

COUNTRY HERITAGE TOURS

QUILT TOURS

AMERICAN HEARTLAND QUILTS

KANSAS CITY | CHILlicothe | DES MOINES | WINTERSET | LINCOLN | OMAHA

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



Kansas City, Missouri



JUNE 5 – 11, 2024

HAND-SELECTED HOTELS

KANSAS CITY: Hampton Inn KC Downtown/Crossroads

DES MOINES: Embassy Suites Des Moines Downtown

LINCOLN: Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Haymarket

6 NIGHTS

Hotel accommodations, including baggage handling

9 MEALS

American breakfast **B** daily, 1 Lunch **L**, 2 dinners **D**

DEPARTURE TRANSFER

Return transportation to Omaha Airport (OMA)

TOP-RATED HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick-off Welcome Meeting
- Old City Market, Kansas City
- Kansas City Shop Hop
- Missouri Star Quilt Co.
- Missouri Quilt Museum
- Amish Country Store & Bakery
- Winterset, Iowa
- Iowa Quilt Museum
- Airing of the Quilts Festival
- Bridges of Madison County Covered Bridge Tour
- Piece Works Quilt Shop
- Farm-to-Table Lunch at Wallace Farm
- International Quilt Museum Guided Tour
- IQSC Preservation Room Tour
- Cosmic Cow Fabrics and Quilting
- Country Sampler Quilt Shop
- Old Market, Omaha
- Customary Farewell Dinner

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DAY 1 KANSAS CITY ARRIVAL – TOUR BEGINS

Welcome to vibrant **Kansas City!** Settle into your downtown hotel for a two-night stay and anticipate the excitement of meeting fellow quilters and your Tour Manager at tonight's **Welcome Meeting**. Rest up for the days ahead filled with quilting wonders and budding friendships.

DAY 2 KANSAS CITY

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast before diving into the world of quilting on our **Kansas City Shop Hop**. Wander through **City Market**, enjoy lunch at your leisure, and then continue to another specially selected quilt shop. In the evening, experience the bustling Power & Light district or relax at the hotel, sharing your fabric treasures with your newfound friends. **B**

DAY 3 KANSAS CITY – HAMILTON

Set off for Hamilton, the enchanting "Quilting Wonderland" and home to the renowned **Missouri Star Quilt Co.** Indulge in a shopping extravaganza at Batik Boutique, Kids & Baby, and more than 10 other themed quilt shops downtown. Discover the captivating world of the **Missouri Quilt Museum**, showcasing antique sewing machines, vintage buttons, thimbles, toy sewing machines, and mesmerizing quilts. Spend the evening bonding with fellow travelers over today's delightful finds. **B D**



DAY 4 HAMILTON – WINTERSSET – DES MOINES

Journey to **Winterset, Iowa**, stopping by the **Amish Country Store and Bakery** to explore the delightful assortment of local homemade Amish crafts and treats. Arrive in Winterset for the much-anticipated **Iowa Quilt Museum's annual Airing of the Quilts**. Enjoy hundreds of quilts displayed throughout the historic downtown square to the famous Covered Bridges. Visit the legendary **Piece Works Quilt Shop**, established by **Marianne Fons and Liz Porter**, before heading to your **Des Moines** hotel for a relaxing evening and dinner at your leisure. **B**

DAY 5 DES MOINES – WINTERSSET – LINCOLN

Return to Winterset for a **guided excursion of the iconic covered bridges** featured in the classic film, **The Bridges of Madison County**. Next, discover more than 40 acres of orchard and produce gardens, then delve into the world of prairie plants while savoring a **farm-to-table lunch at the historic Wallace Farm**. Later, arrive in **Lincoln, Nebraska**, and spend your free evening exploring the lively Haymarket district for al fresco dining or browsing local art galleries for quilting inspiration. **B L**



DAY 6 LINCOLN

Tour the **International Quilt Museum**, where you'll explore exhibitions and **visit the preservation laboratory**. Browse the museum's gift shop for unique patchwork gifts and memorabilia, then satisfy your quilting cravings at **Cosmic Cow Fabrics and Quilting**. Send off your newly acquired treasures at the post office on your afternoon free time. Tonight, celebrate your amazing journey at our customary **Farewell Dinner**. Afterward, gather to exchange memories, addresses, and plans for future quilting adventures with your newfound friends. **B D**

DAY 7 LINCOLN – OMAHA – TOUR ENDS

Stop by the **Country Sampler Quilt Shop** where fabric-stocked shelves and sale tables make for wonderful last-minute discoveries. Next, enjoy lunch and shopping in **Omaha's charming Old Market**. Transfer to the airport and embark on your journey home, cherishing the unforgettable memories from your extraordinary quilting adventure. Stay connected with your new quilting friends and let the inspiration from this trip guide your future projects. **B**



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