



## A knitting trip to Scotland and Shetland With Amy Detjen & Heather Black 23rd May to 04th June - 2024

### Thursday 23rd May: Depart USA for Edinburgh - Scotland

Depart on your overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Be sure to have your up-to-date passport **valid for 6 months beyond your dates of travel**, and allow a minimum of **3 hours** for check-in for your International flight.

### Friday 24th May: Edinburgh - Settle in & Welcome dinner

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

**Kimpton Charlotte Square - Edinburgh**

### Saturday 25th May: Meet with Lucy Hague at the hotel for a chat and knitting demonstration - Scone Palace for Tea & Scones - Dundee

After breakfast meet with Lucy Hague for a two hour visit. Lucy is going to demonstrate a small sample swatch and give you a hat pattern which uses the same techniques. Lucy's biggest influence is Pictish and Celtic artwork and she spends considerable time in learning how to replicate the interfacing knotwork in knitted cables. Lucy will also have samples of her own work and will chat to you about her vast knitting experience. Have lunch at your own expense at one of the restaurants close by before departing for Dundee your home for the next couple of nights. Enjoy a visit to Scone Palace for a tour and tea and scones before checking into your hotel in Dundee. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

**Apex City Quay - Dundee**

### Sunday 26th May: Marion Foster at Askival of Strathearn to learn about the Scottish Kilt

After breakfast journey to "Askival of Strathearn" and visit with Marion 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 kilt makers of the Gordon Highlanders. Your visit with Marion will include the history of the Kilt and the opportunity to purchase small tartan gifts including tartan for patchwork. Lunch will be included with your visit. Return to Dundee with dinner at leisure this evening. **(B,L)**

### Monday 27th May: Di Gilpin in Largoward - Lunch at Cocoa Tree in Pittenweem - Fly from Aberdeen to Shetland



Today after breakfast journey to Largoward, located near St Andrews in Fife to visit with Di Gilpin. Di's studio is a restored stone bothy, where the walls are lined with shelves of cashmere, cotton and linen threads, baskets of Scottish Lamb's Wool and rails of exquisitely knitted garments. After a mini workshop on "Ganseym Squares" Di will do a brief talk and you will be able to see her latest collections. Also, the opportunity to buy yarn if you so choose. Enjoy lunch at Cocoa Tree in Pittenweem before going to Aberdeen airport for your flight to Britain's most northerly outpost, the Shetland Islands. Dinner at the hotel.

**The Lerwick Hotel - Shetland (B,L,D)**

### **Tuesday 28th May: Jamieson of Shetland in Lerwick - Shetland Textile Museum**

This morning visit Jamieson's of Shetland in Lerwick with the opportunity to buy yarn at the shop. Enjoy lunch at your own expense at a local restaurant before visiting the Shetland Textile Museum. Displays include knitted textiles from the 19th century to the present day, demonstrating Shetland's traditional heritage through knitted garments and accessories. The remainder of the day is free to explore Lerwick or relax and knit at the hotel. Free for dinner this evening. **(B)**

### **Wednesday 29th May: Jamieson & Smith - Oliver Henry - The Wool Man - Hazel Tindall**

**& Donna Smith** This morning visit with Oliver Henry also known as the "Wool Man" at Jamieson & Smith. Oliver has worked with Shetland sheep, Real knitting yarns, and other unique products for 50 years. You will chat to Oliver about his life's work at Jamieson & Smith. Also the opportunity to purchase yarn at the shop. The remainder of the afternoon is free to have lunch and explore. Dinner at the hotel this evening. After dinner Hazel Tindall and Donna Smith will meet you at the hotel for a chat and to show samples of their work. Hazel will also demonstrate the technique of using a knitting belt. Hazel has knitted for 50 + years. She loves knitting in Fair Isle and is known as the World's Fastest Knitter since 2014. Led by her desire to use what is on her door step and the traditions of the past, Donna runs her business from her family croft on the island of Burra. Donna designs her own patterns and launched her own range of yarn - **Langsoond**. **(B,D)**

### **Thursday 30th May: Uradale Farm - Burra Bears & Red Houss Studio - Donna Smith Studio**

Today, journey to Uradale Farm and visit with Ronnie & Jakob Eunson. Uradale raises native sheep, whose fleese is spun into the only authentic organic sheep wool on the market. {you will be able to purchase yarn at Uradale if you so choose} After a stop for lunch you will meet with Wendy Inkster at her famous Burra Bear studio. {You will not be able to purchase bears on site, but you will be able to order from Burra Bears} Wendy makes her bears from Fair Isle patterned woolen jumpers. You will also be able to visit Mike Finnie at "Red Houss Studio" to see hand painted water colors and silver jewelry inspired by Shetland. {You will be split into two groups while visiting with Wendy and Mike} You will also visit with Donna Smith at her studio and shop her Langsoond yarn if you choose. Free for dinner this evening. **(B,L)**

### **Friday 31st May: Exploring with John Odie - Janette Budge - Terri Laura**

Today, Explore with John in the morning and mid-afternoon. Early dinner at the hotel and after dinner a visit with Terri Laura and Janette Budge. Terri is a Shetlander through and through and loves color and Shetland knitting. The motifs Terri uses are designed by her grandmother Wilma Malcolmson or Terri herself and are traditional to Shetland. Terri is passionate about promoting the Shetland community as well as the importance of wool. Janette, is a Shetland knitwear designer and tutor, creating unique patterns and teaching the techniques of Fair Isle knitting. **(B,D)**

### **Saturday 01st June: Day trip to Unst & Yell - Victoria Tea House - Unst Heritage Center - Frankie's**

An early departure from the hotel to visit Unst & Yell. Unst, the most northerly inhabited island in the UK is known for its scenic beauty, rich history and traditions. You will 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. You will visit with Unst knitters at the center. Enjoy tea and treats at the Victoria Tea House. Dinner at Frankie's Fish & Chip shop before returning to the hotel. **(B,L,D)**

### **Sunday 02nd June: Free day to explore Shetland with John Odie - St Ninian's Isle - Shetland Teas**

Today, John will pick you up for a full day of exploring. Visit St Ninian's Isle, a small tied island connected by the largest tombolo in the UK to the South Western coast of Shetland. You will be on the outlook for Puffins and the very famous "Sunday Teas" that pop up in the community and loved by previous knitters visiting Shetland. Free for dinner this evening. **(B)**

### **Monday 03rd June: Depart for Edinburgh - Farewell Dinner**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Sumburgh airport for your Logan Air flight from Shetland to Edinburgh. Meet and Greet and group transfer to the hotel. Afternoon on your own in Edinburgh. Farewell dinner at the hotel this evening to reminisce about your trip. **(B,D)**

**Kimpton Charlotte Square - Edinburgh**



## Tuesday 04th June: Departure Day

Depart for Edinburgh airport and your return flight to the US. Transfers will be provided for those departing today. We will make sure you are at Edinburgh airport in plenty of time for your international flight back to the US. *For those knitters extending their stay please allow 3 hours for check-in on your return flight home.*

***This itinerary is subject to change for a better experience and for circumstances beyond our control. Amy and Heather will advise you of any changes during the course of the trip.***

**Key:** B = Breakfast; D = Dinner L = Lunch

**COST: \$6494** per person (based on sharing a room)

**Single Supplement: \$1088** (Singles are limited)

**Plus airfare:** Approximately **\$1300-\$1500** - (Edinburgh airport roundtrip)

## Tour Includes:

- \* Accommodation for 11 nights with breakfast each morning
- \* Logan Air flights from Aberdeen to Shetland and Shetland to Edinburgh
- \* Transfers on Monday 03rd June and for departures on the 04th June
- \* 7 Dinners/4 Lunch's
- \* Transportation with a professional driver/guide from 25th May to 27th May on Mainland Scotland
- \* Transportation with a professional driver/guide from 27th May to 03rd June on Shetland
- \* Airport transfers for those departing on the 04th June from your hotel to Edinburgh International airport
- \* Pre-Paid tips to your driver/guide on Shetland

**Visits to:** Scone Palace for a tour and Tea & Scones - Uradale Farm - Burra Bears - Red Houss Studio - Unst & Yell - Unst Heritage Center - Donna Smith Studio - Oliver Henry at Jamieson & Smith - Jamieson of Shetland in Lerwick - St Ninian's Isle - Jamieson of Shetland - Shetland Textile Museum

## Classes/Visits:

- \* Visit and demonstration with Lucy Hague at the hotel in Edinburgh
- \* Visit with Marion Foster at Askival of Strathearn to hear about the Scottish Kilt
- \* Visit and class with Di Gilpin in Largoward
- \* Visit with Wilma Malcolmson - day to be determined
- \* Visit with Terri Laura and Janette Budge for a chat on Fair Isle knitting
- \* Chat with Hazel Tindall and Donna Smith on Fair Isle Knitting and using a belt

## Not Included:

- \* International Airfare
- \* Items of a personal nature (Laundry, telephone, drinks, meals not mentioned, etc)
- \* Yarn purchases and mailing expenses.



## HOTELS:

**Kimpton Charlotte Square - Edinburgh** - Overlooking one of Edinburgh's prettiest private garden square, Kimpton Charlotte Square consists of seven interconnecting Georgian townhouses in the heart of New Town. Sitting proudly in the middle of the hotel in the Garden bar and restaurant where you can enjoy a cocktail or afternoon tea. The hotel also has a Spa and Fitness Center on site.

**Apex City Quay - Dundee** - This chic 4 star hotel is well located in the city of Dundee. At the Quayside Bar & Grill food is prepared with locally sourced produce. There is also a Spa on site for your enjoyment.

**Lerwick Hotel - Shetland** - Ten minutes walk from the town center, our location means our restaurant and many of the bedrooms take advantage of the unrivalled open views of Brewick Bay and the island of Bressay, we quite often have seals outside our back door. We have a 24 hour reception and our management team will be more than happy to help you with advice on what to do on Shetland in your free time.



## Your Hosts



**Amy Detjen** - Amy is in love with Shetland and can't wait to return. Amy has been Meg Swansen's assistant at her knitting camp for 20+ years. She is also a co-author with Meg on a book about Fair Isle knitting called "Knitting with Two Colors". Teaching knitting and helping people learn about a wide range of knitting possibilities is something Amy is passionate about and she loves solving those stubborn knitting problems.

**Heather Black** - Heather took up knitting after moving to Wisconsin where she became obsessed with technique and material. Her knowledge of knitting history, patterns, and prowess with the internet enriches knitting community experiences. She adores Shetland and can't wait to watch others fall in love with this magical place.

