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2018 Scotland "SHEEP-TO-SHAWL" TOUR — ITINERARY OUTLINE

Itinerary is subject to change

TUES, OCT 23- UNITED STATES TO EDINBURGH

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

WED, OCT 24- EDINBURGH ARRIVAL, TOUR, EDINBURGH CASTLE

Your CIE Tours local guide will meet you at the airport to welcome you to Scotland and escort you to the motorcoach. Enjoy a guided tour of the city and the [Edinburgh Castle](#) before arriving at the hotel to check in and relax before the evening. Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: [Apex Waterloo Place Hotel, Edinburgh](#)

THURS, OCT 25- SCOTTISH BORDERS

A full day excursion to the Scottish Borders and their rich textile history touring the [Schofield Dyers and Finishers](#), followed by a journey along into Selkirk for a visit and tour of the [Lochcarron Mill](#), the largest mill producing traditional tartan fabric. Return to Edinburgh for a traditional festive evening of dinner and a Scottish ceilidh, a night of lively music and dancing.

Overnight: [Apex Waterloo Place Hotel, Edinburgh](#)

FRI, OCT 26- STIRLING CASTLE & SCENIC TRAVEL

After a hearty Scottish breakfast, drive to the historic town of Stirling to visit the [Stirling Castle](#), once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Travel through part of the [Trossachs](#), a region of gentle rolling hills, farms, and villages associated with [Rob Roy](#). Journey across the haunting [Rannoch Moor](#) and through [Glencoe](#), arriving at [Fort William](#) to check into your hotel.

Dinner & Overnight: [Nevis Bank Hotel, Fort William](#)

SAT, OCT 27- TO ISLE OF SKYE

Today, take the ferry to Armadale. We will stop for a visit at [Handspinner Having Fun](#) for a Dorset button class and then continue on to visit the [Clan Donald Museum](#) before driving into Sligachan to check into the hotel and relax before dinner at the hotel restaurant with your fellow travelers.

Dinner & Overnight: [Sligachan Hotel, Sligachan](#)

SUN, OCT 28 – ISLE OF SKYE

This morning drive along the "Road to the Isles" through some of Scotland's loveliest scenery to the port of [Mallaig](#), where we will take the ferry to the Isle of Skye, one of the Inner Hebrides, formed by a chain of hills with scenic glens and sandy beaches. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the island and journey through [Kilt Rock](#) and [Portree](#) before returning to the mainland by bridge.

Dinner & Overnight: [Sligachan Hotel, Sligachan](#)

MON, OCT 29 – FIBER ARTS ON THE ISLE OF SKYE

Today's full day excursion will have us visiting [Skye Weavers](#), [Skyeskyns](#), the [Skye Shalisdair Shop](#), and [Island at the Edge](#). After an inspiring day, we will return to our hotel for dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: [Sligachan Hotel, Sligachan](#)

TUES, OCT 30 – OUTER HEBRIDES & HARRIS TWEED

After a hearty breakfast, we take the ferry from Ullapool to [Tarbert](#) where we will visit the [Tarbert Tweed Shop](#) and visit a Harris Tweed weaver in their home studio. We will continue on our journey and stop to visit [Lews Castle](#) before arriving in [Stornoway](#) to check into our hotel and relax before dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: [Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway](#)

WED, OCT 31- HARRIS TWEED MILL AND FARM VISIT

Today's excursion will lead us to a stop to visit the [Callanish Stones](#). We will also enjoy a visit and tour of one of the [three mills](#) in the [Outer Hebrides](#) that produce Harris Tweed woven fabric. Finally, a stop at an island sheep farm before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway

THURS, NOV 1 – DISTILLERY & LOCH NESS

After breakfast, we take a ferry from Stornoway to Ullapool. Our travels today will bring us to the [Glen Ord Distillery](#) for a tour and tasting. We continue on to [Fort Augustus](#) and take a boat ride on the [Loch Ness](#), which will give you an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scenery and look for "Nessie". We continue on to [Inverness](#) to check into our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at your leisure. Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: [Palace Hotel](#), Inverness

FRI, NOV 2 – LEAULT FARM & JOHNSTON CASHMERE

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

This tour requires a deposit of \$250 per person, due at the time of booking ***and before March 1, 2018.*** Bookings requested after March 1, 2018 will be made on a space available basis. Please be aware that this tour is expected to fill well before the March 1 deadline. Early reservations are recommended to insure your space.

Please be advised that travel in Scotland can involve uneven terrain, rough walking surfaces, and some stairs which can be challenging for those with mobility issues. Please contact the Fiber Garden if you have any concerns.

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.

Today we visit [Leault Farm](#) in [Kincraig](#) to see a sheepdog demonstration and learn about farming life in Scotland. Then it's on to [Elgin](#) to visit the [Johnston Cashmere Visitor Center](#) and tour the mill. Tonight we will enjoy an authentic Scottish dinner together at a local restaurant as we prepare to say farewell to Scotland tomorrow.

Overnight: Palace Hotel, Inverness

SAT, NOV 3 - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES OR CONTINUE TO THE SHETLAND ISLANDS

Today is the final day of our tour. Group transfer to the Inverness Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flights. Enjoy your flight across the Atlantic Ocean back to your hometown in the United States. If you are participating in the optional extended tour to the Shetland Islands, we will board our flight to Sumburgh where our Shetland guide will meet us to continue our adventure for another four nights!

SAT, NOV 3 – WED, NOV 7 – OPTIONAL EXTENDED TOUR TO THE SHETLAND ISLANDS.

Overnights: [Kveldsro House Hotel](#), Lerwick

