

Shetland with Amy Detjen & Janine Bajus May 17-30, 2021



MONDAY 17: 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 your return date of travel.

TUESDAY 18: Arrive Edinburgh

Arrive Edinburgh airport this morning and transfer on your own to the Apex Grassmarket. The remainder of the day is free to explore Edinburgh. Welcome dinner with the group at a local restaurant this evening. **(D)**

The Apex Grassmarket, 31-35 Grassmarket, Edinburgh. Tel: +44 (0)131 3003456 (2 nights)

WEDNESDAY 19: Free day to explore Edinburgh

Leisurely day to explore Edinburgh on your own. Visit Edinburgh castle, or walk the Royal Mile in Edinburgh's Old Town with its many shops and restaurants. Visit the National Gallery of Scotland, or the marvelous Royal Botanic Garden. Free for dinner this evening. **(B)**

THURSDAY 20: Shetland ~ Sumburgh Lighthouse ~ Jarlshof

Transfer as a group from the hotel to Edinburgh Airport for your flight to Shetland. Upon arrival in Shetland you will be met by your driver/guide, John Odie. Enjoy a visit to the Sumburgh Lighthouse, considered the oldest on Shetland; and Jarlshof, the best known archaeological site in Shetland, containing remains dating from 2500BC up to 17th century AD. Some additional touring before transferring to the hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

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

FRIDAY 21: Uradale Farm ~ Burra Bears ~ Red Houss

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, meet Wendy Inkster at her famous Burra Bears Studio. Wendy makes her bears from Fair Isle-patterned Shetland woolen jumpers. Also visit Mike Finnie at Red Houss 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. **(B,L,D)**

SATURDAY 22: Jamiesons of Shetland ~ Class with Amy & Janine

Enjoy a tour of Jamiesons of Shetland, with an opportunity to buy yarn at the shop. Time for 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. 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. **(B,D)**

SUNDAY 23: Jamieson & Smith ~ Oliver Henry "The Wool Man"

After breakfast visit the Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills and meet Oliver Henry, known as the Wool Man, and perhaps Ella Gordon as well. Lunch on your own, and afternoon and evening at leisure to enjoy Shetland. **(B)**

MONDAY 24: Donna Smith & Hazel Tindall ~ Meet the Makers

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. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon enjoy an informal "Meet the Makers" for a couple of hours at the Lerwick Hotel. Tea & treats will be served with an opportunity to meet with and buy from local artists. Dinner at leisure this evening. **(B)**



Details

Depart May 17, 2021
Return May 30, 2021

12 nights/14 days - Arrive & Depart Edinburgh Some Highlights

- ◇ Donna Smith
- ◇ Hazel Tindall
- ◇ Burra Bears & Red Hous
- ◇ Elizabeth Johnston
- ◇ Yell and Unst
- ◇ Unst Heritage Center
- ◇ St Ninian's Isle
- ◇ Hands-on classes with Amy & Janine
- ◇ Meet the makers with tea and treats

Cost: \$4400 Per Person

Based on current Exchange Rates

Plus Airfare - approx.

\$1,200 - \$1,300 (Edinburgh roundtrip)

Extra cost for single room: \$974.00

Included in your trip:

- ◆ Accommodation for 12 nights with full Scottish breakfast each morning
- ◆ Roundtrip airfare from Edinburgh to Shetland
- ◆ Airport transfers 20th, 29th, 30th
- ◆ 8 Evening dinners & 1 lunch
- ◆ Hands on classes with:
Amy & Janine
Hazel Tindall & Donna Smith
Elizabeth Johnston
- ◆ Prepaid gratuity for John Odie, your Driver/Guide on Shetland

Entrance fees to:

Sumburgh Lighthouse • Jarlshof
• Uradale Farm • Jamieson's of Shetland • Jamieson & Smith & Oliver Henry "the Wool Man" • Croft House Museum • Shetland Textile Museum • Unst Heritage Center • Day trip to Unst & Yell

Not Included:

International Airfare
Items of a personal nature (laundry, telephone, drinks, meals not specified, etc.)
Yarn purchases and mailing expenses

TUESDAY 25: Croft House Museum ~ St Ninian's Isle ~ Class with Janine on steeking



Today, visit the Croft House Museum a mid-19th century Shetland Croft, which was lived in until the late 60's. You will also visit St Ninian's Isle, a small tied island connected by the largest tombolo in the UK to the south-western coast of Shetland. 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. **(B,D)**

WEDNESDAY 26: Shetland Textile Museum ~ Evening Class with Elizabeth Johnston

Free time this morning. Time for 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. Dinner at the hotel, followed by class with Elizabeth Johnston 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. **(B,D)**

THURSDAY 27: Free Day on Shetland

Enjoy a free day on Shetland. Option to visit the Shetland Museum & Archives, which tell the complete story of life on the Shetland Islands. Dinner at leisure. **(B)**

FRIDAY 28: 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, which owes its existence to the foresight and effort of the original Unst History Group who organized an exhibition linked to the old methods of crofting and fishing. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

SATURDAY 29: Depart Shetland for Edinburgh

Breakfast at the hotel. Some time for additional exploring. *(depending on the time of your departure flight to Edinburgh)* Group transfer to hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Farewell dinner this evening at a local restaurant to end your time in Scotland. **(B,D)**

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SUNDAY 30: Depart Edinburgh for the USA

Transfer from your hotel to Edinburgh Airport for your return flight to the USA. Transfers will be provided for those departing today.

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. The staff have received great reviews from previous travelers.



The Apex Grassmarket - Edinburgh- 4*

Located in the heart of Old Town Edinburgh, this contemporary hotel is surrounded by culture. Enjoy views of Edinburgh Castle views, and you are a few minutes from the Royal Mile and the National Museum of Scotland. The hotel has a restaurant on site and also a pool and sauna.

Options available for extensions pre or post tour.