

A Knitting trip to Scotland & Shetland with Mary Penxa & Sawmill Creek Fiber Events September 06 to 17, 2020



SUNDAY 06: Depart for Scotland - Depart the USA for your overnight flight to Edinburgh. **Please review** your passport before travel. **Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your return to the US on the 17th September.**

MONDAY 07: Arrive Edinburgh (1 Night)

Arrive Edinburgh airport, and transfer into the city. This afternoon spend some relaxing time exploring on your own. Welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

TUESDAY 08: Kathy's Knits visit with Lucy Hague - Dundee (2 Nights)

After breakfast visit Kathy's Knits and meet with Lucy Hague. Lucy designs engaging, intricate patterns with unique twists. Some time to shop at Kathy's Knits before lunch (at your own expense) at one of the many local restaurants nearby. Later, depart Edinburgh for Dundee. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

WEDNESDAY 09: Visit Claddach Farms - Visit with Di Gilpin

After breakfast travel to Claddach Farm for a 2 hour guided tour to see the rare breeds of Alpacas, Shetland sheep, and rare Shetland cows. This is where the pedigree fleeces for Di Gilpin's new yarns are sourced from. After, journey on to Anstruther for lunch at leisure. Continue on to visit with Di Gilpin at her studio near Largoward. After a mini workshop on "Ganseym Squares", Di will do a brief talk and you will be able to see her latest collections. Opportunity to buy yarn or other items if you so choose. Free for dinner this evening. **(B)**

THURSDAY 10: History of the Scottish Kilt - Overnight Ferry from Aberdeen to Shetland Islands

Today visit with Marion at "Askival of Strathearn" and learn about the tradition of the Scottish Kilt. Learn the history of the Kilt and have the opportunity to purchase small tartan gifts, including tartan for patchwork. Have lunch before departing at approximately 2PM to take an overnight ferry from Aberdeen to Britain's most northerly out post, the Shetland Islands. **(B,L)**

Your passage and outside cabins will be pre-booked on the ferry.

FRIDAY 11: Shetland Islands - Jamieson's of Shetland - Shetland Textile Museum

Arrive in Lerwick the morning of 11th September. Have breakfast (available for purchase on the ferry at your own expense) before disembarking at Lerwick's ferry port. John Odie, your driver/guide on Shetland, will meet you at the ferry port upon arrival and transfer you to your hotel where you will spend the next 4 nights. After dropping your bags at your hotel, an immediate departure for Jamieson's of Shetland to tour and shop. Time for lunch (at your own expense) before visiting the Shetland Textile Museum. Displays at the museum include knitted Shetland textiles from the 19th century to the present day. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(D)**

Lerwick Hotel, 15 South Rd, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0RB - Tel: +44 (0)1595-692166 (4 nights)

SATURDAY 12: Jamieson & Smith Woollen Mills - Uradale Farm - Ella Gordon

After breakfast journey to Uradale Farm, an organic sheep farm and providers of Aalmerk Yarns, organic knitting yarns all organically dyed on the farm. In the afternoon visit Jamieson & Smith Woollen Mills and meet Oliver Henry, known as the Wool Man. Dinner this evening at the hotel at 5:30PM and after dinner at 7:00PM meet with Ella Gordon at your hotel to hear about the history and the unique textile heritage of the Shetland Islands. Ella also works at Jamieson & Smith; her beautifully crafted croft cushions are knitted in Shetland wool and stuffed with Shetland fleece. **(B,D)**

SUNDAY 13: Hazel Tindall - Donna Smith - Shetland Museum & Archives

Today visit with Hazel Tindall and Donna Smith at the Lerwick hotel. Hazel grew up in Shetland and has knitted for 50 years. She loves knitting Fair Isle. Donna Smith designs and hand crafts offer a range of unique and contemporary accessories. Enjoy a 3 hour class with Hazel and Donna - Fair Isle Book Mark. Yarn will be provided and you will concentrate on knitting in the round, steeking and cutting. This afternoon visit the Shetland Museum and Archives. Some free time before dinner at the hotel. **(B,D)**

MONDAY 14: Burra Bears & Red Houss Studio

After breakfast journey to meet Wendy Inkster at Burra Bears. Wendy makes her bears from Fair Isle-patterned Shetland woollen jumpers. Later, visit Mike Finnie at Red Houss Studio to see hand painted water colors and silver jewelry inspired by Shetland. (Burra Bears and Red Houss are located beside each other) Return to Lerwick with some free time before enjoying dinner at the hotel. **(B,D)**

TUESDAY 15: Shetland to Edinburgh (2 Nights)

This morning depart from the hotel for your Loganair flight to Edinburgh. Transfer from Edinburgh airport to the hotel. Evening and dinner at leisure in Edinburgh. **(B)**

WEDNESDAY 16: Free day in Edinburgh

Enjoy a free day to explore Edinburgh. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant this evening. **(B,D)**

THURSDAY 17: Depart Edinburgh for the USA

Transfer to Edinburgh airport for your return flight to the US. **For those knitters traveling today, transfers will be provided.**

DETAILS:

Dates: September 06 to 17, 2020 (12 days, 10 Nights)

COST: \$3,995 per person based on sharing a room

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$897 (Singles are limited)

(Plus international airfare)



HIGHLIGHTS: Shetland Islands - Local knitters on Shetland - Lucy Hague - Di Gilpin - Ella Gordon - Hazel Tindall - Donna Smith - Burra Bears - Red Houss Studio - History of the Scottish Kilt

INCLUDED: Accommodation for 10 nights with 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 dinners. Overnight ferry to Shetland Islands, Loganair flight from Shetland to Edinburgh. Hands on lessons and demonstrations. Entrance fees to Askival of Strathearn - Claddach Farms - Shetland Textile Museum - Jamieson's of Shetland - Shetland Museum and Archives - Burra Bears - Red Houss. Transportation with a professional driver/guide on mainland Scotland and Shetland. Airport transfers on 7th, 15th, and 17th.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare. Items of a personal nature (laundry, telephone, drinks, meals other than those specified, etc.). Entrance fees not specified.

Gratuity for driver/guides on mainland Scotland and Shetland.