

Join **VOGUE KNITTING**

On their 2018 Tour
to **TORONTO & MONTREAL, CANADA**
April 25 – May 06, 2018

Featuring....

Toronto Knitters Frolic

Tour of the **Textile Museum of Canada**

A day at **Koigu**

Designer 'meet and greets' at **Romni Wool & La Maison Tricotée**

Special visits to **Sugar Bush Yarns** and **Bergère de France**

Meet designer **Veronik Avery** at **Espace Tricot**

The daily itinerary for this tour may be found below and Registration is now open!

PLEASE NOTE: If you have traveled with *VOGUE KNITTING* in the past three years, you will have first consideration in signing up for this tour. We will need to receive your registration form and deposit no later than **September 27, 2017**.

All other registration forms will then be accepted in the order in which we receive them.

Your tour Itinerary:

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

The tour begins today at the **SHERATON CENTRE HOTEL in TORONTO**. Whether you decide to fly to Toronto Pearson International Airport or Toronto City Centre Island Airport, you will be provided with options for transferring to the hotel.

The Sheraton Centre Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Toronto and close to the city's top attractions. The hotel has an on-site spa, several restaurants, a full fitness center and a state-of-the-art indoor-outdoor pool. The best of downtown Toronto is at your fingertips, as it is conveniently connected to the entertainment district by way of the PATH, a 16 mile underground network of shops and services.

Meet the *Vogue Knitting* editor and your fellow knitters at this evenings **WELCOME DINNER**.

If you would like to arrive in Toronto one day early, Traveling Together has rooms available at the cost of \$139 per person for a double room and \$272 for a single, which includes breakfast and tax.

Thu, Apr 26

Our first visit this morning is **ROMNI WOOLS**, a yarn shop founded over four decades ago as the Toronto version of Romni Vancouver (now closed.) Owner, Marilyn Leonard and her son Jonathon Leonard have kept Romni very much a family business, with a long tradition of fiber arts knowledge and sales. There will be plenty of yarn, knitting books, and supplies available in this large, two-story shop. They are also planning **MEET-AND-GREETES WITH A LOCAL DESIGNER OR TWO!**

Next stop is the **DISTILLERY DISTRICT**. Located east of downtown, it contains numerous cafés, restaurants, and shops housed within heritage buildings of the former Gooderham and Worts Distillery. Toronto's restored Distillery District features the continent's best preserved collection of Victorian Industrial Architecture. Back in the early 1800s, this waterfront neighborhood was home to Canada's largest distilling company, the Gooderham and Worts Distillery. Today, this historic pedestrian-only neighborhood is flanked by industrial-style Victorian buildings and paved with cobblestone once tread on by horse-drawn carriages, with art galleries, performance spaces, cafes, restaurants and yes, a brewery. There will be time for shopping and lunch before returning to our hotel.

Fri, Apr 27

After a leisurely morning with time to explore downtown Toronto, the afternoon will be spent at the **TORONTO TEXTILE MUSEUM**. This is the only Canadian museum dedicated to the collection, exhibition, and

documentation of textiles with a permanent collection of more than 12,000 textiles from around the world. Covering 2000 years of textile history, the collection includes fabrics, ceremonial cloths, garments, carpets, quilts and related artifacts.

We will have a **PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR** of the museum's current exhibitions and a visit to the fourth floor storage area to see the **COLLECTION OF KNITTED OBJECTS**, with time to go through the other galleries on your own and visit the museum's gift shop.

The two featured exhibits that will be on at the time of our visit:

Jane Kidd: Curious

Jane Kidd (b. 1952) is one of Canada's preeminent artists working in the medium of textile. She is an award-winning, internationally recognized artist who works with the ancient medium of tapestry. This exhibition comprises works from two recent series of work by Kidd; she asked herself what would happen if scientists who are intent on genetic modification took two very different living things and attached them together to create a new entity. The resulting works that depict such imagined life-forms are colorful and beautiful, allowing the viewer huge pleasure until he or she begins to absorb the chilling commentary within the work. Her commitment to handwork and its aptness for this recent commentary is remarkable.

The Textile Artistry of Itchiku Kubota

Kimono, once the traditional dress for the Japanese, are here transformed into stunning works of art that illuminate the wide-ranging imagination of Itchiku Kubota (1917-2003), an extraordinary artist who won international recognition through exhibitions in North America and Europe for his unconventional designs, distinctive use of color, and intense commitment to his art and craft. While still a young man, Kubota first saw an example of *tsujigahana*, a 16th-century Japanese textile decorative technique that incorporated resist-dyeing, brush painting, applied metallic leaf, and embroidery. The impact of this tiny fragment of decorated cloth was such that he decided to dedicate his life to recreating the lost art of *tsujigahana*. This exhibition showcases the 36 stunning works that Kubota created before his death for "Symphony of Light," a series of kimono that would depict "the grandeur of the universe," as well as nine additional kimono that showcases the depth and breadth of Kubota's innovative use of *tsujigahana*.

Sat, Apr 28

The entire day will be spent at the **21ST TORONTO KNITTERS FROLIC**—Toronto's premier fibre event, organized by the Toronto Knitters Guild. Held at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, the Frolic Marketplace is open from 9am to 4:30pm. The vendors will be offering an amazing assortment of yarn, fibre, pottery, beads and accessories, from across Canada.

Sun, Apr 29

At a private luncheon today, **VOGUE KNITTING** will have a **FASHION SHOW** featuring garments from current *Vogue Knitting* issues. These garments will be available throughout the trip for all to see and try on. Find out what goes on behind-the-scenes at Vogue Knitting from one of the editors, who will also give a preview of the next VK magazine, as well as a trend forecast. Bring your knitting, finished projects, along with any questions, for a group knitting session, Q&A, and show-n-tell.

Jennifer Edgar, Chief Executive Officer of **EUCALAN** will be on hand to tell us all about Eucalan's simple soak and spin, a delicate wash that has been the preferred choice for laundering exquisite handmade creations for over 25 years. Jennifer is sure to bring some goodies for everyone!

After the event, there will still be time to explore more of Toronto, as most of downtown shops are open today, including the Toronto Eaton Centre (open until 7pm), just a short walk from our hotel.

Mon, Apr 30

Meet the Sweet New Kid on the Block – **SUGAR BUSH YARNS!**

This morning we depart Toronto and travel through the Maple Syrup country of beautiful Ontario to a showcase full of sweet luxury yarns designed by the Sugar Bush Team. Take part in a yarn tasting, meet some of the Sugar Bush designers and see their creative works, enjoy some locally produced sweet maple treats and get a sneak peek into "What's New from Sugar Bush Yarns" in 2018.

Our next stop is the Spinrite **YARN FACTORY OUTLET** in Listowel. This store houses the complete collections of *Patons*, *Bernat*, *Lily*, and *Phentex* yarns with full color ranges and patterns to inspire. They also house Canada's largest selection of discontinued and discounted mill end yarns.

Our hotel for the next two nights is Inn on the Bay. Located on an inlet of Georgian Bay it features a walking path along the water and harbor to nearby downtown Owen Sound.

Tue, May 01

A day at KOIGU...you are in for a sensational and colorful experience!

One of the highlights of the trip will be a visit to the studio of Maie, Taiu and Kersti Landra, owners of **Koigu Wool Designs**.

This morning we drive to nearby Chatsworth, a rural community surrounded by farmlands and forests, where you will meet the Koigu team, the artists that create Koigu's unique color combinations. **In addition to visiting their studio and seeing the original garments from their book *Knits from a Painter's Palette* and *Wrapped in Color*, there will be a dying session workshop and lunch with the Koigu team.**

Dinner tonight will be at our hotel with a fashion show featuring the Koigu team and their creations.

Wed, May 02

Late this morning we depart Owen Sound and drive to the Toronto Pearson International Airport for our afternoon **FLIGHT TO MONTRÉAL**. Set on an island in the Saint Lawrence River, Montréal is the largest city in Canada's Québec province and is considered the cultural capital of Canada.

LE CENTRE SHERATON MONTRÉAL will be our hotel for the next four nights.

Thu, May 03

This morning we will have a **PANORAMIC TOUR** of the city that will give you an overview of Montréal's top attractions and historical sites, including a visit to the Gothic Revival **NOTRE-DAME BASILICA**. Once you are familiar with everything the city has to offer, you can make the most of your free time over the next few days.

After time for lunch, we will make our way to **ESPACE TRICOT**. Melissa Clulow and Lisa Di Fruscia opened Espace Tricot in 2010. In addition to offering a large and carefully curated selection of yarns and fibers, notions, accessories, books and patterns they have graciously offered to host a meet-and-greet with **VERONIK AVERY**.

"A seamstress long before she began to knit, Veronik's experience with sewing clothes and costumes have always influenced her work as a knitwear designer. She loves being able to design a textile to accompany her patternmaking.

Veronik is the author of 'Knitting Classic Style' and 'Knitting 24/7'; her designs have appeared in many publications, including books from Interweave Press, Lark Books and STC and magazines such as Vogue Knitting, Interweave Knits, Knitscene and Woman's Day.

She lives on the island of Montreal with her husband and daughter and spends her time designing for Brooklyn Tweed and other projects. When she isn't making things out of fibre or fabric, you'll most likely find her in the kitchen where she eschews sweet things in favour of things savoury.

Fri, May 04

Since 1946, **BERGÈRE DE FRANCE** has been manufacturing quality hand knitting yarns in the heart of France. Each year they offer over 300 new knitting patterns for women, men, babies and children; as well as an extensive selection of accessories for needle works and other creative crafts.

"Today we will take a guided tour through the showroom and warehouse of BERGERE DE FRANCE'S North American facilities where you will be treated to a private trunk show event with exclusive pricing for Vogue Knitting participants. Refreshments reminiscent of Montréal's rich French heritage will be served during the event and each attendee will receive a BERGERE DE FRANCE tote bag filled with surprises that are sure to please the avid Vogue Knitter!"

After time for lunch, our next visit will be with Céline Barbeau, owner of **LA MAISON TRICOTÉE** (the Knitted House). The shop resembles a country house and even has a tearoom where her customers can relax while they knit and chat. In addition to a wide array of yarns and accessories. Céline has arranged a meet-and-greet with local hand-dyer **JULIE ASSELIN!**

Sat, May 05

You will have all day to **EXPLORE MONTRÉAL! Just minutes from our hotel is an entrance to Montréal's Underground City**, one of the largest underground complexes in the world, with over 20 miles of tunnels connecting shopping centers, museums and restaurants. If you are in the mood for a little retail therapy it's just a short walk to Saint Catherine Street, one of Montréal's most noteworthy shopping destinations. There you will find everything from international retailers to smaller shops, including a collection of boutiques at Ogilvy's. Visit the historic district of Old Montréal with its cobblestone streets and elegant architecture, taking time to relax and soak up the ambiance of the Old Port (Vieux-Port) stretching for over two kilometers along the St-Lawrence River.

Whatever you decide to do, just be back in time for our **FAREWELL DINNER** this evening **at our hotel!**

Sun, May 06

You can arrange for your flight home to depart from **MONTRÉAL PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YUL)** at any time today. You will be provided with available options for transferring to the airport and your tour escort will help you arrange shared rides if there are others with flights departing around the same time of day.

Included in your 12-day tour:

*Hotels

*Breakfast each morning

*3 Dinners & 1 lunch, as noted in the itinerary

*Admission to Toronto Knitters Frolic

- *Day at Koigu
- *Meet-and-greets with designers
- *Land travel by private motorcoach
- *Group flight from Toronto to Montreal
- *Luggage handling at hotels when arriving or departing as a group, where available
- *Group tours & activities
- *Hosted by a *Vogue Knitting* editor
- *Escorted by a professional tour leader
- *Yarn shopping and more!

Tour Price:

\$3896 per person, double occupancy

\$1142 single supplement

(Airfare to *Toronto* and from *Montreal* is not included in the cost of your tour)

Book early....space is limited!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Be sure to read all 2018 TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS prior to signing and sending in your registration.

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Please note: Our tours are best experienced by walking. Please be sure to read over our Terms and Conditions and then if you have any questions about your ability to join the tour, please give our office a call and we will be happy to discuss this with you, in more detail.

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Go to the Sign Up Forms button to print and read the current

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Print and mail in the completed Registration Form along with your deposit.

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