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GREAT BRITAIN "SHEEP-TO-SHAWL" TOUR — ITINERARY OUTLINE

Itinerary is subject to change

FRI, JUNE 16- UNITED STATES TO LONDON

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic.

SAT, JUNE 17- LONDON ARRIVAL & FREE TIME

Your CIE Tours local guide will welcome you to England and escort you to the motorcoach. Enjoy a panoramic tour of [London](#) before transferring to your hotel. Once you settle into your room, spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure to relax or sightsee. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a three course dinner (beverages not included) at a local restaurant.

Overnight: [Cophthorne Tara Hotel, London](#)

SUN, JUNE 18- LONDON HOP-ON HOP-OFF

Enjoy the day at leisure in London, where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. You may use your open-top bus voucher to get better acquainted with the city. Learn about major attractions along the way and get on and off as you please. Or visit some local yarn shops! Regardless of your interest, there's something for you to do in the city of London. Tonight, you are free to dine on your own.

Overnight: [Cophthorne Tara Hotel, London](#)

MON, JUNE 19- LITTLE GREY SHEEP & COTSWOLD WOOLLEN MILLS

Today, meet your Tour Director in the lobby. Leaving London, travel a short distance to Well. Visit the [Little Grey Sheep at Well Manor Farm](#), which is a family owned farm that produces distinctive knitting and weaving yarns, all hand-dyed on the farm. We then travel to north to Filkins and stop at the [Cotswold Woollen Weavers](#); here, you shop for finely made British goods and also learn about the history of the valuable woollen industry in the Cotswold region. After your visit, drive to [Stratford-upon-Avon](#), home of the great playwright, William Shakespeare and check into your hotel. You may wish to relax or freshen up before dinner at the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight: (Tentative) [White Swan Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon](#)

TUES, JUNE 20- SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE

Stratford-Upon-Avon is a lovely old riverside town, rich in half-timbered Tudor houses and memories of the great playwright. Visit [Shakespeare's Birthplace](#), two houses which show the lifestyle of his times and some of his writings. Also stop in Shottery to visit [Anne Hathaway's Cottage](#), his wife's girlhood home. One more stop in Chipping Camden to visit one of the best-known and most influential Arts and Crafts gardens in Britain, the [Hidcote Manor Garden](#). The garden is famous for rare shrubs and trees as well as its outstanding design features. It is now owned by the National Trust and open to the public. From Chipping Camden, return to your hotel for dinner and the evening on your own.

Overnight: [White Swan Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon](#)

WED, JUNE 21- TREFRIW WOOLLEN MILLS & CAERNARFON

Depart Stratford-Upon-Avon and drive north into Wales. Continue to [Trefriw Woollen Mills](#), which sells traditional weaving products from Wales. The Woollen mills manufacture everything from bedspreads, rugs to tapestries. Then travel west to [Caernarfon](#). Upon arrival check into your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Dinner & Overnight: [Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon](#)

THU, JUNE 22- CAERNARFON CASTLE & PASSAGE ON THE STEAM TRAIN

After breakfast, visit [Caernarfon Castle](#), which is architecturally one of the most impressive castles in Britain and dates back to the 13th century. Continue on to the Ffestiniog Railway which is the world's oldest narrow gauge railway with almost 200 years of history, taking you on a journey from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog. The trip will take you through [Snowdonia](#)

[National Park](#), one of the eleven National Parks of England and Wales and the 2nd largest after the Lake District. The National Park covers 823 square miles of the most beautiful and unspoiled countryside in northwest Wales. Return to Caernarfon and enjoy some time to relax. In the evening join your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: *Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon*

FRI, JUNE 23- HAWORTH SCOURING COMPANY & BULMER & LUMB DYEHOUSE

Leaving Caernarfon, travel along the coast of Wales and back into England. Stop en route to Bradford for a visit to [Bulmer and Lumb](#), a dyehouse that processes tops, yarn, and does color matching. Then visit the nearby [Haworth Scouring Company](#), which is an environmentally responsible company that does wool scouring and combing. From there, journey into the Lake District to check in and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight: *Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton*

SAT, JUNE 24- WOOLFEST IN COCKERMOUTH

Spend the whole day at leisure at [Woolfest](#), a celebration of all things wool! In 2012 Woolfest won the Cumbria Tourism Award for Event of the Year. Demonstrations, entertainment, vendors, fleece sale. One more opportunity to add to your fiber stash! Then return to your hotel and enjoy dinner with your group.

Dinner & Overnight: *Crown Hotel, Wetheral*

SUN, JUNE 25- NEW LANARK SITE & VISITOR CENTRE

Depart Penrith, and journey north to visit the [New Lanark Site](#) and [Visitor Centre](#). See a restored cotton mill village from the 18th century. The founder of the village, Robert Owen, provided not only homes, livable wages and free health care for his employees but also

opened up the world's first workplace nursery school. We will enjoy a private group tour of their [woollen yarn mill](#) where they produce yarns from British breeds offered for sale in the shop as well as sold worldwide. From New Lanark, continue northeast to [Edinburgh](#) and check into your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure for individual pursuits and dining.

Overnight: *Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh*

MON, JUNE 26- EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

Set off on a guided tour of Scotland's capital city. Start your sightseeing with a drive through the heart of the city along Princes Street, famous for its shops on one side and gardens on the other. See the 18th century New Town with its broad streets, spacious squares and elegant town houses. Then drive along the Royal Mile and pass the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty, The Queen. Then take a guided tour of the imposing [Edinburgh Castle](#), perched high above the city on volcanic rock. The remainder of the afternoon is spent at leisure for you to browse, search out yarn shops and sightsee independently. In the evening attend a Scottish Evening where you can sample some Scottish specialties and enjoy a show with traditional music, bagpipes and singing.

Overnight: *Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh*

TUE, JUNE 27- RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Today is the final day of your vacation. Transfer to Edinburgh Airport in plenty of time to check in for your transatlantic flight. You may choose to do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft. Enjoy your flight across the Atlantic Ocean back to your hometown in the United States.

For complete information visit <http://www.fibergarden.com/travel/>.



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