Creative Arts Safaris
LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

TEXTILES | FOOD | CERAMICS | CREATIVE TUTORS

Where in the world shall we take you in 2027?



Over 20 years ago, a group of textile enthusiasts told us they wanted to come to India and get their hands dirty. That is how Creative Arts Safaris began.

Textiles are where we started, and they are still very close to our hearts. But our love of making things has led us into all sorts of crafts and ceramics, while our enthusiasm for a fabulous meal has inspired some delicious foodie adventures.

We also team up with talented tutors who bring their own creative skills and workshops into some of our favourite places.

Here is every tour we have planned for 2027. Find your craft, then find your corner of the world.

Live, Laugh, Learn.

30 tours planned for 2027

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textile and craft	creative tutor	foodie	ceramics

4 continents: Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas

8 to 14 guests in a typical small, friendly group

Solo travellers welcome. You will soon be one of the gang

5 tours are already fully booked for 2027.

Many guests plan 12 to 18 months ahead, so our tours fill early. Don't miss out.

Closing Soon

Booking is about to close on three of our 2027 tours. If one has been on your wish list, now is the time to say yes!



BOOKING CLOSES 1 DEC

Uzbekistan - Follow The Silk Road

3 to 16 Apr 2027

Fancy following the Silk Road through Uzbekistan?

Think turquoise domes, beautiful silk embroideries, bustling bazaars and the magnificent blue domes of Samarkand. You do not need to be an expert, and you do not need a travelling companion. Just bring your enthusiasm!



BOOKING CLOSES 16 DEC

Romania - Textiles, Castles & Culture

1 to 14 May 2027

Perhaps you would prefer the green hills of Romania?

Wander through traditional villages, visit castles and spend time with talented artisans, getting your hands dirty with textiles along the way. Some guests are accomplished makers, others are having their very first go.



BOOKING CLOSES 1 JAN

Moorish Delights of Andalusia & Morocco

16 May to 3 Jun 2027

How about Andalusia and Morocco in one adventure?

Artisan workshops, textiles, ceramics and architecture, with wonderful food on the way. Many of our guests travel solo, and it does not take long before everyone feels like a gang of old mates.

Small, friendly groups. Come on your own, leave with a gang of friends.

See the 2027 calendar

Textile & Craft Tours

Where we started, and still our first love. Stitch, dye, weave and felt.





ASIA

9 to 27 Oct	**Rajasthan - A Tactile Textile Tour** The land of kings, with vivid colour, grand forts, palaces and hands-on textile workshops.		
6 to 20 Nov	**India - West Bengal Textile, Craft & Tigers Tour** Textiles and crafts in West Bengal, with tigers on the itinerary too.		
3 to 16 Apr	**Uzbekistan - Follow The Silk Road** Turquoise domes, silk embroidery and bustling bazaars.		
16 to 21 Apr	**Uzbekistan - Aral Sea Extension** An extension to Uzbekistan: by 4WD to the Aral Sea, with a yurt stay.		
24 Apr to 7 May	**Kyrgyzstan - A Felt Experience** Kyrgyz nomadic life, felt workshops, mountain air and Silk Road trails.		
14 to 27 Oct	**Vietnam - Textiles - Stitching a Future** Slow travel through North Vietnam: natural dyes, indigo, batik and village workshops.		
20 Jun to 13 Jul	**Malaysia - Crafts, Orangutans & Nature** Crafts, lush nature and a chance to meet orangutans.		
8 to 21 Jul	**Sri Lanka - Crafts, Culture & Tropical Paradise** Crafts, culture and heritage across a tropical island.		
9 to 23 Jan	**India - Gujarat: Textile & Craft Tour**	FULLY BOOKED	Join the 2028 list
29 Jan to 11 Feb	**South India - Temples, Textiles & Culture**	FULLY BOOKED	Join the 2028 list
4 to 18 Feb	**Laos - Slow Boat, Indigo & Textiles**	FULLY BOOKED	Join the 2028 list

EUROPE

1 to 14 May	**Romania - Textiles, Castles & Culture** Green hills, traditional villages, textiles and castles.
16 May to 3 Jun	**Moorish Delights of Andalusia & Morocco** Artisan workshops, textiles, ceramics and architecture, with wonderful food on the way.

AFRICA

16 to 29 Oct	**Tunisia - Crafts, Ancient Civilisations & Star Wars** Local crafts, ancient sites and some famous film locations.
7 to 20 Aug	**Benin & Togo - Culture and Crafts** Rich artistic traditions, lively celebrations and extraordinary scenery.
22 Aug to 5 Sep	**Glorious Ghana - Textiles & Crafts** Weaving, basketry, bead-making and indigo dyeing.

THE AMERICAS

30 Nov to 14 Dec	**Mexican Meander - Vibrant Culture & Textiles** Fifteen days of Mexican textiles and culture with a friendly group.

Creative Tutor & Sketching Tours

Travel with a tutor who brings their own creative skills and workshops into places we love. Bring your enthusiasm. You do not need to be an expert.







ASIA

6 to 16 Feb	**India - Namaste & Notebooks** *with Jennifer Perkins*	FULLY BOOKED	Join the 2028 list
28 Feb to 8 Mar	**India - Flowers & Prints** *with Pauline Franklyn*	FULLY BOOKED	Join the 2028 list
25 Sep to 4 Oct	**Vietnam - Travel + Sketch** *with Colleen Corradi Brannigan* Ten days of urban sketching in Vietnam.		
5 to 18 Nov	**India with Victoria Findlay Wolfe** Classic India with Victoria: craft, palaces and tigers.		
13 to 23 Nov	**Vietnam - Creative Textiles** *with Pauline Franklyn* Eleven days blending travel and textile art in Vietnam.		
23 Nov to 2 Dec	**India - Rajasthan Textile Adventure** *with Gillian Travis* A joyful jaunt through Rajasthan, turned into a textile travel journal.		

THE AMERICAS

16 to 26 Mar	**Mexico - Yucatan Textile Adventures** *with Gillian Travis* Artisan visits and hands-on workshops, creating a travel journal.		
13 to 22 Nov	**Mexican Colours** *with Esté MacLeod* The colour, culture and heritage of Chiapas, with artist Esté MacLeod.		

> Everything was well organised and a great experience.
>
> Sue Gee, Travel Sketching Vietnam, May 2023

Food Tours

Our enthusiasm for a fabulous meal has inspired some delicious foodie adventures. Wander markets, cook alongside local cooks and take your time over it.





ASIA

20 Mar to 1 Apr	**Vietnam - Slow Travel & Foodie**	WAITLIST FOR 2028
8 to 19 Jun	**Malaysia - Slow Travel + Food** Taste a cuisine shaped by Indian, Chinese and Arab traders.	
19 to 30 Jul	**Sri Lanka - Slow Travel, Food & Culture** Local kitchens, flavours and food traditions across the island.	

Ceramics Tours

All Fired Up! It is wonderful to travel. It is wonderful to have a passion for ceramics. So why not combine the two?





ASIA

16 to 27 Mar	**Vietnam - Ceramics - All Fired Up!** Studio time with your hands in clay, then time to explore while the kilns work their magic.
3 to 16 Apr	**Uzbekistan - Ceramics - All Fired Up!** Visit master potters and try hands-on workshops along the Silk Road.

Find Your Corner of the World

Every 2027 tour by destination, with its start date. Orange means fully booked.

ASIA

India	Textile & craft 9 Jan FULLY BOOKED · Textile & craft 29 Jan FULLY BOOKED · Creative tutor 6 Feb FULLY BOOKED · Creative tutor 28 Feb FULLY BOOKED · Textile & craft 9 Oct · Creative tutor 5 Nov · Textile & craft 6 Nov · Creative tutor 23 Nov
Vietnam	Ceramics 16 Mar · Food 20 Mar WAITLIST · Creative tutor 25 Sep · Textile & craft 14 Oct · Creative tutor 13 Nov
Uzbekistan	Ceramics 3 Apr · Textile & craft 3 Apr · Textiles extension 16 Apr
Kyrgyzstan	Textile & craft 24 Apr
Malaysia	Food 8 Jun · Textile & craft 20 Jun
Sri Lanka	Textile & craft 8 Jul · Food 19 Jul
Laos	Textile & craft 4 Feb FULLY BOOKED

EUROPE

Romania	Textile & craft 1 May
Andalusia & Morocco	Textile & craft 16 May

AFRICA

Tunisia	Textile & craft 16 Oct
Benin & Togo	Textile & craft 7 Aug
Ghana	Textile & craft 22 Aug

THE AMERICAS

Mexico	Creative tutor 16 Mar · Creative tutor 13 Nov · Textile & craft 30 Nov

Good to know

Do I need to be good at art or craft? Not at all. Some guests are accomplished makers, others are having their very first go.

Can I come on my own? Absolutely. It does not take long before everyone feels like a gang of old mates.

How far ahead should I book? Many guests plan 12 to 18 months ahead. Booking opens 12 months in advance, and there is an Early Bird Rebate.

Will someone look after me? Of course. Our dedicated hosts take care of the arrangements on the ground, from your airport transfer to the workshops along the way.

Found one that catches your eye?

Missed out on a fully booked tour? Join the 2028 list and be first to hear. Or see the full 2027 calendar.

See the 2027 calendar

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