2022 Shetland Itinerary

(Subject to much change!) 😊

Monday, May 9

Pick up from airport and drive up to Sumburgh Lighthouse to see the puffins. Visit Jarlshof (4500 years of habitation). Arrive and check-in to Shetland Hotel at 5:30; evening meal at 7:00 p.m. at the hotel.

Tuesday, May 10

Pick up at 8:45 a.m. and head for Uradale Farm to visit Ronnie Eunson, his sheep, croft, and yarns. From there we head back to Lerwick to the Museum for a talk and viewing by Carole Christiansen on Shetland Lace. Lunch at the Museum. After lunch we'll visit the Shetland Textile Museum and then on to Jamieson and Smith Woolbrokers. Arrive back at the hotel at 5:30. Pick up at 6:45 for dinner at 7 p.m. at Lerwick Hotel.

Wednesday, May 11

Pick-up at 8:45 a.m. Drive south to visit Barbara Isbister, then continue south to catch the ferry to Mousa for a lovely afternoon walk to see the world famous Mousa Broch and the birds, seals, and possibly otters. Return for a late lunch at Hoswick Visitor Centre. After lunch visit Nielanell's studio. Then it's on to a class on color and design with Wilma Malcolmson, Shetland Designer. Arrive back at the hotel at 5:30. Pick up at 6:45 for dinner at 7 p.m. at No 88.

Thursday, May 12

Pick-up at 8:45 to drive out to Walls in the sestside to visit Becky Pritchard (Silly Sheep Co) dyer, spinner and knitter. Return for lunch at Da Haaf in Scalloway. After lunch we'll visit Scalloway Museum, home to the history of the Shetland Bus and this years' textile exhibition. We'll then take a drive down through Trondra and Burra to Red Huss, a mixture of silversmithing and artwork. Arrive back at hotel at 5:30. Pick-up at 6:45 for dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Fjara.

Friday, May 13

Pick-up at 8:15 a.m. and head north to catch the ferries to the most northerly island of Unst. Our visit to Glansin Glass is going to be a slightly different take on the Fair Isle design as you will be making a glass keepsake in her studio. Lunch provided by Victoria's Tearoom. After lunch we'll visit the Unst Heritage Centre to meet the knitter for a demonstration on how to use a knitting belt. Bring your knitting to show and tell! Arrive back at the hotel at 5:30. Pick-up at 6:45 for dinner at No. 88.

Saturday, May 14

Pick up at 8:45 a.m. and catch the ferry to the island of Bressay to visit Chris Dyers Garths' Croft with native sheep, crofting, agriculture, and history. Explore Bressay. Lunch at Maryfield House Hotel. After lunch we'll return to Lerwick for an afternoon in the town for browsing and shopping. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Shetland Hotel.

Sunday, May 15

Check out of the hotel at 8:45 a.m. (after your COVID testing!) and head north for sightseeing in the North Mainland. Spectacular rugged scenery with red granite stacks and basalt cliffs at Eshaness. We'll have a carvery lunch at St. Magnus Bay hotel and visit the Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary before return to Lerwick. Arrive at the Ferry Terminal at 5:30 p.m. to board the overnight ferry to Aberdeen.

Monday, May 16

Group transfer from Northlink Ferry terminal to Aberdeen airport for our flights home!