

Missouri Star Quilt Company

May 04 – 13, 2024 Depart AB

May 04 – 12, 2024 Depart SK

“Quilting and Travel are gifts you give yourself.”

May 04 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.

May 05 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.

May 06 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.

May 07 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.”**

May 08 & 09 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”**.

May 10 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.

May 11 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”**.

May 12 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.

May 13 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: \$2139 | Triple: \$2039 | Quad: \$1989 | Single: \$3019 Depart SK - 8 Night's accommodation
Twin: \$2259 | Triple: \$2159 | Quad: \$2109 | Single: \$3199 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

B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | S = SEWcial | BP = "Block Party"

Important Information:

Departure Points: You may depart from any location along the first day of travel. Please discuss your options when making your reservation.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required at time of booking. Your booking is **NOT** confirmed without this deposit. Should you need to cancel, this deposit will be retained. Travel Insurance is strongly encouraged. In the unlikely event Corben Tours needs to cancel, all deposits will be returned in full.

Forms of Payment: In an effort to reduce overhead costs for our guests, forms of payment include Cheque, Certified Cheque (payable to Corben Tours), Cash or E-transfer (cbconsult@myaccess.ca).

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Final Payment: Due 60 days prior to departure. Bookings made after this date require full payment by certified cheque or e-transfer at time of booking.

Cancellation: 60 – 31 days before departure – 25% penalty; 30 – 22 days before departure – 50% penalty; 21 – 0 days before departure – 100% penalty. Cancellation penalties may vary depending on tour, and suppliers.

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Accommodations: are constantly evaluated for their service and quality. All properties are selected for safety, amenities and cleanliness. Our guests needs and comfort are taken into consideration with the selection of all accommodation. At time of booking please indicate if you require 1 or 2 beds and any special needs (welcomed but can't be guaranteed). Single-Travelers may request a share. Although not guaranteed, every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. Special Needs Passengers must be accompanied by a fully capable companion.

Single – one person - 1 bed; **Twin** – two people – two beds; **Triple** – three people – two beds; **Quad** – four people – two beds. Cots are at the expense of the traveller and cannot be guaranteed.

Transportation Suppliers: Are selected based on quality, safety record and reputation. Each operator is closely scrutinized for quality and safety.

Identification: Passports are required for Canadian citizens travelling outside Canada. All others should check with the appropriate authorities for further requirements. Customs/immigration fees are the responsibility of the traveller. Corben Tours will not make refunds if you or your travelling companion(s) are denied entrance to a foreign country.

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