

## Festival of Quilts – Heritage Park Calgary

May 26 - 29, 2023 Depart SK

May 27 - 29, 2023 Depart AB

*“Friends and quilts are great no matter how they are put together.”*

### **May 26 Saskatoon/Regina, SK to Medicine Hat, AB**

Our weekend excursion begins as friends and quilters alike gather and travel to Medicine Hat.

### **May 27 Calgary, AB – 2 Nights (B,D or S)**

We are joined by our Alberta quilting friends today. On arrival in Calgary a stop is planned at **Along Came Quilting** before arriving at **Heritage Park** for the balance of the day. **The Festival of Quilts** has been “a thing” since 1996. Growing into a display of more than 500 quilts, it has become **Western Canada’s Largest Outdoor Show**. Explore the **Merchant Mall** to see what’s new in the quilting world, and stroll through the park admiring quilts adorning the historical facades of the park. This evening we enjoy the festival’s **“special event”** – details pending. In the past it has been a dinner or SEWcial enhanced by a guest lecturer or trunk show.

Situated on the banks of the Glenmore Reservoir, **Heritage Park** features exhibits spanning Western Canadian history from the 1860s to the 1950s. Many of the buildings are

historical and were transported to the park to be placed on display. Others are re-creations of actual buildings. Most of the structures are furnished and decorated with genuine artifacts. Staff dress in historic costume, and antique automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles travel throughout the site.

Accommodation is conveniently located at **Grey Eagle Resort and Casino**. In addition to the **4-star accommodation**, you may choose to enjoy the indoor pool, fitness centre, outdoor hot tub or the over 80,000 square feet of gaming options.

### **May 28 Calgary, AB (B)**

Following a leisurely breakfast, we visit **Out of Hand Quilt Shop** before returning to **Heritage Park** for a **second day at the Festival of Quilts** and another day of exploration. Plan your next project, take a train ride or just relax among the handmade treasures on display

### **May 29 Regina/Saskatoon, SK (B)**

Sit back, relax and share ideas with fellow quilters as our mini-vacation returns home.

### Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes

Twin: \$759 | Triple: \$659 | Quad: \$609 | Single: \$ 979  
Twin: \$839 | Triple: \$739 | Quad: \$689 | Single: \$1099

Depart AB – 2 Night’s accommodation  
Depart SK – 3 Night’s accommodation

### Package Includes:

Motor Coach Transportation \* Nightly Accommodation with Baggage Handling (one suitcase per person) \* All Breakfasts; 1 Dinner or SEWcial \* Professional Tour Director \* Inclusions as **highlighted** in itinerary

B = Breakfast | D = Dinner | S = SEWcial

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## Missouri Star Quilt Company

June 03 – 12, 2023 Depart AB

June 03 – 11, 2023 Depart SK

*“Quilting and Travel are gifts you give yourself.”*

### June 03 Brooks, AB to Estevan, SK

Join fellow quilt enthusiasts as your excursion to the **“Quilting Capital of the World”** begins. Spend a relaxing first evening in the border city of Estevan.

### June 04 Fargo, ND (B)

Today we enter the United States and travel through North Dakota. An afternoon stop at a **local quilt shop** sets us up for a night in Fargo.

### June 05 Omaha, NE (B)

Sitting on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River, Omaha is our destination for the day. On arrival we visit a **quilt shop** recommended by local guilds.

### June 06 St. Joseph, MO – 3 Nights (B, L, S)

A **visit** to the **International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska** in Lincoln includes a **self guided tour of the exhibits in four galleries** as well as the **behind-the-scenes tour** of the Byron and Sara Rhodes Dillow Conservation Work Room and Collections Storage. This special experience showcases an incredible collection of vintage quilts. We also enjoy an **included lunch** and time for the **museum gift shop**. A **three-night stay** at a lovely hotel, allows you to truly settle in. Enjoy fun and fellowship at tonight’s **“SEWcial.”**

### June 07 & 08 St. Joseph, MO (B, L, S) (B, S)

From its modest beginnings in 2008, **Missouri Star Quilt Company** has evolved into a quilter’s paradise, attracting visitors from near and far. Growing from a single brick building with a longarm quilting machine and a few shelves of fabric, under the guidance of founder **Jenny Doan**, it has evolved into **twelve themed quilt shops** on main street—each featuring a different fabric theme. You are guaranteed to find quilt fabric you’ll fall in love with! It’s like a theme park for quilters. The town of 1,500 was the birthplace of J.C. Penny and a stroll down the quaint main street of Hamilton showcases many unique stores. At this time Jenny Doan is not hosting trunk shows but will instead host **“Time With Jenny”** – an

opportunity to meet and get an autograph, where she will also participate in a question-and-answer session. When Jenny is not available, a **Trunk Show with Edie McGinnis** will be featured. Edie was once the editor of Kansas City Star Quilts, has published 18 quilt books and has had several patterns published. Prior to her retirement, she was the technical writer for Missouri Star Quilt Co.’s Block Magazine. During our visit we also enjoy an **included lunch** as well as entrance to the **Missouri Quilt Museum** – an impressive collection of contemporary and vintage quilts. On return to our hotel each day, relax over food and drink at the evening **“SEWcial”**.

### June 09 Council Bluffs, IA (B, L)

Driving through rural Missouri we enjoy a **guided tour of the Jamesport Amish Colony**. Known as the “Plain People”, the Amish live a simple life. We travel through a rural setting where **horse and buggies** are a common sight. A **visit** to an **Amish home** gives an inside glimpse into their life. We will **tour a creamery** where we are shown how they make their own cheese. In our travels we go past an **Amish School** and **cemetery**. **Also included** is a **traditional lunch** and time to visit local shops.

### June 10 Jamestown, ND (B, BP)

Continuing north, we travel through **South Dakota** stopping at a **quilt store** chosen by Better Homes & Gardens as a top 10. We continue to Jamestown for overnight and **Corben Tours End of Tour “BLOCK PARTY”**.

### June 11 Moose Jaw, SK (B)

We stop at **Duty Free** before clearing customs and returning to Canada. We say Sew-long to some of our travelling companions. Those staying in Moose Jaw may spend the evening in the **mineral pools of the Spa** or visiting the casino.

### June 12 Brooks, AB (B)

**Quilter’s Haven** opens its doors for one last shopping excursion before our tour continues to Alberta.

## Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes

Twin: \$1839 | Triple: \$1739 | Quad: \$1689 | Single: \$2709  
Twin: \$1929 | Triple: \$1829 | Quad: \$1779 | Single: \$2799

Depart SK - 8 Night's accommodation  
Depart AB - 9 Night's accommodation

## Package Includes:

Motor Coach Transportation \* Nightly Accommodation with Baggage Handling (one suitcase per person) \* All Breakfasts; 3 Lunches; 3 SEWcial; 1 Block Party \* Professional Tour Director \* Inclusions as **highlighted** in itinerary  
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## Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show – “the world’s largest”

July 05 - 14, 2023 Depart SK

July 06 - 13, 2023 Depart AB

*“In life we all have baggage. Fill yours with fabric.”*

### July 05 Saskatoon/Regina, SK to Brooks, AB

Our journey begins as our group assembles to travel to Brooks for overnight.

### July 06 Spokane, WA (B)

After being joined by our Alberta friends, we are on our way. Towering mountains surround us as we travel through the picturesque Crowsnest Pass. We enter the United States traveling via Sandpoint and Coeur d’Alene en route to Spokane for overnight. This evening, stroll through **Riverfront Park**, site of Expo ’74.

### July 07 Bend, OR – 2 Nights (B,)

Travelling via the Columbia River we continue south through agricultural lands. An old-fashioned main street in a quaint village nestled at the base of the Cascade Mountains – this is Sisters. This evening we include the **Quilter’s Affair Event featuring a popular quilt lecturer**. We spend the next **two nights in Bend**.

### July 08 Sisters/Bend, OR (B)

An exciting day is planned with a visit to **The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Largest Outdoor Quilt Show in the World**. The 1800’s era town is adorned with more than 1200 quilts hanging from every surface. Like-minded visitors stroll along the streets admiring these works of art and sharing ideas. Explore the shops including the **Stitchin’ Post quilt shop** – host of the event. On return to Bend, we visit **The Quilt Basket**.

### July 09 Tillamook, OR (B)

Beautiful mountain scenery and lush forests lead us to **Salem** where we take a break for lunch and a visit to **Craft Warehouse** where their quilting department is a favourite spot. We continue west to the Pacific Coast and the town of Tillamook.

On arrival we visit **Jane’s Fabric Patch** and **Tillamook Creamery** for a self-guided tour, sampling and shopping.

### July 10 Portland, OR (B)

This morning we visit the **Latimer Quilt and Textile Center**. This 1930’s converted schoolhouse features a textile gallery, a research library with out-of-print patterns and books, a quilting room, a spinning and weaving room and handcrafted gifts. Often local artists can be seen at work. Winding highway with **spectacular coastal views** leads the way to **Cannon Beach** – a mecca for artisans. On arrival we visit **Center Diamond Quilts** and then explore the streets lined with shops, galleries and restaurants. A stop is made to “dip a toe” in the Pacific. We return inland for overnight in Portland.

### July 11 Leavenworth, WA (B)

We travel to the beautiful alpine community of **Leavenworth** for the afternoon and evening to explore this lovely Bavarian town featuring unique shops, eateries and the **Leavenworth Quilt Company**.

### July 12 Sandpoint, ID (B, BP)

We continue east to Spokane for a stop at **Hog Wild Quilting**. We overnight in Sandpoint with an evening **“Block Party”**. Share special finds with new quilting friends and personal anecdotes of the tour.

### July 13 Brooks, AB (B)

We travel to Canada today returning to Alberta where we say “sew-long” to some of our group. Saskatchewan passengers overnight in Brooks.

### July 14 Regina/Saskatoon, SK (B)

### Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes

Twin: \$2319 | Triple: \$2039 | Quad: \$1989 | Single: \$3349  
Twin: \$1979 | Triple: \$1879 | Quad: \$1829 | Single: \$3189

Depart SK – 9 Night’s accommodation  
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