



with Misty Meier & the Happy Ewe

SUNDAY 06: Depart for Scotland—Depart the USA for your overnight flight to Edinburgh.

MONDAY 07: Arrive Edinburgh

Arrive Edinburgh airport, where your driver/guide will be waiting to greet you and take you into the city. Enjoy a city tour in route to your hotel. This afternoon spend some relaxing time exploring on your own. Welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

TUESDAY 08: Visit and class in Edinburgh with Di Gilpin

After breakfast travel to Claddach Farm in Peat Inn and enjoy a guided tour and see the rare breeds of Alpacas, Shetland Sheep and rare Shetland Cows. This is where the pedigree fleeces for Di Gilpin's new yarn comes from. Enjoy lunch at the Peat Inn before visiting Largoward to meet with Di Gilpin at her studio. After a Mini workshop Di will do a brief talk and you will be able to see her latest collections. Dinner this evening at your leisure. Non Knitters will have the option to spend the day exploring Edinburgh or attend the farm visit and lunch and then return to Edinburgh in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 09: Kathy's Knits visit with Lucy Hague & Karie Westermann~ Dundee (1 Night)

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Kathy's Knits where you will visit with Lucy Hague. Lucy designs engaging, intricate patterns with unique twists. Her biggest design influence is Pictish, and Celtic Artwork and she has devoted considerable time in learning how the interlacing knot works in knitted cables. You will also meet with Karie Westermann a knitwear designer, teacher and copy writer on knitting for magazines. Mid-afternoon travel to Dundee & check into your hotel. Dinner at the hotel this evening. Non Knitters will again have the opportunity to further explore Edinburgh.

THURSDAY 10: History of the Scottish Kilt - Ferry from Aberdeen to the Shetland Islands (over-night)

Today visit with Marion at "Askival of Strathearn" & learn about the tradition of the Scottish Kilt. Marion worked as a dressmaker before learning the art of Kilt-making passed down from one of the last master Kilt makers of the Gordon Highlanders. Your visit with Marion will include the history of the Kilt along with lunch. Depart at approximately 2PM to take an over-night ferry to Britain's most northerly out post, the Shetland Islands. Arrive Lerwick the morning of the May 11. Enjoy breakfast at your own expense before disembarking at Lerwick's ferry port.

FRIDAY 11: Shetland Islands

After an early morning arrival in the port of Lerwick transfer to your hotel where you will spend the next 3 nights. After dropping your bags at your hotel, an immediate departure for Jamieson's of Shetland to tour and purchase yarn at the shop if you so wish. Enjoy 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. Non-Knitters can stay at the hotel or do some leisurely walking around the area.

SATURDAY 12: Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills - Ella Gordon

After breakfast, the morning at leisure to explore Lerwick or for those that wish it's the opportunity to visit Uradale, an organic sheep farm. Providers of Aalmerk Yarns, organic knitting yarns all organically dyed on the farm. In the afternoon visit the Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills and meet Oliver Henry, known as the Wool Man. This evening after dinner meet with Ella Gordon at your hotel to hear about the history and the unique textile heritage of the Shetland Islands. (Please note Ella also works at Jamieson & Smith) Her beautifully crafted croft-house cushions are knitted in Shetland wool and stuffed with Shetland fleece. Evening dinner at the hotel. Perhaps some golfing on the course at Shetland for the non-knitters? Alternatives will be offered.



DETAILS:

Dates: 06 MAY to 17

MAY 2018

12 Days - 10 nights

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- * **Shetland Islands**
- * **Local knitters in Shetland**
- * **History of the Scottish Kilt**
- * **Lucy Hague**
- * **Karin Westermann**
- * **Ella Gordon**
- * **Hazel Tindall**
- * **Donna Smith**
- * **Whisky Distillery**

COST: Per Person based on sharing a room **\$3,529.00**
 Single Supplement **\$760**
 Air approx **\$1,200/\$1,400**

Discount of \$150 if you pay your deposit/final by check

INCLUDED:

Accommodation for 10 nights with 9 Breakfasts. (Breakfast available on the Ferry but not included) 7 evening Dinners— 1 lunch—Ferry to the Shetland Islands outside Berth.

Flight to Inverness.

Entrance fees to:

Askival of Strathearn (Kilt) Hands on lessons and Demonstrations. Farm visit in Peat Inn. All visits on Shetland. (Shetland Textile Museum-Jamieson's of Shetland. Shetland Museum & Archives, Whisky Distillery. Transportation with a professional Driver -Guide

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare. Items of a personal Nature (Laundry, Telephone etc) Tips to the driver guides on

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

Leisurely morning to enjoy Lerwick. In the afternoon visit with Hazel Tindall and Donna Smith. Hazel grew up in Shetland and has knitted for 50 years. She loves knitting Fair Isle. Donna Smith designs and hand crafts offers a range of unique and contemporary accessories. Enjoy a 3 hour class with Hazel and Donna where you will concentrate on knitting in the round, steeking and cutting. Some free time before dinner at the hotel. Options available for non-knitters including golf and perhaps a visit to a local distillery to taste a wee dram of the amber liquid.

MONDAY 14: Shetland to Inverness

Breakfast and early departure by flight to Inverness. On arrival back on the mainland time to explore Culloden Battlefield to learn of Scotland's Bloody History. Travel north to Dornach where you will check in to your castle hotel for overnight and dinner.

TUESDAY 15: North Coast 500

Depart after breakfast and explore part of the coastline that makes up the North Coast 500, Scotland's answer to route 66. Castles, beaches and ruins dominate the day. You will also have the opportunity to explore one of Scotland's renowned Distilleries like Glenmorangie for tasting of Whisky. Evening at leisure for dinner on your own.

WEDNESDAY 16: Dornach to Edinburgh

Depart Dornach after breakfast and head south to Loch Ness to enjoy a cruise. Later make your return journey back to the city of Edinburgh, and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening in Edinburgh.

THURSDAY 17: Depart Edinburgh for the USA

Depart from Edinburgh airport for your return flight to the US.

* **Options available for extensions pre or post tour**

* **Please Note: Singles are limited on this tour**

* **PLEASE NOTE due to circumstances beyond the knitters control there may be some changes to the visits but we will ensure that any replacements are of similar quality.**

