

EAST COAST EMBROIDERED CASKET TOUR

Join Tricia Wilson Nguyen of Thistle Threads and Susan Albury of Hanging by Thread on a once in-a-lifetime trip to examine embroidered caskets which inspired the Cabinet of Curiosities. Rare access to cabinets and related pieces has been arranged for our group including items not normally on public view.

The following is the itinerary ready for publishing at print time. As any new information is available, it will be posted at:

<http://thistle-threads.com/embroidery/grandtourtour/jacket-studytour.html>

Virgin Vacations is our tour operator and will be handling the air and land arrangements.

Winterthur Embroidery Symposium

Tentative dates for this event are 24 & 25 October 2014. As Winterthur is closed until end February 2014 further detail is unlikely to be available before then. We have therefore scheduled our event to start 26 October 2014 so that tour participants wishing to attend the Winterthur Symposium can do so and then join our group in New York on Sunday 26th. Participation in the Winterthur Symposium is separate from this tour.

Our group will be travelling together via bus from New York onward - cars are not required for the duration of the tour. Tour participants must be on the bus.

Virgin Vacations would be happy to assist you with any travel arrangements

East Coast Embroidered Casket Tour October 26 - October 31, 2014

Hotels have been selected and logistics carefully planned to ensure the maximum use of your time i.e. saving hours of travelling to and from out of town hotels. We have also balanced sightseeing and shopping time with study and workshop time conscious that many will combine this study tour with vacation time.

We have negotiated breakfast each morning at the hotels (not normally included). We are delighted that Tricia will be with us throughout the tour. We will gain so much more from our museum visits thanks to her extensive knowledge. Tricia has worked with the museum Curators to ensure specific items will be brought out for us to further inform our cabinet studies.

Sunday, Oct 26:

Arrival New York City

Each individual will travel to New York to meet the group. Airfare will be priced separately if required. Virgin Atlantic Airways services all major gateways so please enquire for flight schedules and prices from your city.



You can check in to our hotel at your leisure after 4pm.

Collect your welcome package and meet your fellow tour participants. Sunday evening will be at your leisure.

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Hanging By A Thread

Monday, Oct 27:

New York City

After breakfast we will take either bus or taxis to the MET museum, which is only a few blocks away. We will have special access to several pieces and behind the scenes access to their study and storage areas, the staff of the Ratti Center are excited to show you their state of the art collections storage area and the fantastic pieces in their collection. Once finished, there are a few galleries where a significant number of 17th century embroidered pieces are on view, including an incredible stumpwork mirror, and can not be missed as well. Tricia will join each group to discuss the unique qualities of the pieces.



The afternoon and evening will be at your leisure to enjoy the many shopping and sightseeing opportunities. New York has a fantastic fabric district with well-known ribbon and broad goods outlets, as well as some antique dealers in rare embroideries. A list of these will be provided on a map. For those who are interested in staying at the MET, in the afternoon Tricia will be giving the MET staff a repeat of the lecture on caskets that she is giving at Winterthur the previous weekend.

Tuesday, Oct 28:

New York City/Boston

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel we will visit the Cooper Hewitt Museum Textile Storage Facility a few blocks away. The Cooper Hewitt has a rare beaded casket as well as stumpwork pieces and other 17th century objects that will be brought out.

We will leave for Boston in the afternoon. This may mean a late arrival in Boston, but a rest stop will be scheduled along the route.



Wednesday Oct 29:

Boston



Today we visit the MFA just up the road from our central Boston hotel. The MFA has many embroidered caskets, a selection of which will be

out for individual study. We will split into smaller groups and rotate through the study rooms while the rest of the group will be able to explore the gallery space. The MFA has recently opened a critically acclaimed new American Gallery that contains needlework as well as fantastic displays of the decorative arts.

Once the students have explored the caskets in the study room, they are free to visit Boston from the convenient location of the hotel as well as the shopping opportunities.

Thursday, Oct 30:

Lexington/Boston

We will take our bus to Lexington for the Casket Finishing Workshop with Tricia to be held in the Lexington Historical Society Depot. The group will split in half for the day. Half of the group will work on the finishing workshop while the rest spend their time with costumed staff from the Historical Society touring the Lexington Green and Buckman's Tavern. This is the location of 'The Shot Heard 'Round the World', which started the 'great American Experiment'. A significant number of the historic buildings that stood on that fateful day still encircle the battlefield, where the breakout of the American Revolution occurred on April 19, 1775. At the end of the tour, if the participants are very sweet, the curators will bring out a selection of their samplers made by Lexington girls. Afterwards, the groups will switch. Lunch will be on the students own as the location is in the mid-



dle of this classic New England town with many fun options.

After the workshops/tours are completed; the group will walk two blocks to Tricia's house;

which is right behind the center. There a wine reception and catered dinner awaits you as well as the presentation of those caskets that have been pre-ordered. Joining us for dinner will be a few of the artisans who have been involved in the Cabinet of Curiosities who would be thrilled to meet the people who are receiving their work.



During the reception, Tricia invites the students to wander her home, looking at the sampler collection and other embroideries, including a 17th century casket and stumpwork picture, which will be laid out for view as well as peruse any supplies

that may be desired for stash enhancement. Downstairs, the large TV will be running through her collection of research photos that she has not been able to use for the COC courses. So we expect the night to run a bit late with fun and wine!

We return via bus to Boston after the dinner, exhausted and clutching our caskets for their ride home.

Friday, Oct 31:

Travel Home

A group transfer to Boston airport is included in the package cost.

Tour Costs & Conditions

East Coast USA Embroidered Casket Tour - Land Only

\$1995 Per Person Sharing A Twin Room
\$550 Single Supplement

Included in the Tour Price:

- Hotels 5 Nights
- 2 Nights – New York
- 3 Nights – Boston
- 5 Hotel breakfasts
- Museum entry
- Guided study of Museum Collections
- 1 Group dinner
- 1 Finishing Workshop with Materials
- Lexington Tour
- Airport transfer to Boston Airport
- Transportation as noted in itinerary
- Baggage handling at hotels, 1 bag per person

Not Included in the Tour Price:

- Air fare to New York or from Boston
- Afternoon and Evening Meals (exception dinner October 30th)
- Travel Insurance

DEPOSIT & CANCELLATION POLICY

- A deposit of \$200 is required.
- Your deposit(s) are only refundable if we are able to fill your space.
- Full balance is due 90 days prior to departure (26 August 2014)
- If an individual cancels and as a result causes a roommate to have to be accommodated in a twin/double room for single occupancy then no refund will be given or a single supplement may be charged.
- Requests for cancellation must be made in writing.
- Virgin Vacations will confirm bookings, changes and cancellations in writing.
- A minimum of 20 people are required to run the Tour.

Waiver of Liability

I release Thistle Threads, LLC and Hanging By A Thread Ltd from any liability for personal injury resulting from participating in and attending any and all functions at the event. I certify that I have read the registration, cancellation and payment information and agree to the terms and conditions listed therein

Signature

Non US Citizens must have a passport that is valid for 6 months or more from the time of their return.

Wheelchairs, walkers and scooters are not permitted on bus tours.

You are responsible for obtaining correct travel documentation (passport, visa, identification) and are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance.

Please do not register before your scheduled date. As promised we are giving priority to those from furthest afield who wish to collect and hand carry their cabinets home. This is because of the extreme customs charges and regulations in these countries, which makes it very difficult for shipping.

Reservations and Deposits will be taken starting at Noon USA Eastern Standard Time on:

- 28 January – Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Europe, and South Africa
- 30 January – Canada
- 31 January – USA

Please ensure you read Virgin Vacations full terms and conditions.

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Online booking is preferred. The online code will be sent to your inbox just before your country is allowed to book.

For Information and bookings the following dates and times will have individuals available specifically for the following international time zones:

January 28 (AUS/NZ/UK/EU)

1(888)937-8474 ext. 1003

**Jackie will be available
10am - 3pm NZDT (New Zealand)
8am – 1pm EST(Australia)
5am – 10am WST (Australia)**

1(888)937-8474 ext. 1325

**Beth will be available
7:30pm – 11pm SAST (South Africa)
6:30pm – 11pm CET (Europe)
5:30pm – 11pm GMT (UK)**

January 30 (Canada)

1(888)937-8474

**Jackie (ext. 1004) will be available from 9am – 5:30pm EST
Beth (ext 1325) will be available from 12:30pm – 8pm EST**

January 31st (USA)

1(888)937-8474

Alyson (ext 1321) will be available 10am-6pm EST