

SHETLAND ITINERARY MAY 2024

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Sunday, May 12th

Pick up from the airport and head for [Sumburgh Lighthouse](#) to hopefully see the puffins before visiting [Jarlishof Prehistoric and Norse Settlement](#). Lunch at Sumburgh Hotel. Then travelling north we head for the [Shetland Croft House Museum](#) (life 120yrs ago) and [St. Ninian's Tombolo](#) before arriving at the Kveldsro Hotel (our home for the week) around 17.00 where we will also have our evening meal at 19.00.

Monday, May 13th

Pick up at 08.45 and drive down to visit designer [Barbara Isbister](#) in her studio and then to Sandwick to visit the [Neilanell](#) studio and [Lawrence Odie's knitwear factory](#). From there we go to catch the ferry to Mousa for a leisurely walk to see the famous [Mousa Broch](#) purported to be an Iron Age fort and the only one in the world still intact. Weather permitting we'll take a packed lunch to the island. On our return we'll head back to Cunningsburgh to the [Shetland Designer](#) workshop where you will have a session in colour coordination and Fair Isle design with Wilma Malcolmson before returning to Lerwick. Your evening meal is at the Scalloway Hotel at 19.00. **(Note: Barbara creates wonderful original knitwear. We have purchased many items from her. She does NOT take credit cards. Her jumpers run about 125 GBP. There is an ATM downtown Lerwick if you need a cash infusion before this visit! 😊)**

Tuesday, May 14th

Pick up 9am and head out to Burra to visit [Donna Smith Designs](#) and then [Red Houss](#) (silver jeweller and artist). Lunch at Hay's Dock Cafe in Lerwick Museum after which we'll meet [DJ Stefek](#) for a session in drop spindling. Back to your hotel for a bit of relaxation. Pick up at 18.40 to catch the 19.00 ferry to Bressay for dinner at Maryfield House Hotel at 19.30

Wednesday, May 15th

Pick up 09.00 and visit [Jamieson and Smith](#), Wool Brokers (yarn, fleece, patterns, garments, etc.) before we move on to the [Textile Museum](#) for the

2024 exhibition and their antique collection. Then to [Scalloway Museum](#) (home to the Shetland Bus exhibition) and lunch at Da Haaf. After lunch we drive out into the Westside to visit [Breckenlea Croft](#) to meet their sheep, ponies and Shetland sheep dogs. Back to your hotel for a rest by 5pm. Pick up at 19.00 for dinner at Da Steak Hoose and then afterwards to the Lounge Bar for a local music experience.

Thursday, May 16th

Pick up from your hotel at 08.15 and head north to catch the 2 ferries to the most northerly island of Unst. We arrive on Unst at 10.15 to visit Cheryl at [Glansin Glass](#) for the morning and make a glass coaster before we go to [Victoria's Tearooms](#) for lunch. Then we move on to the [Heritage Centre](#) (fine lace exhibits) to meet the knitters for a demonstration and see to how to use a knitting belt. Bring your knitting to share with the locals! Arriving back at your hotel 17.30, pick up at 18.45 for your evening meal at 19.00 at Fjara.

Friday, May 17th

Pick up at 08.45 to catch the ferry to Bressay then visit Chris Dyer at [Garth's Croft](#). Chris is an archaeologist, a drystone dyker, keeps native Shetland sheep and grows a lot of his own food. Lunch at the Maryfield Hotel then back on the ferry to Lerwick. The rest of the day is a shopping afternoon in Lerwick. Arriving at your hotel 17.30, your evening meal at 19.00 is at your hotel.

Saturday, May 18th

Check out of the Hotel at 09.00 (luggage will be picked up and taken to the ferry terminal) and drive out to Weisdale to visit the [Shetland Jewellery](#) workshop for a guided tour to see how and where all their jewellery is created. From there we head north through Kergord Valley, Voe, Brae and on up to Hillswick to visit the [Seal Sanctuary and Wildlife Centre](#) and then stop at Braewick Cafe for lunch. Then on up to the spectacular [cliffs at Eshaness](#) before returning to catch the ferry to Aberdeen

Sunday, May 19th. Homeward bound!