




# Quilters' Tour to the USA

20 October - 5 November 2008

Join Karen Fail, quilter, author, publisher and Australia's foremost tour leader for quilters on the trip of a lifetime!

Visit Los Angeles, Seattle, Victoria in British Columbia, Denver and Houston for the 2008 International Quilt Festival



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## Join Karen Fail on the trip of a lifetime! Spend 16 wonderful days in the USA.

Karen taught herself to make quilts in 1981 and soon began teaching quilting to others. Past president of The Quilters Guild of NSW, she has been involved in many national endeavours including the highly successful QUILTS 2000 project. She has authored five books and encouraged other Australian quilters to become authors while editor at JB Fairfax Press. Most recently she co-founded QuiltWorks, publishing books featuring Australian quilters. ([www.quiltworks.com.au](http://www.quiltworks.com.au))

*Karen has led many successful tours to USA and is held in high esteem by all who have travelled with her*



## Itinerary

### Monday 20 October 2008 Los Angeles

Leaving Sydney on Monday afternoon we cross the International Dateline and arrive at Los Angeles airport on Monday ready for a tour along Hollywood Boulevard to take in the sites of this famous area then to the seaside city of Santa Monica for lunch and some movie star spotting. Our hotel in Orange is right near the Block Shopping Centre with its 100 plus speciality shops including Sax Fifth Ave outlet. Close by is Olde Town Orange with more than 60 antique dealers with some specialising in old textiles

### Tuesday 21 October 2008 Los Angeles

Today we visit The Piecemakers Store



and Village in Costa Mesa. They are known world wide for their wonderful calendar quilts, and thousands of people take their classes in quilting, sewing needlework and doll-making every year. In the morning, we will take a class with their talented teachers then enjoy lunch at their invitation - everything freshly made! In the afternoon, there will be time to browse the shops near our hotel.

### Wednesday 22 October 2008 Seattle

From John Wayne Airport in Orange, we fly to Seattle and, after a tour of the city, we head to Pike Place Market - the 'Soul of Seattle' and the oldest continually operating Farmer's Market in USA. Here you can see the original Starbucks, the most amazing variety of seafood and over 190 craftspeople showcasing their work. We visit Undercover Quilts to check out their collection of new and antique quilts for sale plus all the usual quilting supplies. Our hotel is close to the famous Macy's and Nordstrom stores.

### Thursday 23 October 2008 Seattle

This morning, we head to Martingale & Co - home of That Patchwork Place books for a tour through their offices for an insider's look at original quilts and other projects from their books, some yet to be published! The tour concludes in the 'hurt book room'

where you can purchase slightly damaged books at greatly reduced prices. After lunch we visit the Seattle Museum of History and Industry for a private viewing of some of their extensive collection of fine antique quilts. These quilts are usually housed outside the museum and are rarely seen on exhibit.

### Friday 24 October 2008 Seattle

Across the Puget Sound is Victoria in British Columbia, Canada and today's destination. We travel by ferry to Victoria then onto the world famous Butchart Gardens. In Autumn, the Japanese Gardens with their red russet and golden maples are at their very best. Back at Inner Harbour, we visit the Satin Moon Quilt Shop boasting over 5000 fat quarters and a collection of Canadian quilts to die for. We head back to the ferry at dusk to take us back to Seattle. Karen has a special project for everyone to while away the time on the ferry.

### Saturday 25 October 2008 Seattle

With the rugged snow capped peaks of the Cascade Mountains on one side and the sparkling blue waters of the Puget Sound on the other, we travel north to the historic town of La Conner, a charming seaside village on the Swinomish Channel. In this historic town, where many artisans have made

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their home, we visit La Conner Quilt and Textile Museum housed in Gaches Mansion. Quilts from the Victorian era are on display as well as special exhibitions from local and overseas artists. Back at our hotel, we meet with Janice Lee Baehn, joint owner of the Pacific Rim Quilt Company, which specialises in sensational Hawaiian quilts. Her presentations are legendary!



**Sunday 26 October 2008**

**Denver**

Fly to Denver, the Mile High city (5280 ft. above sea level). Denver is a vibrant city with 300 days of annual sunshine and the breathtaking Rocky Mountains as its backdrop. After a tour of the city - the old and the new - the afternoon is yours to explore this exciting capitol of Colorado.

**Monday 27 October 2008**

**Denver**

Harriet Hargraves is a renowned machine quilter and her store - Harriet's Treadle Arts - is an easy drive from our hotel. View Harriet's wonderful quilts on display after shopping in her store. A memorable experience! Then we travel to Golden to the Rocky Mountains Quilt Museum. Here we will have a 'behind the scenes' tour of the museum and their extensive collection of quilts.

**Tuesday 28 October 2008**

**Denver**

The morning is free to take in the sights of Denver. Visit the Denver Antique Mall with 18 blocks of shops or head to the Santa Fe Arts District with its 30 some galleries. In the afternoon we visit The Great American Quilt Factory, home of

the Possibilities books and patterns. Shop 'til you drop among the 4500 bolts of fabric, over 200 book titles and 500 patterns. Recently they have added a complete embellishment department including paints, crystals, beads, fibres and more! the other side of the business is publishing and Possibilities has written and published 64 high quality quilting books. Be prepared to be dazzled.

**Wednesday 29 October 2008**

**Denver**

In Autumn, the aspen trees turn a bright yellow-gold and blanket the Rocky Mountains in brilliant fall colour. Today we will see this wonderful display against a backdrop of some of Colorado's highest snow-capped peaks on the scenic drive to Estes Park - the gateway to the Rocky



Mountains. Here we will visit two quilt stores - Mountain Lady Quilt Shop which specialises in unique kits featuring Rocky Mountains themes and High Country Amish Quilts which has the largest selection of hand-made Amish and Mennonite quilts in Colorado. Karen has a project for you to enjoy on the coach.

**Thursday 30 October 2008**

**Houston**

Fly to Houston, USA's fourth largest city and home to 2 million people and a hub of international businesses. Our coach will drop us at our hotel near the George R Brown Convention Center where the International Quilt Festival is held.

**Friday 31 October 2008**

**Houston**

Today is our first day at the International Quilt Festival. In 2007, the Festival boasted 2,500 pieces of fabric art on

display in 45 special exhibits and quilters took part in 425 classes, lectures and special events. Eye candy just everywhere! There are a large number of classes to choice from and the most popular classes fill quickly so book early to get the classes and events of your choice.



**Saturday 1 November 2008**

**Houston**

Day 2 at the International Quilt Festival. More shopping, quilts and workshops. In 2007, there were 537 exhibitions in 1,084 shopping booths with the latest and the greatest fabrics and notions.

**Sunday 2 November 2008**

**Houston**

Day 3 at the International Quilt Festival. This is a quieter day at Festival especially in the afternoon when you might pick up a bargain or two. Karen will host a farewell dinner tonight to say goodbye to new friends.

**Monday 3 November 2008**

**Houston**

With bags packed, we visit Quakertown Quilts - home of Sue Garman's quilts. The store will be decked out for Christmas and is pure delight. In the afternoon we fly to Denver then onto Los Angeles and home to Sydney.

**Tuesday 4 November 2008**

In flight.

**Wednesday 5 November 2008**

Arrival in Australian and the conclusion of the tour.

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Join Karen Fail on the tour of a lifetime!

Earlybird tour cost: **\$7675\*** per person twin share incl. all airport taxes. Pay in full before June 10, '08

Full tour cost: **\$7975\*** per person twin share incl. all airport taxes. Pay in full before Aug 16, '08

Single supplement: Add \$2370

Travel Insurance: Add \$180

\* Price is per person, twin occupancy. Prices are ex-Sydney. \$500 non-refundable deposit to be paid when booking.

## Booking

**Fill** in your details on the booking form included with this brochure or download it from [www.quiltworks.com.au](http://www.quiltworks.com.au)  
**Tick** which payment method you are using and **sign** that you agree with the terms and conditions outlined on the back of the booking form and send to: Karen Fail, 17 Peter Close Hornsby Heights NSW, Australia 2077.

## Payment Options

### 1. Direct Deposit to:

Karen Fail

Westpac Bank

BSB: 032285

Account Number: 279 979

Please indicate on your payment your initial and surname and USA2008 e.g. *ENathanUSA2008*

2. **Paypal** You do not need to be a member of Paypal to pay with your credit card. Indicate what the payment is for when making a payment using Paypal.e.g. *AHogarthUSA2008*

3. **Cheque or money order** (payable to Karen Fail) with registration form to:

Karen Fail

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Hornsby Heights, NSW

Australia, 2077

### Your ticket includes:

- \* Economy air fare from Sydney to the USA
- \* All domestic flights in the USA as indicated
- \* Accommodation in 3- and 4-star hotels
- \* Full breakfast each day
- \* Farewell dinner
- \* Travel and transfers in first class coaches
- \* Entry to all sightseeing events in the itinerary (including a 3-day pass to Quilt Festival)
- \* Tour leadership and management by Karen Fail

### Your ticket does not include:

- \* Travel Insurance; passport and visa fees
- \* Gratuities to bell hops, drivers, waitpersons (usually 15% or at least \$1 per bag)
- \* Additional travel arrangements outside the tour
- \* Changes to air taxes and fuel charges
- \* Meals and drinks unless otherwise stated; sightseeing and general expenses not specified

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To secure your place in the group travelling with Karen Fail to USA, 2008, please print out then compete this form and return to Karen Fail, 17 Peter Close, Hornsby Heights NSW 2077 Australia or complete, scan and email to karenfail @quiltworks.com.au

**Pay online** through Paypal

## Passenger Information - details as shown on passport

Title: .....First name.....Surname.....

D.O.B.....Nationality.....Passport No.....

Address: .....

.....Postcode:.....

Daytime phone:.....Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Dietary requirements (e.g. coeliac, kosher, halal, vegetarian, vegan etc) .....

Name of passenger you wish to share with.....

## Next of Kin

Name:.....

Address.....

.....Postcode:.....

Daytime phone:.....Mobile:.....

Email:.....

## Connecting Flights

Connecting flights to Sydney must be arranged by the passenger. It is recommended that you arrive at Sydney International Airport 4 hours prior to departure time. Once you have booked your flight, please advise details.

Flight no: .....Depart time/City:.....Arrive Sydney:.....

## Travel Insurance

All passengers must have a Travel Insurance Policy. Flight Centre use a company called **Cover More Insurance** and their group rate is \$180 based on nil excess which can be added to the cost of the tour at the time of booking. If you choose to take out your own travel insurance policy, please advise details:

Insurance company: .....Phone:.....

Policy number:.....Emergency Assistance no:.....

## Payment Method - please tick one

Paying for: Deposit \$500... Earlybird \$7675... Full Fare \$7975... Insurance \$180 ...  
Single Supplement \$2370... Direct Deposit .... Paypal .... Cheque/Money Order ....

Signed .....TOTAL PAYABLE:..... Date:.....

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## Booking Terms and Conditions

### Travel Documents

All tour members require a valid passport. No visa is required for travel to USA for Australian passport holders. All travel documents are non-transferable and must be issued in the name of the passport holder. Any error in names on your documents will be your responsibility if not advised at the time of booking. Please ensure that you have all the required travel documents by two weeks prior to departure.

### Travel Insurance

Trip cancellation, medical, baggage and personal insurance are NOT included in the package. All are highly recommended. An application for travel-related insurance from Cover More Insurance will be sent to each participants upon receipt of deposit.

### Minimum tour numbers

The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum of 15 participants. If less than 15 participants book the tour, then all deposits will be returned in full minus a non-refundable \$25.00 booking fee. Alternate costing arrangements may be offered so the tour can proceed.

### Pricing

We require a minimum deposit of \$500 per person when booking. The service providers will require further deposits. All deposits are non-refundable. Final payment is required by August 16th. Adjustments to the pricing of the tour may also be necessary if there are considerable changes in the exchange rate and airport taxes. These will be advised as early as possible. All prices are subject to availability and can be withdrawn or varied without notice.

### Cancellation

Cancellation after 30th June, 2008 will incur the loss of the deposit of \$500. Cancellation after 16th August, 2008 will result in the loss of all monies paid. Please ensure your travel insurance will cover cancellation due to death in the family, illness etc.

Any cancellations must be sent in writing to Karen Fail at [karenfail@quiltworks.com.au](mailto:karenfail@quiltworks.com.au)

No refunds are available for any part of the tour once the tour has commenced.

### Responsibilities

Flight Centre acts as Tour Agent and Karen Fail as the Tour Organiser. The suppliers, providing transportation and sight-seeing arrangements, hotel accommodation and other services for the tour, are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Flight Centre or Karen Fail.

As a result, Flight Centre and Karen Fail accept no liability whatsoever for any act or omission, whether negligent or otherwise, by those suppliers of transportation, hotel accommodation and sightseeing arrangements in connection with the tour and over whom Flight Centre and Karen Fail have no direct control. By participating in this tour, you agree that neither Flight Centre or Karen Fail shall be liable for any accident, loss, injury, delay, change in schedule or other event beyond our control including but not limited to: acts of God or acts between tour participants; acts of Government; war, flood, fire, defects in vehicles, breakdown of equipment; acts of terrorism, civil disturbances, strikes or theft.

As the Tour Organiser, Karen Fail reserves the right to make changes to the itinerary if required to ensure the tour operates smoothly. Any changes will be sympathetic to the originally advertised arrangements and will be of similar or greater value.

I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older, and I agree with the above terms and conditions.

Signature.....

Full Name.....

Date ...../...../.....

For further information visit

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