



MaDonna is hosting a textile tour to Bali!

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Mad B's Quilt and Sew, an exclusive guided tour to Bali is being planned. Space is limited to two groups of women who can enjoy this experience. The tour dates are:

March 27 – April 10, 2024
and
April 13 – 27, 2024

Each tour group is limited to a maximum of 14 fun-loving women.

The tour leader is **Barb Alexander**, formerly a batik fabric designer (The Batik Butik) who has to date led 23 groups of women to Bali since 2011. Barb is knowledgeable, experienced and connected having come to Bali every year since 1999 (except for Covid years of course). **Barb promises a tour of a lifetime for fiber lovers.**

Here are some highlights from recent tours to give you a taste of what's to come...

Hands-on batik workshop includes dyeing our own 5 meters of fabric (your choice of rayon or cotton) and adding surface treatments for visible texture, then tjapping (stamping) it with your choice of designs from hundreds offered. The workers and owner of the batik factory are absolutely delightful. They produce batiks for several big-name companies in the US and we can shop from their warehouse, too. What a treasure trove that is!! You will absolutely not believe it! The price for cotton batiks is \$3.25 US a meter and many quilting pre-cuts are available in the most gorgeous palettes for very reasonable prices.



Guests choose whatever colorway they want...

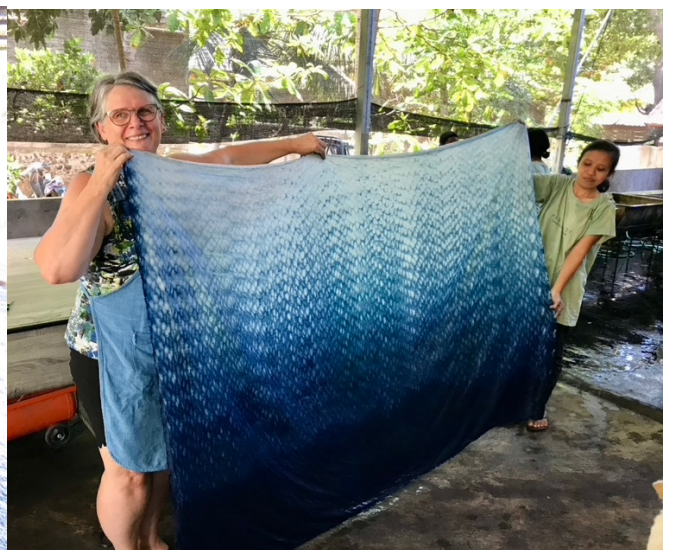




The owner, Ketut (above), is a very benevolent man...Barb is so happy to have found him! His factory makes batiks for many top name batik companies we are familiar with: Island Batiks, Anthologie, Jacqueline DeJong and others. We buy them from his warehouse for about \$3.25 US a meter!! Lots of extra-wide batiks and hand-dyes too.



An indigo workshop at a fabulous natural dye studio. Andika, the designer at the dye studio opened his own award-winning studio and specializes in indigo shibori and hand-dyes. Andi promises an extra-special experience. Fabrics made by Andi and his staff are available for purchase – exceptionally beautiful and very reasonable too.



Each participant can choose the style of shibori she would like to make with her indigo fabric



Here Andika is aerating an indigo vat for us





- ◆ Cooking school. A unique approach to Balinese culinary arts by an internationally-experienced (and fun) Balinese chef and his wonderful staff. He also has an adjoining restaurant. Balinese food is delicious!!



◆ Guided temple visit with Barb's friend, Sari (below, standing)



... and Rai – our wonderful guide for the temple tour and many textile activities too



Blessings by the priest... (optional, of course)



- ◆ Silk batik painting with the wonderful Agus (left photo) and his mentor, Wayan (right photo)... No art experience required – honest!



The result...



- ◆ Visit to a weaving village where rare “geringsing” (ceremonial healing) cloths are woven. This is double-ikat weaving where both the warp and weft are pre-dyed and pre-designed. It is done in only three places in the world. This village is one of them. The other two are in Japan and India.



◆ Fabric shopping like you won't believe!!





That is a taste of the “good trouble” we get into on this tour. It is educational, culturally rich, interesting and big fun. **Please note these are “women only” tours. Participants must be able to walk (unassisted) two or three city blocks at a time and climb a few stairs if needed.**

What is included? All of the following ...

- ◆ Tjap (stamp) batik workshop; dyeing your own fabric (rayon or cotton)
- ◆ Tjanting (dipper tool) batik workshop (on silk)
- ◆ Balinese cooking class – lots of fun and you keep the recipes
- ◆ Visits to villages featuring unique weaving/textiles
- ◆ Shopping! “Gifts for myself and others” is our mantra...
 - Textiles, of course – cotton and rayon batiks/hand-dyes and voiles, silk and silk blends, linen and quality designer pieces from the indigo studio. We’ll also find

fabulous cotton ikat textiles at an upscale shop and at the textile market in Klungkung, not to mention rayon batiks for garments sewing and the most gorgeous cotton batiks that quilters world-wide adore. The prices for textiles in Bali are great – approximately \$3.25 US a meter (or \$4 Canadian) for cotton or rayon batiks! Lots of quilting pre-cuts are also available at bargain prices.

- Notions, craft supplies, locally-made buttons, handicrafts
- Silver jewelry showroom (we are given a generous discount)
- A visit to Jon Stuart Anderson's atelier with a demo and discount on purchases. Jon doesn't offer this to anyone but us. www.jonstuartanderson.com
- Visit to a weaving cooperative in Sideman and a village specializing in double-ikat (very rare)
- Stop at a sea salt farmer's hut with a demo of how the salt is harvested from the ocean
- Custom garment sewing in Sanur at two shops (optional)
- ◆ Rice paddy walk – Rai is our guide, ending at the wonderful Threads of Life showroom www.threadsoflife.com
- ◆ Balinese Cultural Night at our resort in Sanur featuring a Balinese buffet and dances
- ◆ 14 nights' accommodation at three lovely resorts. Two of the resorts are oceanside. Most are in a great location close to restaurants, laundry facilities and shops
- ◆ 22 meals (you choose from menus or buffets) including beverages (beer and radler included)
- ◆ *All tour activities, all tour transportation and all tour-related gratuities are also included.*

The tour format...14 nights

- The first 5 nights we stay at the waterfront Patra Bali Resort near the airport so you don't face a long drive after a lengthy flight. We do our fabric-related shopping and tjap batik workshop at the beginning of the tour
- We then move inland to Ubud, the "art center" of Bali, staying 6 nights at the Rama Phala Resort, home base for more experiences in that area
- Finally, the tour ends with 3 nights at the Prama Sanur Beach Resort in seaside Sanur.

Tour cost is \$5000 US for a shared room or \$6200 US for a single room. To secure a place on the tour please contact Laura Main at Merit Travel Group: LMain@MeritTravel.com or 1-866-341-1777, Ext. 7338 and arrange payment of the deposit. Laura is with Merit Travel and comes with over 25 years experience as a travel agent. She can accept your **\$2000 US non-refundable and non-transferrable deposit** by US check, bank draft, Visa or MasterCard. The balance is due 90 days before the tour. **Once the full tour fee has been paid it is non-refundable and non-transferrable as well so purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended.**

I hope you will join MaDonna and Barb as they show you the best of "the island of the gods" - there's just something about Bali.

For questions about the tour itself you can contact Barb by email: info@balifibertours.com.

For questions about flights and insurance, please reach out to Laura Main at Merit Travel as noted above.

Thank you for your interest.