

# Celebrate English Textiles

Sew & Sew Retreats  
... creative textile workshops

## May 11 - 19, 2024

## Cost, Terms & Essential Information

**Cost: Single Occupancy is \$6,337 or Double Occupancy is \$6,137**

### What IS included:

- Pre-trip notes, guidelines & Zoom meeting
- Numerous cultural & textile experiences
- 8 Nights of lodging at the Petersham Hotel
- 5 Textile Workshops - 1 at the Royal School of Needlework
  - 1 Textile tour at Hand & Lock
- 1 Online, On-Demand Improv Hand Quilting class by Heidi Parkes
  - 4 Textile artist/teachers
  - 4 Workshop rental spaces
  - Most workshop supplies
  - Most workshop fabric
- 18 Meals or 8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners
  - 1 High Tea
- 1 Tour guide at Westminster Abbey, The Royal Mews & Tower of London
  - 6 Museum or sight-seeing excursion tickets including
    - Hampton Court Palace
    - Victoria & Albert Museum
    - Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
  - Some Ground transportation
  - Underground tickets
  - A few surprises!

### What is NOT included

- Airfare to and from England
- Transportation to and from airport in England (first & last days)
- Optional - 1 London Theatre Ticket
- Travel Insurance
- 4 Lunches and 3 Dinners
- Personal Shopping Purchases

## Payment Schedule

### Single \$6,337:

- **Deposit of \$2,113 is due at time of registration and is non-refundable**
- \$2,112 due by November 3, 2023
- \$2,112 or total remainder, due by February 9, 2024

### Double \$6,137:

- **Deposit of \$2,046 is due at time of registration and is non-refundable**
- \$2,046 due by November 3, 2023
- \$2,045 or total remainder, due by February 9, 2024

If payment is not received by the due date, Sew & Sew Retreats is entitled to give written notice that your guest retreat reservation is cancelled. You, the guest, will **remain liable to pay the balance of the reservation unless we are able to sell the retreat space.**

Your place on the *Celebrate English Textiles* retreat will be confirmed once receiving the non-refundable deposit of \$2,113 or \$2,046 of the total amount due. **The first payment must be made by credit or debit card or PayPal. Cashier's check will not be accepted for the first payment.**

The following payments may be made by **credit or debit card, PayPal or cashier's check.** If you choose to pay by cashier's check, make it out to **Linda Sweek** and mail it to **2441 N. 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53213.**

## Cancellation

**There are no refunds in the event of a guest cancellation.** The deposit is **not** refundable and there is **no** refund after the balance has been paid. Guests are **strongly encouraged to arrange travel insurance including cancellation coverage**, plus coverage for personal belongings, public liability, medical, etc.

In the event you need to cancel, you may find a friend to take your place for the retreat. Also, if we have a wait list, we can contact people on that list to replace your spot. Please contact me as soon as possible to see if we can transfer your spot to someone else.

## Travel Insurance

**Get it! Well, it is strongly encouraged for you to get it.** Think of it as a vital part of your travel arrangements. Insurance protects you, your trip, and your travel investment.

Travel suppliers, airline carriers, and Sew & Sew Retreats or Linda Sweek will not compensate any unforeseen expenses in the event of cancellation or failure to make your trip, missed flights, lost baggage, loss of health, death and/or accidents or emergency evacuation due to illness, natural disasters

or acts of terrorism. Also, it is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel insurance policy for the duration of the journey, not just airfare.

Here are two recommended travel insurance companies.

- 1) Squaremouth - <https://www.squaremouth.com/>
- 2) Travel Guard - <https://www.travelguard.com>

Should you decide not to purchase travel insurance, you assume sole financial liability for all direct and indirect consequences and costs resulting from events occurring before or during the trip.

You do not have the right to demand compensation from Sew & Sew Retreats or Linda Sweek, or retreat teachers for any unforeseen expenses incurred as a direct result of cancellation or failure to make your trip, lost baggage, loss of health, death, accidents and/or emergency evacuation due to natural disasters or acts of terrorism.

**As part of the Registration process, you need to ACCEPT or DECLINE that you will or will not purchase travel insurance. Please see the sample travel insurance form below.**



The image shows a sample form titled "Travel Insurance Waiver". At the top, it says "In order to move forward with your trip, I need you to ACCEPT or DECLINE travel insurance." and "Please click below to accept/decline and sign the form." Below this are three input fields for "First name\*", "Last name\*", and "Email\*" (with the example "ex: example@email.com"). A large orange "Sample" watermark is overlaid on the form. Under the "Travel Insurance Waiver" heading, there is a disclaimer: "\*\* By signing below, I understand that declining travel insurance could result in the loss of my travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. I also acknowledge that without insurance there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs or expenses incurred. \*\*". Below the disclaimer, it says "Please choose:" and has two radio button options: "I ACCEPT the attached Travel Insurance Quote." and "I DECLINE the attached Travel Insurance Quote. I understand that this could result in the loss of ALL of my travel costs." At the bottom left is a blue "Submit Form" button. On the right side, there is a small grey box with the text "Welcome! Tee h can I help you?"

## Passport Validity for England

Must be valid for the duration of your stay in the United Kingdom (At least six months remaining validity is required for onward travel to many other countries).

BLANK PASSPORT PAGES: One page required for entry stamp.

TOURIST VISA REQUIRED: Not required for less than six months.

Sew & Sew Retreats or Linda Sweek does not accept any responsibility should there be issues at the port of entry.

## **Credit or Debit Cards & Cash**

Make sure you contact your bank or credit/debit card company to inform them of your travel to England along with the dates of the trip. Otherwise, purchases may look suspicious and become alerted for fraud.

Cash is also accepted, but the currency is the English pound. This can sometimes be converted locally at a bank in the U.S. before the trip. Not all banks will do this, so investigate where you can exchange dollars to pounds before you go. Also, you can exchange money at the airport in England, but this will not be the best exchange rate.

## **Covid-19 Policy for England**

There are currently no Covid-19 restrictions in place by the English government. Also, there are no vaccination requirements.

## **Face Masks**

**We recommend you bring a face mask with you.** That way you are prepared if you are asked to wear one or feel a situation warrants wearing a mask.

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