

with Amy Detjen & Janine Bajus

Dates: 10th - 23rd September 2017

SUNDAY 10: Depart for Scotland—Depart the USA for your overnight flight to Edinburgh.



MONDAY 11: Arrive Edinburgh (2 Nights)

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 time with Amy & Janine and get to know each other a little better and begin your knitting adventure. Welcome Dinner at the hotel this evening

TUESDAY 12: Visit and class in Edinburgh with Di Gilpin

After breakfast spend some time knitting with Amy and Janine, before meeting with Di Gilpin at your hotel. After a Mini workshop on “Gansev Squares” for a blanket, Di will do a brief talk and you will be able to see her latest collections. Di, will bring yarn for the work shop, and other items available to purchase from her shop in Largs. Dinner this evening at leisure.

WEDNESDAY 13: Ysolda Teague Studio - Kathy's Knits & visit with Lucy Hague ~ Dundee (1 Night)

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Ysolda Teague Studio for a behind the scenes tour, with an opportunity to buy at the online store. **Note:** Ysolda will not be in Edinburgh the day you visit the Studio. After lunch, continue on to Kathy's Knits and visit with Lucy Hague. Lucy, loves to design 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. After meeting with Lucy continue on to Dundee and check into your hotel. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

THURSDAY 14: History of the Scottish Kilt - Ferry from Aberdeen to the Shetland Islands

Today visit with Marion at “Askival of Strathearn” to learn about the tradition of the Scottish Kilt. Marion worked for years 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 and an opportunity to purchase small tartan gifts including tartan for patchwork. Enjoy lunch at Marion's. You will 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 15th September. You can enjoy breakfast at your own expense before disembarking at Lerwick's ferry port.

FRIDAY 15: Shetland Islands (5 Nights)

After an early morning arrival in the port of Lerwick transfer to your hotel where you will spend the next 5 nights. After dropping your bags at your hotel, an immediate departure for Jamieson's of Shetland to do a 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.



SATURDAY 16: Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills - Ella Gordon

After breakfast, the morning at leisure to explore Lerwick. 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.

SUNDAY 17: Hazel Tindall - Donna Smith - Shetland Museum & Archives

Following breakfast, morning at leisure. Early 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 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.





DETAILS:

Dates: 10th - 23rd Sept
14 Days - 12 nights
Arrive and Depart
Edinburgh

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Shetland Islands
- * Local knitters in Shetland
- * History of the Scottish Kilt
- * Lucy Hague
- * Ella Gordon
- * Hazel Tindall
- * Donna Smith
- * Wendy Inkster at Burra Bears
- * Mike Finnie at Red Houss Studio
- * Color class with Janine on Shetland

COST: Per Person based on sharing a room \$ 4,020.00
 Single Supplement \$935

Air approx \$1,400
 Discount of \$155 if you pay your deposit/final by check
INCLUDED:

Accommodation for 12 nights with 11 Breakfasts. (Breakfast available on the Ferry but not included) 9 evening Dinners
 Ferry to the Shetland Islands outside Berth. Flight to Inverness.

Entrance fees to: Scone Palace
 Askival of Strathearn (Kilt)
 Hands on lessons and Demonstrations. All visits on Shetland. (Shetland Textile Museum-Jamieson's of Shetland. Burra Bears & Red Houss Studio. Shetland Museum & Archives. Transportation with a professional Driver-Guide

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare. Items of a personal nature (Laundry, Telephone, etc) Tips to the Driver/Guide

HOTELS:

Edinburgh: - Nira Caledonia

Dundee: - Apex City Quay

Shetland Islands:

- The Lerwick Hotel

Inverness: - Best Western

Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa

Monday 18: Burra Bears and Red Houss Studio

After breakfast enjoy a visit with Wendy Inkster at her very famous Burra Bears Studio. Wendy makes her bears from Fair Isle patterned Shetland woolen jumpers. These jumpers are recycled, and reshaped into an appealing, warm and comforting bear. Visit with Wendy in her studio and hear the delightful Burra Bear story. You will also visit Mike Finnie at Red Houss Studio to see and purchase if you choose, hand-painted water colors of Shetland and silver jewelry inspired by Shetland. Return to Lerwick with some free time before dinner at the hotel.



TUESDAY 19: Shetland - Color class with Janine

Following breakfast at your hotel enjoy a hands on 3 hour class with Janine using yarn that you find in Shetland, Janine will teach you how to create a multi-colored ball to knit a cowl to remind you of your travels. After lunch at the Shetland Museum & Archives enjoy a tour at the museum to hear the complete story of life on the Shetland Islands. Dinner at the hotel.

WEDNESDAY 20: Shetland to Inverness

Pick-up at the hotel after breakfast. Enjoy an island tour with John and see some of the little towns outside Lerwick and do some last minute shopping before taking a mid-afternoon flight to Inverness. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

THURSDAY 21: Inverness to Edinburgh

Depart Inverness after breakfast and journey south along the shores of Lough Ness. Continue on to Fort William with a stop for lunch. Journey through Glencoe with stunning mountain scenery and a stop at Scone Palace as we head to Edinburgh for overnight. Enjoy some Tea & Scones at Scone Palace. Dinner at leisure this evening.

FRIDAY 22: Free day in Edinburgh

Today enjoy some free time in the city of Edinburgh. Perhaps visit the 10th century Edinburgh Castle, or tour the Queens former yacht Britannia. Visit Holyrood Palace or take a leisurely stroll down the Royal Mile. Maybe even do some yarn shopping at Kathy's Knits. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant to end your time in Scotland.

SATURDAY 23 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 very limited on this tour

