



Hello Great Britain Travellers!

This will be the first of many updates to come between now and when we depart for our journey to Great Britain next June. Communications will become more frequent as the trip dates get closer, but there are a number of items to update you on even this early. Some of these updates will be lengthy and it is important that you read all of them carefully. I also ask that you either respond to the prompt requesting a “read receipt” or reply that you received the information. Thanks! Here goes...

- **Group size.** We currently have 13 reservations for our trip!! We have travellers from the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, and California...WOW! Fifteen is the minimum number needed to be able to conduct the trip at the advertised price. So...we are in GREAT shape! In addition to those of us already registered, I have a “healthy” number of individuals interested who have attended one of the webinars or communicated with me through other means. I am feeling very confident and excited to know that our trip will soon be a reality! Please continue to promote and I am doing the same!
- **Travel insurance.** If I have not yet provided you with a quote for insurance for this trip, you will be receiving it within a couple of days. Please give consideration as to if, and when, you’d like to purchase insurance. Keep in mind that if you plan to purchase insurance, doing so within 15 days of paying your trip deposit provides some additional coverages, most notably the pre-existing medical condition waiver. Otherwise, insurance can be purchased anytime up until 24 hours prior to the trip. Please be aware that I can not legally advise on insurance, but I am required to offer it. Specific questions regarding coverage should be directed to the phone number that will be on the email with the quote. Sometimes people ask if I will be purchasing insurance for myself. The answer is YES! Your initial insurance quote will be only for the price of the main tour...not airfare or the optional Scotland extension. We will add those once we know the exact air costs and whether or not you plan to participate in the extended tour.
- **Scotland Optional 5 Night Extended Tour. Information is ready!!** If you are interested in this extended tour, [here is the complete information](#). There is a link at the bottom of the flyer to the [Fiber Garden calendar page](#), where there is a quick and simple reservation process. Since I already have your contact information, all I really need is your agreement to the terms on the reservation. Please note that this simplified reservation process is only for people participating in the main ten night tour. Any space remaining after November 1 will be opened to anyone and will require a more thorough reservation process. These additional nights ended up costing a couple hundred dollars more than I had hoped, mostly due to the small group size. The good news is that ALL meals are included...“three squares a day”...and we will have a wonderful intimate group experience touring three days in the Shetland Islands and two days on the Isle of Skye in the Scottish Highlands. *If you are planning to participate in the Scotland extension, it is very important that you reserve your space ASAP. It will make a difference in terms of your post tour flight dates and return airport.* The deposit is only \$250 and is fully refundable within the cancellation policy guidelines.
- **Air Reservations.** There are some very good airfares to London right now, likely thanks to Brexit. In order to take advantage of good fares, and getting us all together on the same transatlantic flights, I think it would be best to move ahead with securing air reservations within the next month or so. With 13 people registered for our trip, I think we are in good shape. If you have any thoughts one way or the other, let me know.
- **Ravelry Group.** It’s time to start getting to know each other!! I hope you will stroll over to the [Fiber Garden’s Ravelry group](#) and check in on the “2017 Great Britain Sheep-to-Shawl Tour” thread. This is a thread to introduce ourselves and have conversation before the trip and share memories upon our return. The participants in our

fall 2015 cruise found this a great way to keep in communication before and after the cruise. (Please note that I will never post critical information on Ravelry, unless it is a reminder or to emphasize what I've sent in an email.)

Thanks to each of you for your interest and commitment to this tour. It is going to be an amazing journey!

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