

Celebrate Japanese Textiles

Sew & Sew Retreats
... creative textile workshops

Cost, Terms, & Essential Information

Cost

- Single occupancy bedroom - \$7,959

What IS included

- Pre-Trip notes, guidelines & Zoom meeting
- 13 Nights of lodging in Tokyo, Niigata & Kyoto
 - 2 Workshops
 - 2 Trunk Shows
- 1 On-demand Improv Hand Quilting class by Heidi Parkes
- 4 Textile artist/teachers/lecturers
- 4 Workshop Rental Spaces/Day
- Most workshop supplies
- Most workshop fabrics
- Several fabric dyeing experiences
- 34 Meals or 13 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 10 Dinners
 - 1 Tea Ceremony
 - 2 Tour guides
- 14 Museum or sight-seeing excursion tickets
- 14 Ground transportation Buses
- 2 Bullet train tickets
- 1-Way Airfare within Japan from Niigata to Osaka
- A few surprises!

What is NOT included...

- Airfare to and from Japan
- Transportation to and from airports in Japan (first & last days)
- Travel insurance
- 1 Lunch and 3 Dinners
- Personal shopping purchases

Payment Schedule

- **Deposit of \$2,653 is due at time of registration and is non-refundable**
- \$2,653 due by October 3, 2023

- \$2,653 or total remainder, due by January 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 Japanese Textiles* retreat will be confirmed once receiving the non-refundable deposit of \$2,663 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. 66th 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.

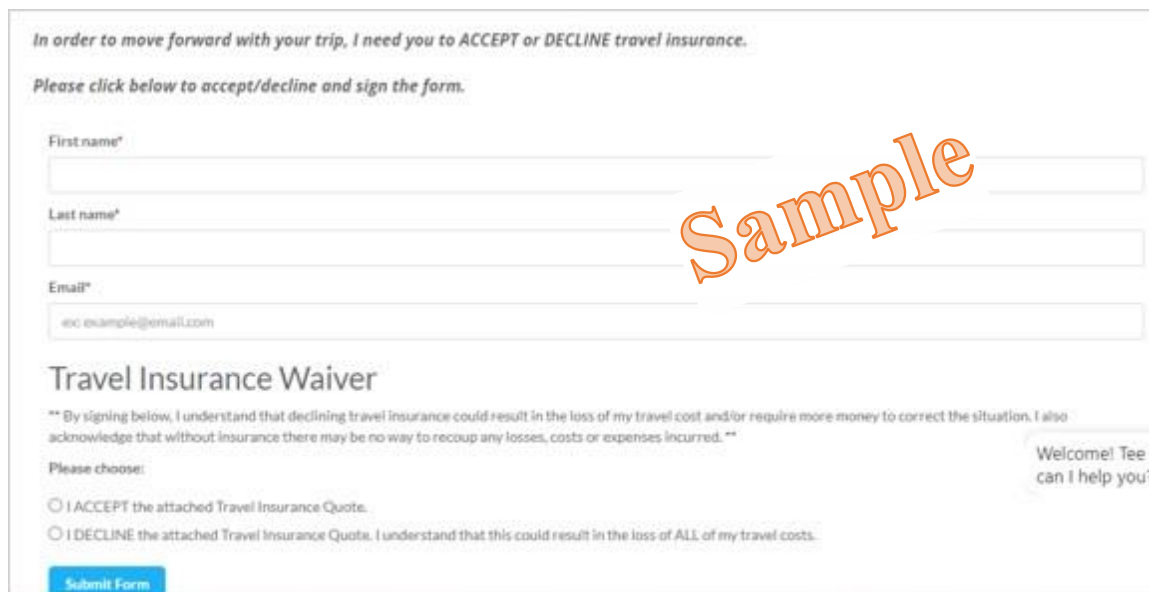
Here are two recommended travel insurance companies.

- 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.



In order to move forward with your trip, I need you to ACCEPT or DECLINE travel insurance.

Please click below to accept/decline and sign the form.

First name*

Last name*

Email*

ex: example@email.com

Travel Insurance Waiver

** 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. **

Please choose:

I ACCEPT the attached Travel Insurance Quote.

I DECLINE the attached Travel Insurance Quote. I understand that this could result in the loss of ALL of my travel costs.

Welcome! Tee h
can I help you?

Submit Form

Passport Validity for Japan

Duration of intended period of stay. Please note you cannot travel on a passport in Japan you have previously declared as lost or stolen even if you subsequently locate it.

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TOURIST VISA REQUIRED: No

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 Japan 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 Japanese Yen (JPY). 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 JPY before you go. Also, you can exchange money in the airport in Tokyo, but this will not be the best exchange rate.

Covid-19 Policy for Japan

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

Face Masks

A large majority of people in Japan continue to wear masks in most indoor situations, on public transportation and in busy city streets. Even in less crowded outdoor situations, a considerable number of people continue to wear masks.

Recently the Japanese government dropped its recommendation to wear masks and is now leaving it up to the individual to decide whether to wear a mask or not. Only in places such as medical institutions and on crowded public transportation, does the government continue to recommend the use of 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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