held in four little villages in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains.



We will meet in Strasbourg, visit the city and then move to a hotel in Colmar, slightly closer to Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, which is the largest of the villages and the one with most of the exhibition venues. You will have the opportunity to attend the show for two days. From Colmar we will also visit a few charming wine villages on the “route des vins”, as well as the outlet for Beauvillé table linens and beautiful printed fabric.

We are close enough to Germany to cross the Rhine and spend a day in Freiburg.

Our coach will take us from Alsace to Beaune in the Burgundy wine region. Though we may indulge in a glass of local wine, we will be particularly interested in visiting the Hospices de Beaune, a former charitable almshouse of architectural interest, dating from the 15th century.

Finally we will travel by coach north to Paris.

An extension of 3 days, through the night of September 21st is available for those who would like to spend a few days in Paris before returning home. The extension will include a visit to the Palace of Versailles.

Be assured that we have thought carefully about the visits and activities on the itinerary. Jeanne has visited all the sights and stayed in 3 of the 4 hotels. We plan with great attention to detail. Since our first tour in 1995, we have worked diligently to offer you the best possible experience. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled trip. Jeanne and Mary Ellen are seasoned travelers, who love exploring in France.

Look closely at our itinerary and tour details as outlined on the following pages. Share the itinerary and details with friends. We encourage you to sign up now. Please contact us with your questions.



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Tour cost is \$3650 in a twin room

Single room supplement is \$775

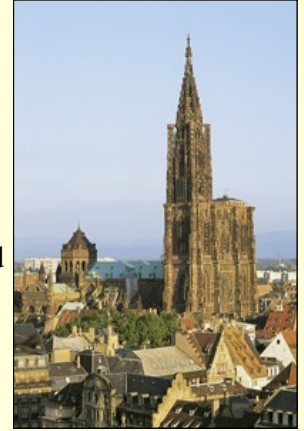
3-day extension in Paris. See details on page 4

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Itinerary for the September 2012 Tour to Alsace & the Patchwork-Europa Exposition

Wednesday, September 5—Flying day

The journey begins! From the airport closest to your home, take your overnight flight to Strasbourg, where the group meets and the tour starts. There are several routes, one of which is an Air France flight which will have you landing in Paris and connecting on to Strasbourg. If you are uncertain, check with travel agent/quilter friend Suzanne Cox (suzannefrank@aol.com).



Thursday, September 6—Day 1

Before dinner we will meet in the hotel lobby for a “welcome drink” and a chance to meet and greet each other.

Friday, September 7—Day 2

To acquaint us with Strasbourg, a UNESCO World Heritage city, a local guide will be on hand for a walking tour of the charming Petite France area adjacent to our hotel. The visit will include a visit to the pink-stoned gothic cathedral, Notre Dame de Strasbourg, in the middle of the historic district. In the afternoon our guide will take us to the Alsatian Museum, a museum of art and folk tradition. It is located in three of Strasbourg’s old houses, which are linked together by wooden staircases and passageways. The museum contains roughly a thousand objects attesting to rural Alsatian life from the 18th and 19th centuries. In reconstructed interiors, costumes, furniture and furnishings, earthenware, toys, and religious and secular images are displayed.



Saturday, September 8—Day 3

To see a bit more of Strasbourg’s city center, we’ve scheduled a short visit on the Petit Train de Strasbourg, after which you are free to take off on your own to explore the city, browse, shop, take photos or take a leisurely walk along the banks of the River Ill, which encircles the city center.

Sunday, September 9—Day 4

A guided visit of the Museum of Decorative Arts, located in the Palais Rohan adjacent to the cathedral, will be the activity this Sunday morning. The museum is divided into two sections: the sumptuous apartments of the Cardinal de Rohan and the collection of decorative arts of Strasbourg. During the free afternoon, you might enjoy visiting one of the other museums in the city or take a boat ride on the Ill River.

Monday, September 10—Day 5

Pack up! We’re leaving Strasbourg and heading south to Colmar, our home base for the next six nights. It’s not far. On the way we have a morning guided visit at Haut Koenigsbourg Castle, a medieval fortress, which was restored in the early 20th century. We plan to arrive in Colmar in time for a get-acquainted Petit Train visit of the town at the end of the afternoon.

Tuesday, September 11—Day 6

A guided visit of the Frederic August Bartholdi Museum is scheduled. Does the name ring a bell? Bartholdi was the designer/sculptor of our Statue of Liberty. The museum is housed in Bartholdi’s childhood home, a vast 17th century residence in Colmar. You are free this afternoon to wander the streets of the town center and discover the charm of Colmar, which, as the capital of central Alsace, has an outstanding architectural and historical heritage.

Wednesday, September 12—Day 7

By coach we head west toward the Alsatian vineyards and wine villages. First we’ll go to the outlet for Beauvillé table linens in Ribeauvillé. Bring your table measurements if you think you might want to buy a tablecloth. You’ll drool over the beautifully printed, colorful tablecloths, placemats, napkins and kitchen towels, as well as fabric on the bolt. In the afternoon, we’ll visit the villages of Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr; both are touristy, but then we are tourists.

Thursday, September 13—Day 8

It’s quilt show time! Whichever you call it, Patchwork-Europa or the Carrefour Européen (CEP) it’s all about quilts! LOTS of quilts and LOTS of vendors and LOTS of quilters are spread out in Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines and three nearby little villages in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. Did I mention 125 vendors? Have cameras, Euros and good walking shoes.



Friday, September 14—Day 9

OK, so you need another day at Patchwork-Europa. This will give you time to take the free shuttle buses between the villages.



Saturday, September 15—Day 10

A change of pace today, in fact a day trip across the open border to Freiburg, Germany. Freiburg is the capital of southwestern Germany. The minster or cathedral is its most famous landmark. The cathedral square, or Munsterplatz, is the focal point and heart of the town, and is surrounded by Freiburg's picturesque old quarter. We've planned a morning guided visit and free time in the afternoon to browse in the historic town center.

Sunday, September 16—Day 11

Again we board the coach with packed bags, and leave Alsace for the town of Beaune, capital of Burgundy wines and "city of art". In addition to being situated in the Burgundy wine region, Beaune is known for its historic 15th century charitable almshouse, the Hospices de Beaune. After leaving our luggage at our hotel, a guided visit of the town is planned for this afternoon.

Monday, September 17—Day 12

Today we have a guided visit of the Hospices de Beaune and a visit at La Moutardarie, the last independent family-owned mustard factory in France. The remainder of the day is free for rest and relaxation, or wandering through Beaune's cobblestone streets and photographing its historical mansions, medieval half-timbered houses and flowered squares and gardens. Or perhaps you'd like to visit the Burgundy Wine Museum or stop in a wine cave for a taste of Burgundy whites or reds.



Tuesday, September 18—Day 13

From country to capital city, one more coach ride, this one to take us from Beaune to Paris and deliver us at the door of our hotel in the 7th arrondissement.

Wednesday, September 19—Day 14

If you are not staying extra days in Paris, it's time to pack your bags, and gather up your memories and souvenirs and head back home.

3-Day Extension—September 19, 20 & 21

Whether you've never been to Paris or whether, like some of us, you have left your heart in Paris and want to spend a few days in the "City of Light", you can sign up for the three-day extension.

Wednesday, September 19—Extension Day 1

We're off to spend a day in Versailles, specifically at the Palace of Versailles. We'll get there on the RER, the regional train network, and have a self-guided audio-tour of the Palace itself. Your entry ticket will allow you to visit the Gardens, the Grand and Petit Trianons and the charming Hamlet of Marie Antoinette, during the remainder of the day.



Thursday, September 20—Extension Day 2

This morning we have a guided walking tour in Paris. The afternoon is free for all those "must-see" places on your lists.

Friday, September 21—Extension Day 3

The shops are open, as are all the museums and monuments. Fill the day with visits, or take a leisurely stroll in the Luxembourg or Tuileries Gardens. Take a ride on a Bateau Mouche, or ride up to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Our newsletters will have suggestions when we learn of exhibits of interest during our days in Paris.



Saturday, September 22

And now it really is time to say "au revoir" to Paris and France and, with a suitcase full of souvenirs and memories, head for the airport and home.

Trip Details and Registration

September 2012 Tour to Alsace & the Patchwork-Europa Quilt Show

The price of the tour includes:

- 13 nights in three star hotels
- All breakfasts, 4 dinners
- All ground transportation as described in itinerary
- Admission to all museums and monuments in itinerary
- Admission to Patchwork-Europa Exhibition
- Guide and driver gratuities
- Extensive pre-trip preparation

Not included in the cost of the tour:

- Air fare & transfers between airports and hotels
- Beverages for included meals
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Personal expenses

Cost of the tour per person is \$3650 (double occupancy in twin room).

A minimum of 15 participants is needed to proceed with the tour at this price. Your deposit will be fully refunded if we do not meet our minimum. In early April hotels must be notified that we have a minimum of 15 tour registrants. To register for the tour, print out the registration form and mail it with your \$300 deposit to Jeanne.

Five single rooms are available. Contact Jeanne for details. Approximate cost of the single room supplement is \$775.

3-Day Extension in Paris—September 20-22. The tour ends in Paris, but if you, like us, would like to spend a few more days in Paris before returning home, we've booked hotel rooms for another 3 nights. We've planned a day trip to Versailles and a morning guided walk in Paris.

The cost of the 3-day extension, per person, in a twin room is \$600.

Approximate cost of single supplement for extension is \$225.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Notice of cancellation must be in writing. See payment schedule below.

- The deposit of \$300 is non-refundable.
- If you contact us before June 1, 2012, we will refund 90% of your May 1, 2012 payment.
- If you contact us before June 30, 2012, we will refund 50% of your May 1, 2012 payment.
- There is no refund after June 30, 2012.

Trip cancellation insurance and health insurance is strongly advised, so that you will be protected if you find it necessary to cancel the tour or return home early. We will mail you an insurance brochure so you can be informed.

We cannot be responsible for changes in the itinerary that result from actions taken by our suppliers. In good faith we will make the best alternative plans possible.

Tour details are subject to change based on size and energy of the group, as well as new exhibits and ideas coming to light.

Please note: The cost of the tour is subject to a small increase should the dollar become weaker, resulting in an increase in land costs.

Payment Schedule

Non-refundable deposit due with registration _____	\$ 300
May, 1, 2012 _____	1675
July 1, 2012 _____	1675
July 1, 2012 (single supplement approx.) _____	775
July 1, 2012, 3-Day Extension _____	600
July 1, 2012 3-Day Extension (sing. supplement) _____	225

Need help with your air tickets?
Our quilter/travel agent friend
Suzanne Cox, will be happy to
help you with your flights.

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SuzanneFrank1@aol.com

We have planned the itinerary to include historic, artistic and cultural activities of interest to all travelers. Except for days when we change hotels, you are always free to absent yourself from the group and plan your own day.

Please note: You will be lifting and carrying your own suitcase and hand luggage during the tour. Luggage (one checked bag and one carry-on bag) and “packing light” will be discussed in our newsletters. Participants need to be in good physical health to enjoy fully this moderately strenuous tour. There will be steps and an abundance of cobblestone streets to navigate. Please check with your doctor if you have specific health concerns, and contact Jeanne, if you would like further information regarding the pace of the excursion.

Starting in March you will receive monthly newsletters filled with descriptions of the cities, towns and villages, as well as museums, monuments and places of interest on our itinerary. Included will be suggestions for packing and pre-trip reading. Before the tour begins the group will be invited to meet in Pacific Grove for an introduction to each other, and an overview of the tour’s destinations and activities. This is a chance to have your questions answered and to share your ideas and specific interests. Jeanne, (831) 647-8973, is always available to chat by phone or email to answer your questions.

Friends and family members are welcome. If possible, we will match up singles (non-smoking only) wanting a roommate. In addition to planned activities, there will be time to browse in the shops, discover a treasure, find the right moment for a photo, make a sketch and spend time with other quilt makers on the tour. Except for lunch and tea breaks, it is not unusual to be on your feet most of the day.

Registration Form

Sign me up for the September 6-19, 2012 tour to Alsace and the Patchwork-Europa Quilt Show.

Sign me up for the September 20-22, 2012 3-day extension in Paris.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone # _____

I will be sharing a room with: _____

I would like a single supplement.

I would like a roommate, but I am willing to pay the single supplement if one cannot be found.

At the time of the tour I will be 60 years old or older.

Any disabilities or health problems we should be aware of? _____

Name & phone number of emergency contact: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send this registration form with a check for \$300 (your non-refundable deposit).

Make check payable to Jeanne Mills and mail to:
Jeanne Mills, P.O. Box 51143, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Sorry, we are unable to accept credit cards.