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TRAVELRITE INTERNATIONAL USA QUILTING TOUR 2026

8 TO 25 FEBRUARY 2026

VISIT THE MODERN
QUILT CONFERENCE
QUILTCON FOR
FOUR DAYS

JOIN ALAN TREMAIN
WELL-KNOWN MODERN QUILT TEACHER

VISIT LINCOLN, HAMILTON, ST LOUIS, PADUCAH, JOHNSON CITY AND RALEIGH





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16 WONDERFUL
DAYS IN THE USA

ITINERARY FOR USA TOUR

Day 1 - Sunday 8 February 2026 Lincoln, NE

We depart Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane and fly via Los Angeles to Lincoln. We arrive the same day as we depart because we cross the International Date Line. On arrival we will be met by our private coach and transferred to our hotel.

Day 2 - Monday 9 February 2026 Lincoln

This morning, we will have free time to recover from our flight, while the more energetic might like to explore the town. Alan will give some suggestions. In the afternoon we visit the Calico House Quilt shop. There will be lots of new fabric for spring and summer. We will enjoy a welcome dinner tonight to formally meet Alan and other tour members.

Day 3 - Tuesday 10 February 2026 Lincoln

Today will be a highlight visit to the International Quilt Study Centre and Museum, an architecturally stunning new museum housing a treasure trove of quilts from many countries. People who love quilts and quilt making have worked many years to bring it into being. Alan will guide the group around the historical quilts and the best displays. I am sure our visit will be exciting and rewarding.



Day 4 - Wednesday 11 February 2026 Hamilton, MO

This morning, we will drive north to visit the Morman Trail Center at Winter Quarters. In the afternoon we head south to St. Joseph and visit the Albert-Kemper Museum in Missouri, which houses one of the finest collections of American Art from the Colonial Period to the present day. It is housed in the attractive period home of the Albert-Kemper's. We will continue our journey to Hamilton. Alan will meet those wishing to dine as a group in the lobby of our hotel.

Day 5 - Thursday 12 February 2026 Hamilton, MO

Hamilton is a town devoted to quilters. In the town there are many stores with specific fabric themes, where we will find friendly and helpful staff. We will visit the Missouri Star Quilt Co., founded by Jenny Doran. A prominent quilter who turned her hobby into a multi-million-dollar business. Jenny is the author of numerous articles; quilt patterns and contributes to the company owned quilt magazine. We will have a talk about the history of the Quilt Co. and time to buy inspiring quilting items. We visit Crossroad Quilting, a wonderful quilt shop with a great selection of fabrics and patterns and a good display of made-up bags.

Day 6 - Friday 13 February 2026 Hamilton, MO

We will have a tour of the small boyhood home of the department store tycoon J C Penny this morning. The house will take us back in time and give us information about J C Pennys' early businesses. Early afternoon we stop at the Missouri Quilt Museum, which houses exhibits from around the world and includes a permanent gallery showing quilts from the National Quilt Museum. The rest of the day will be free to explore Hamilton. Alan will give advice on shopping opportunities.

ALAN TREMAIN

Alan, a seasoned quilt designer and textile expert, has been involved in sewing for over 65 years, initially learning from his mother. He has held various textile-related positions both commercial and community based and played a significant role integrating guilds into the first Stitches and Craft Show as former President of the Handweavers and Spinners Guild of NSW. Known as Australia's longest-practicing male quilt designer, Alan runs Oz Quilt Design studio and is a sought-after tutor. He has been a member of QuiltNSW for over thirty years and is currently coordinating the Junior & Youth Block Challenge for their September 2025 exhibition. As a Quilt Historian and Conservation Expert, he conducts global classes and workshops and is currently authoring a book on quilt colour theory for quilt makers. His award-winning quilts are known for their saturated colour combinations and modern quilting influences.



Day 7 - Saturday 14 February 2026..... St Louis MO

Today we drive to Hannibal, situated on the Mississippi River, where the writer Mark Twain grew up. We will have free time and time to visit Hickory Stick Quilt store, which sells fabrics, flowers and a variety of gifts. We continue our journey to the vibrant city of St Louis, gateway to the west.

Day 8 - Sunday 15 February 2026 Paducah, KY

This morning in St Louis, we will visit the nicely restored home of President Grant, which is a National Historic site. We continue with a visit to The Quilted Fox an interesting fabric store. We travel on to Paducah, a hub for quilting shops and museums. On arrival, we check into our hotel where we'll spend the next three nights. In the evening Alan will meet those wishing to dine with the group.

Day 9 - Monday 16 February 2026 Paducah, KY

In the morning, we will walk to the nearby National Quilt Museum, home to many award winning and historic quilts. We will see over 150 antique and contemporary quilts on display. We then continue to Must Stitch Emporium, which sells a lovely array of fabrics and quilt supplies located downtown.

Day 10 - Tuesday 17 February 2026..... Paducah, KY

In the morning, we visit Paper Pieces, which supplies premium quality notions and pre-cut paper pieces for English Paper Piecing. There will be time for you to purchase lunch. We then continue with a visit to Hancock's of Paducah's Fabric Store. Bring your shopping list as you browse among the rows and rows of fabrics in this huge shop. Bargains can be found in the back room. The fabric fills the floor area, the walls are covered in books and notions. Home decorator fabrics and trims are also available. They will post them home from the shop on the day!

Day 11 - Wednesday 18 February 2026 Johnson City TN

Today we travel to Nashville the capital of Country and Western Music. We will visit the excellent Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum before continuing to Johnson City for an overnight stay.

Day 12 - Thursday 19 February 2026..... Raleigh NC

This morning, we travel to Raleigh. In the afternoon we will visit the opening day of QuiltCon - the Modern Quilt Guild Festival. QuiltCon is the largest modern quilt event in the world, hosted by the Modern Quilt Guild. With attendees coming from around the globe, QuiltCon features a vibrant quilt show full of competition quilts, community outreach quilts and special exhibits, as well as an enticing vendor hall, with all booths curated with the modern quilter in mind. QuiltCon also features lectures and workshops, available for registration with a four-day show pass. Most major quilt stores from surrounding states will have trade booths at QuiltCon 2026.

Day 13 - Friday 20 February 2026 Raleigh

We will visit day two of QuiltCon today. There will be time to browse among the displays and buy items for future quilting.

Day 14 - Saturday 21 February 2026..... Raleigh

We will visit day three of QuiltCon today or you can explore Raleigh. In the afternoon we will visit the Fabric and Quilt Outlet Mill Raleigh's oldest and best known fabric retailer, which was established in 1958.

Day 15 - Sunday 22 February 2026 Raleigh

We will visit day four of QuiltCon today or you can explore Raleigh. We will enjoy a farewell dinner tonight to say goodbye to Alan and other tour members and to celebrate our wonderful tour.

Day 16 - Monday 23 February 2026Departure

We travel to the airport to board our flight via Los Angeles to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane

Day 17 - Tuesday 24 February 2026..... In Flight

Day 18 - Wednesday 25 February 2026 Australia

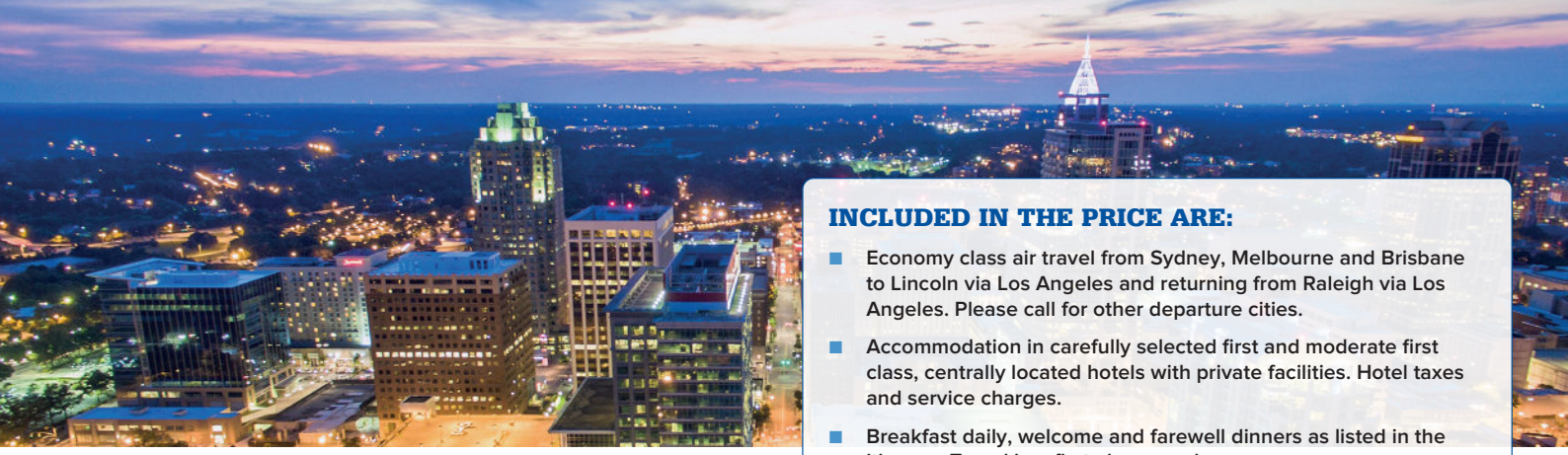
We arrive in Australia today and tour arrangements conclude.



Currently the world is entering an exciting phase for modern and art quilters, and it is so exciting to be part of this global movement.

Travelling to Quiltcon 2026 as a group will be so much fun especially seeing quilts solely influenced by modern quilting.

Alan Tremain



TOUR PRICE FOR USA TOUR

The cost of the tour is \$10,790 per person twin share

Air taxes and fuel surcharges at (2/2/25) \$325 per person

Total package price \$11,115 per person twin share

The price for a single supplement \$2800 per person

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE ARE:

- Economy class air travel from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Lincoln via Los Angeles and returning from Raleigh via Los Angeles. Please call for other departure cities.
- Accommodation in carefully selected first and moderate first class, centrally located hotels with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Breakfast daily, welcome and farewell dinners as listed in the itinerary Travel in a first-class coach.
- Sightseeing and general entrance fees including a four day pass to QuiltCon as detailed in the itinerary.
- Tour leadership by Alan Tremain as detailed in the itinerary. Work on a project designed by Alan while travelling on the tour.
- The services of a Travelrite International tour manager meeting the group in Lincoln

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