

A return Knitting trip to SHETLAND with Amy Detjen & Janine Bajus

May 13-25, 2019

****Please consider departing one day earlier to recover from jetlag and ensure you make your flight to Shetland on the 14th. ** (Departing US on the 12th and staying the night of the 13th in Edinburgh)**

MONDAY 13: Depart USA for Scotland Depart the USA for your overnight flight to Edinburgh. Please be sure to have your up to date passport valid for at least 6 months beyond return date.

TUESDAY 14: Arrive Edinburgh ~ Fly to Shetland Islands

Arrive Edinburgh airport this morning where you will meet Janine and Amy for your connecting flight to Shetland Islands. **You will need to be in Edinburgh by the morning of May 14.** *Please note Celtic Journeys does not assume responsibility for misconnected flights.* Upon arrival in Shetland you will be met by your driver/guide, John Odie. Enjoy sightseeing before transferring to your hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

The Lerwick Hotel, 15 South Road, Lerwick. Tel: +44 (0)1595 692166 (9 nights)

WEDNESDAY 15: Uradale Farm ~ Burra Bears ~ Red Hous ~ Class with Amy - Knitting with two colors

Today journey to Uradale Farm. Uradale raises native Shetland sheep, whose fleece is spun into the only authentic organic Shetland wool on the market. After a stop for lunch, visit Wendy Inkster at her famous Burra Bears Studio. Wendy makes her bears from Fair Isle-patterned Shetland woolen jumpers. You will also visit Mike Finnie at Red Hous Studio to see hand-painted water colors and silver jewelry inspired by Shetland. Return to Lerwick with some free time before dinner at the hotel. This evening enjoy a hands-on class with Amy and learn to knit using two colors. **(Lunch included today)**

THURSDAY 16: Shetland Textile Museum ~ Evening Class with Elizabeth Johnston

Free time this morning. Enjoy lunch at your own expense in Lerwick, before visiting the Shetland Textile Museum this afternoon. Displays at the museum include knitted Shetland textiles from the 19th century to the present day, demonstrating Shetland's traditional heritage through knitted garments and accessories. Class with Elizabeth Johnston at the hotel this evening. During a fun 3-hour class Elizabeth will introduce the details and possibilities of Shetland lace using Jamieson & Smith yarns, as well as a few techniques used by Shetlanders.

FRIDAY 17: Jamiesons of Shetland ~ Class with Amy & Janine

Enjoy a tour of Jamiesons of Shetland, with an opportunity to buy yarn at the shop. Enjoy lunch at your own expense at a local restaurant before returning to the Lerwick hotel. This afternoon and evening you will have a hands on-class with Janine and Amy. You will create a multi-colored magic ball with Janine Bajus, and then Amy Detjen will teach how to knit a two-colored brioche cowl. Dinner at hotel.

SATURDAY 18: Jamieson & Smith ~ Oliver Henry ~ Ella Gordon

After breakfast visit the Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills and meet Oliver Henry, known as the Wool Man. Lunch on your own and afternoon at leisure. Ella Gordon will join you at the hotel and give a talk about the history and unique textile heritage of the Shetland Islands. Ella also works at Jamieson & Smith, and her beautifully crafted croft house cushions are knitted in Shetland wool and stuffed with Shetland fleece.

SUNDAY 19: Bressay ~ Class with Janine on Steeking

Today visit Bressay, the 5th largest island in Shetland. A short ferry ride from Lerwick, Bressay is a quiet, rural island with beautiful scenery, friendly people and fascinating wildlife. The east side of the island is sparsely inhabited, where sheep wander undisturbed. Spend the morning on Bressay, exploring and return to Lerwick for lunch at leisure. Dinner at the hotel this evening, followed by an opportunity to learn how to steek with Janine so you will be confident about cutting your own knitting.



Details

Depart May 13, 2019
Return May 25, 2019

11 nights/13 days—Arrive &
Depart Edinburgh

Some Highlights

- ◆ Donna Smith
- ◆ Hazel Tindall
- ◆ Burra Bears & Red Hous
- ◆ Elizabeth Johnston
- ◆ Yell and Unst
- ◆ Bressay
- ◆ Hands-on classes with Amy & Janine (2 classes each)

Cost: \$4,247 per Person Sharing
(Based on current Exchange Rates)

Plus Airfare -approx.

\$1,200 (Edinburgh round-trip)

Extra cost for single room : \$750

Included in your trip:

- ◆ Accommodation for 11 nights with full Scottish breakfast each morning.
- ◆ 9 Evening dinners & 1 lunch
- ◆ Roundtrip airfare to Shetland from Edinburgh
- ◆ Entrance fees to:
 - ◆ Shetland Textile Museum, Shetland Museum & Archives, Sumburgh Lighthouse, Jarlshof, Uradale Farm, Ferries to Unst & Bressay, Unst Heritage Center
- ◆ Hands on lessons & demos with Donna Smith & Hazel Tindall, Elizabeth Johnston, Amy Detjen & Janine Bajus
- ◆ Transportation with a professional driver/guide
- ◆ Gratuities for driver/guide John Odie

Not Included:

International Airfare
Most lunches, 2 dinners
Items of a personal nature (laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.)

MONDAY 20: Donna Smith & Hazel Tindall ~ Shetland Museum & Archives

This morning Hazel Tindall and Donna Smith will join you at your hotel for a 3-hour class on color and Fair Isle knitting and the technique of using a knitting belt. Donna is very interested in the knitting techniques used on Shetland and is passionate about helping to retain these skills. Hazel is a Shetland-born knitter and has knitted for 50 years. She loves knitting Fair Isle and is known as the World's fastest knitter since 2014. Enjoy lunch on your own. In the late afternoon visit the Shetland Museum and Archives, which tells the complete story of life on the Shetland Islands. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

TUESDAY 21: Free Day on Shetland

Enjoy a free day on Shetland. Dinner at leisure.

WEDNESDAY 22: Day trip to Unst & Yell ~ Unst Heritage Center

Spend the day visiting Unst and Yell. Unst, the most northerly inhabited island in the United Kingdom, is known for its scenic beauty, rich history, and traditions. Visit the Unst Heritage Center. The center owes its existence to the foresight and effort of the original Unst History Group who organized an exhibition in the Haroldswick Hall, linked to the old methods of crofting and fishing. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

THURSDAY 23: Sumburgh Light House ~ Jarlshof ~ Edinburgh

This morning visit the Sumburgh Lighthouse, considered the oldest in Shetland. Rising above the Sumburgh cliffs at the southernmost point of Shetland, the lighthouse is visible from land and sea for miles around. Journey on to Jarlshof, the best known prehistoric archaeological site in Shetland, containing remains dating from 2500 BC up to 17th century AD. After lunch on your own, we then say goodbye to Shetland and take a flight to Edinburgh. Transfer to the hotel. Dinner at leisure in Edinburgh.

The Place Edinburgh, 34-38 York Place, Edinburgh. Tel:+44(0)131 556 7575 (2 nights)

FRIDAY 24: Free Day in Edinburgh

Enjoy a free day to explore Edinburgh. Farewell dinner at the hotel this evening.

SATURDAY 25: Depart Edinburgh for the USA

Transfer from your hotel to Edinburgh Airport for your return flight to the USA.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please contact Jean if you have questions about your arriving flight dates and times. Celtic Journeys will not assume responsibility for misconnected flights.

HOTELS:

Lerwick Hotel on Shetland - 3*

Chosen for its wonderful views, excellent food, and great location, the Lerwick offers clean, comfortable rooms to a 3* standard with private bathroom. The staff have received great reviews from previous travelers.



The Place - York Place Edinburgh- 4*

Luxury 4-star boutique hotel, situated in a stunning A-listed Georgian Terrace in the very heart the city centre. This privately owned hotel features stylish bedrooms & suites, a restaurant & bar. **Because it is a Georgian Style hotel, The Place does not have a lift.**