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In Partnership with CIE Tours International Great Britain "Sheep-To-Shawl" Tour OPTIONAL SCOTLAND 5-NIGHT EXTENDED TOUR Information and Itinerary

Important: Air travel to Shetland is weather dependent and tour itinerary is subject to change at any time.

ITINERARY

TUES, JUNE 27- SHETLAND MAIN ISLAND

After breakfast, group transfer with main tour group to Edinburgh airport. Flight to Sumburgh, Shetland. After we arrive on the island we'll hop on our minibus and our tour will begin with a scenic drive to <u>Sumburgh Head</u> to see the puffins. We will have the opportunity to meet and visit with Elizabeth Johnston at <u>Shetland Handspun</u> and see how amazing handspun yarns have been established using the old skills which were passed down through generations. We will learn about spinning, knitting, and dyeing during our visit. Afterwards we enjoy lunch at the <u>Hoswick Visitor Center</u>. After lunch we will touring Laurence Odie's Knitwear Factory and a stop at <u>Shetland Knitwear</u>. Following a day of touring the main island of Shetland, we will travel to our B&B in Lerwick to check in and relax. Dinner will be at a local restaurant. *Overnight:* Alder Lodge Guest House, *Lerwick*

WED, JUNE 28- SHETLAND MAIN ISLAND

Today is another full day excursion! We begin with a visit to Jamieson & Smith Shetland Wool Brokers where all of the Shetland wool arrives to be sorted and graded. We also visit the Shetland Textile Museum and then journey along to the Burland Croft Trail. Lunch will be enjoyed at the Scalloway Hotel. We will make a stop at Jaimeson's of Shetland, the only spinning mill in Shetland. And finally, we pay a visit to Caroline Clapp at Walster Weavers. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Alder Lodge Guest House, Lerwick

THURS, JUNE 29- ISLANDS OF YELL AND UNST

Today will be a full-day excursion visiting these Northernmost islands of Shetland. We will board the ferry for short rides from Toft to Ulsta and from Gutcher to Belmont. Our first stop will be a visit with Liz Gott at Bayanne House. Liz makes framed knit pictures featuring the Shetland landscape. From there we stop by the Centre for Creative Industries. Lunch will be at Victoria's Vintage Tearoom. Finally, we visit the Heritage Centre for spinning and knitting demonstrations before returning to the main island for dinner. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Alder Lodge Guest House, Lerwick

FRI, JUNE 30- THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & THE ISLE OF SKYE

Today we bid farewell to Shetland. The day begins bright and early with breakfast and a flight from Sumburgh to Inverness where we will meet our guide for the next two days. We will enjoy a scenic drive via Loch Ness and on to a stop at the Eilean Donan Castle, one of the most iconic images of Scotland, for photos. Eilean Donan is situated on an island at the point where three great sea lochs meet, and is surrounded by majestic scenery sure to inspire your fiber arts designs! Then it's onward and across the Skye Bridge to the Isle of Skye. Our first stop will be Teo's Handspun in Broadford, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Our journey continues to Island at the Edge where traditional Scottish breed sheep are raised in Edinbane and finally on to Portree to check into our hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Royal Hotel, Portree

SAT, JULY 1- ISLE OF SKYE AND SCENIC TOURING

(Please note that tour stops on the Isle of Skye may be visited in a different order then stated in this itinerary and are contingent upon time available.) Our first tour stop this morning is at Skyeskyns in Waternish to see the process of making sheepskins. Then it's on to the Skye Shilasdaire Shop, specializing in yarns naturally dyed by the Skye Yarn Company. We will take a ferry from Armadale to Mallaig and enjoy a beautiful drive through Glenfinnan and Fort William with a stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, drive through the haunting Rannoch Moor and Glencoe. We continue alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned in song and also for unsurpassed beauty of the lake and mountains. We will end our day in Drymen and check into our hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Winnock Hotel, *Drymen

SUN, JULY 2- RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Today is the final day of our vacation. Following breakfast, transfer with the group to the Glasgow Airport in plenty of time to check in for our transatlantic flight. Enjoy your flight across the Atlantic Ocean back to your hometown in the United States.

TOUR INFORMATION

Cost: \$2500 per person, double occupancy Single Room Supplement: \$339 Round-trip air to the Shetland Isles is <u>additional</u>

Tour Includes:

- Exclusive transport with a driver/tour director
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airports
- Hotel accommodation based on double occupancy, twin bedded rooms with private bath for 5 nights
- All meals including full breakfasts (5), lunches (5), and dinners (5)
- All tour stops as outlined on the itinerary
- Ferry transportation between the Shetland Islands and from the Isle of Skye
- Hotel porterage for one bag per person, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

Tour Excludes:

- Air transportation to and from Shetland. For budget planning, it is suggested you budget \$500 for these flights.
- Beverages at meals
- Tour guide/driver gratuities.

Other Details:

- This Scotland tour extension must have a minimum of 8 guests to be conducted. The maximum group size is 12. First come, first served. (Please note that while the cost of this tour might seem a bit high, the small group size plays a large factor in the cost. Tour guide services cost the same regardless of group size, so smaller groups have a higher cost per person. On the positive side, the tour will provide a very personal small group experience at each of our stops and will be worth the extra expense. In addition, the tour includes ALL meals.)
- Priority on this tour will be given to those participating in the main, 10-night, tour. Any seats on this Scotland extended tour remaining after November 1, 2016, will be opened to anyone interested.

- Cancellation dates and policies are the same as for the main tour:
 - Cancellations prior to March 8, 2017. Full refund less a \$50 administrative fee
 - March 8 April 12, 2017: Cancellation fee is \$500
 - o April 13 May 26, 2017: Cancellation fee is 25% of trip cost
 - May 27 June 6, 2017: Cancellation fee is 35% of trip cost
 - June 7 15, 2017: Cancellation fee is 50% of trip cost
 - o June 16, 2017 (day of departure): Cancellation fee is 100% of trip cost
 - o Air cancellation penalties will apply based on the policies of the airline your flight is booked with

To Reserve Your Space:



Reservations are first-come, first-served. If you have made reservations for the main tennight tour, you can reserve your space for the Scotland extension by visiting the Fiber Garden's calendar. Click on the Scotland tour and a window will open with details and a registration link. This registration process is very simple since we already have your traveler information on file.

If you are <u>not</u> participating in the main tour, please email <u>deb@fibergarden.com</u> for a reservation form. Spaces not filled by the main tour travelers will be offered to others beginning on November 1, 2016. These remaining spaces will be offered first-come, first-served.

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

The Fiber Garden LLC requires a deposit of \$250 per person, due at the time of booking <u>and before January</u> <u>1, 2017</u>. Bookings requested after January 1, 2017 will be made on a space available basis. Group Booking#: 380102

Criminal Convictions: You may be denied entry into your chosen destination as a result of any prior criminal convictions. It is your responsibility to check with the appropriate embassy to assess your situation.

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