

Women of the Midwest

Travel Solo Together

ROAD TO CALIFORNIA

Quilters Conference & Showcase & Stunning San Diego

with Women of the Midwest

January 21-26, 2025







Dear Women of the Midwest,

Calling all quilters! This tour promises a journey brimming with ingenuity, cultural immersion, and discovery. This esteemed event offers attendees the opportunity to delve into the intricate world of quilting, where awe-inspiring showcases of artisanal craftsmanship await exploration. In the enchanting world of quilting, where every stitch tells a story and fabric becomes art, the Road to California Quilters Conference and Showcase stands as a beacon of inspiration and opportunity. This revered annual event, eagerly anticipated by quilting enthusiasts worldwide, invites you on a journey into a realm where creativity flourishes and community thrives.

Yet, the allure of the Road to California extends far beyond the classroom setting. Stepping onto the convention floor, you'll be immersed in a bustling marketplace with over 100 vendors. Amidst a kaleidoscope of colors and textures, you'll discover fabric, patterns, machines, and notions to fuel your creative endeavors. The prices are unbeatably low, and the choices are nothing short of astounding. It's a paradise for quilters, where every bolt of fabric and every spool of thread holds the promise of endless possibilities.

Of course, no quilting event would be complete without a showcase of quilts, and we will not be disappointed. The quilt contest, boasting nearly \$60,000 in cash prizes, serves as a testament to the skill and artistry of quilters from around the globe. Each quilt tells a unique story, each stitch bearing witness to the dedication and passion of its

creator. Special exhibits, such as micro piecing 200K and the Cherrywood Challenge, offer glimpses into cutting-edge guilting innovation, inspiring attendees to push the boundaries of creativity.

So, please join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience in stunning Southern California. We combine the Road to California Quilters Conference and Showcase with a stay in dazzling Shelter Island.

Yours in artistry, Susan Hanson, Ambassador Women of the Midwest





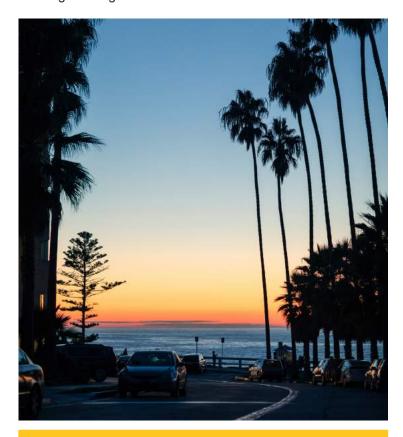






Day 1 - Tuesday - January 21, 2025
Road to California Quilt Show

Start your adventure by arriving at Ontario International Airport early afternoon and settling into the refined accommodations of Embassy Suites by Hilton Ontario Airport. This lovely hotel is conveniently located just over 2 miles from the Quilt show. Enjoy an opening reception at Victoria Gardens followed by a relaxing evening at the hotel. **D**



San Diego Palm Trees at Sunset

Day 2 - Wednesday - January 22, 2025
Road to California Quilt Show Continues

Start your day with a satisfying breakfast at the hotel. Get ready to be swept away into a world of vibrant colors, intricate designs, and boundless creativity at the Road to California quilt show! Upon arriving at the venue, the energy is electric as you step into a paradise of quilts, each one more awe-inspiring than the last. Marvel at the craftsmanship of prize-winning quilts, each telling a unique story through stitches and fabric. With a bustling merchant mall offering an array of quilting supplies, fabrics, and gadgets, you're sure to find treasures to ignite your creativity.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! Throughout the day, indulge your senses as you stroll through aisles filled with inspiration, exchanging tips and stories with fellow enthusiasts from around the globe. Feel the camaraderie and passion that unites quilters of all backgrounds and experiences.

As the sun sets on this unforgettable day, unwind at the hotel's included happy hour, reflecting on the day's highlights., Exchange contact information with newfound friends, knowing that the bonds formed over a shared love of quilting will endure long after the show ends. **B**

Day 3 - Thursday - January 23, 2025
Road to California Quilt Show Continues

Continue your exploration of the quilt show's wonders, embracing another day filled with artistic marvels. Indulge in the hotel's happy hour once more, enjoying the camaraderie of fellow quilting enthusiasts. **B**

Day 4 - Friday - January 24, 2025 Exploring Los Angeles to San Diego

Embarking from Embassy Suites, we commence our journey to vibrant Los Angeles, eagerly anticipating the bustling energy of the renowned Fashion District, where every street pulses with fabric and fashion deals. Amidst this dynamic district, Michael









Levine emerges as a must-visit destination for fabric enthusiasts, boasting three conveniently located stores on S. Maple Avenue, offering an impressive array of quilting and apparel fabrics at enticing prices.

As we venture towards San Diego, we take a delightful lunch break at Boudin SF in Costa Mesa, renowned for its famous bread dating back to 1849. Indulge in the rich flavors of California's culinary heritage with a signature sandwich or hearty soup served in a sourdough bread bowl.

Continuing our journey, we reach Humphreys Half Moon Inn, a serene coastal retreat nestled on Shelter Island. With its tranquil ambiance and scenic views, Humphreys Half Moon Inn offers a peaceful escape with luxurious accommodations and picturesque surroundings. Whether unwinding by the pool, strolling along the waterfront, or simply relaxing in the comfort of your room, Humphreys Half Moon Inn promises a restful and rejuvenating stay. **B**

Day 5 - Saturday - January 25, 2025

San Diego City Tour & Leisurely Exploration

Start your day with a visit to the Visions Museum of Textile Art (VMOTA) at Liberty Station, opening its doors at 10 AM. Delve into exhibitions celebrating the profound heritage and artistry of quilting and textile arts, tracing the museum's evolution from Quilt San Diego. After immersing yourself in the world of textile art, take some time to shop at Liberty Station or explore the surrounding areas.

Following your museum visit, embark on a city tour of San Diego, you'll immerse yourself in its rich history and culture. Explore iconic landmarks such as Cabrillo National Monument and Balboa Park, savoring the essence of this sparkling cityscape. As lunchtime approaches, treat yourself to a local favorite since 1938, SD Chicken Pot Pie, and experience the flavors cherished by generations as you refuel for the remainder of your day's adventures.

After lunch, take some time to explore Seaport Village and indulge in some leisurely shopping. With its charming waterfront

setting and unique boutiques, Seaport Village offers a delightful shopping experience amidst stunning views of San Diego Bay.

As the day draws to a close, reflect on the enriching experiences of your San Diego adventure before retiring for the evening. **B**

Day 6 - Sunday - January 26, 2025 Travel Home

As your journey draws to a close, depart from San Diego International Airport, bidding farewell to the captivating landscapes and unforgettable experiences of your California quilting odyssey. **B**

Itinerary subject to change.

B = Breakfast D = Dinner





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SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys/

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$3,395.00

Per person in a single room: \$4,295.00

Remember our "Pair & Share" program for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on September 28, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Register at least eight (8) months prior to departure and receive a \$200 DISCOUNT!

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 14, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This journey is a soft level 3. Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk approximately 3 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Group airfare:

Group airfare is included in your package. See separate insert.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Hotel Accommodations (confirmed 30 days from departure): Ontario - Embassy Suites Ontario Airport or similar San Diego - Humphreys Half Moon Inn or similar

Included:

- Airfare Omaha* Ontario / San Diego Omaha* economy class incl. taxes and fees (airfare is subject to change)
- 5 nights at 3 and 4-star hotels
- 5 x breakfast
- 1 x dinner
- All tours and admissions as per the tour program
- Transportation with private deluxe motor coach
- Baggage handling at hotels (1 bag per person)
- Women of the Midwest tour ambassador
- Professional, local tour director from arrival to Ontario to departure from San Diego
- All local taxes and fees

*If you are not based in Omaha, we are happy to assist with airfare from any city in the U.S.

Not Included:

- Baggage fees (usually \$40 for the first checked bag up to
- 50 lbs.)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for local tour director and motor coach driver
- (estimate \$20 per day in total)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fees, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found on our website at WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys/

GROUP AIR DETAILS!

Group airfare with United Airlines is included in your package:

| January 21, 2025 January 21, 2025 | Omaha* - Denver Denver - Ontario | 9:15 AM 11:15 AM | 9:53 AM 12:33 PM |
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| January 26, 2025 | San Diego - Houston | 1:30 PM | 6:40 PM |
| January 26, 2025 | Houston - Omaha* | 7:55 PM | 10:10 PM |

^{*}We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote.

Additional individual transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group in Ontario on January 21 is not possible. The same applies for the return from San Diego, should you leave on an earlier flight. We will take care

of this, without any additional cost.

Important notes about seat assignments and upgrades:

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time. Women of the Midwest/Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

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