

A Knitting trip to Scotland & Shetland with Mary Penxa & Sawmill Creek Fiber Events  
September 01 to 12, 2021



**WEDNESDAY 01: 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 12th September.**

**THURSDAY 02: 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.

**FRIDAY 03: 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)**

**SATURDAY 04: Visit Kellie Castle & Gardens - Visit with Di Gilpin**

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Kellie Castle & Gardens where medieval atmosphere meets Victorian style. Wander through the Arts & Crafts garden with its magnificent herbaceous borders, filled with the heavy scent of old roses. 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 "Ganseby 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)**

**SUNDAY 05: History of the Scottish Kilt - Aberdeen to Shetland on Logan Air**

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. After lunch travel north to Aberdeen airport for your Logan Air flight to Britain's most northerly out post, the Shetland Islands. Upon arrival, John Odie your driver/guide will meet you at the airport, and transfer you to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel this evening **(B,L,D)**

**Lerwick Hotel, 15 South Rd, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0RB - Tel: +44 (0)1595-692166 (5 nights)**

**MONDAY 06: Shetland Islands - Jamieson's of Shetland - Shetland Textile Museum**

After a leisurely breakfast, 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. **(B,D)**

### **TUESDAY 07: 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)**

### **WEDNESDAY 08: 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)**

### **THURSDAY 09: 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)**

### **FRIDAY 10: 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)**

### **SATURDAY 11: Free day in Edinburgh**

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

### **SUNDAY 12: 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 01 to 12, 2021 **(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, 7 dinners. Loganair flight from Aberdeen to Shetland to Edinburgh. Hands on lessons and demonstrations. Entrance fees to Askival of Strathearn - Tour at Kellie Castle & Gardens - 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 02nd, 10th, and 12th.

**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.**