

SHETLAND ITINERARY MAY 2025

Always subject to change!!

Sunday, May 11th

Pick up from the airport and head for [Sumburgh Lighthouse](#) to hopefully see the puffins before visiting [Jarlshof 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 Shetland Hotel (our home for the week) around 5pm where we will also have our evening meal at 7pm.

Monday, May 12th

Pick up at 08.45 and drive down to visit designer [Barbara Isbister](#) in her studio. Barbara has been a Shetland knitwear designer all her life. From there we'll head to [Paparwark](#) to see Cecil Tait in his workshop and to visit his Croft. From there we'll head to Hoswick Visitor Centre for lunch and to meet [Janette Budge](#) for a course in Fair Isle knitting with a knitting belt. Later, you can also visit the [Neilanell](#) studio and [Lawrence Odie's knitwear factory](#) nearby. From there we'll head back to Lerwick and your hotel. Pick up at 6:45; your evening meal is at the Lerwick Hotel at 7pm. **(Note: Barbara creates wonderful original knitwear. We have purchased many items from her. She does NOT take credit cards. Her jumpers run about 160 GBP. There is an ATM downtown Lerwick if you need a cash infusion before this visit! 😊)**

Tuesday, May 13th

Pick up 9am and head out to Burra to visit [Donna Smith Designs](#). We'll explore the Isle further and then have lunch at the Cornerstone Café in Scalloway, 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 6:40pm to catch the 7:00 ferry to Bressay for dinner at Maryfield House Hotel at 7:30.

Wednesday, May 14th

Pick up 9:00am and visit [Jamieson and Smith](#), Wool Brokers (yarn, fleece, patterns, garments, etc.) before we move on to the [Textile Museum](#) for the 2025 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 Marion's sheep, ponies and Shetland sheep dogs. Back to your hotel for a rest by 5pm. Pick up at 7:00 for dinner at No.88 and then afterwards to the Lounge Bar for a local music experience. Marion's family have lived

here on the croft for several generations and she will be happy to chat to you, while you view the animals. Her daughter Amanda lives next door and now runs the croft and the Breckenlea Shetland pony stud. This stop will ensure you can get up close to Shetland's native animals in their homeland. Back to your hotel for a rest by 5pm before I pick you up again at 6:45 for dinner at No 88 in Lerwick.

Thursday, May 15th

Pick up from your hotel at 8:00am and head north to catch the 2 ferries to the most northerly island of Unst. We arrive on Unst at 9:50 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 and enjoy some time to knit and visit with them. Bring your knitting to share with the locals! Arriving back at your hotel 5:30pm, pick up at 6:45 for our evening meal at 7:00pm at Fjara.

Friday, May 16th

Pick up at 8:45am 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 Speldiburn Cafe then back on the ferry to Lerwick. You'll have some free time when we return to do some shopping in Lerwick before ending our afternoon at the [Lerwick Brewery](#). Pick up at 6:45pm for our evening meal at the Scalloway Hotel.

Saturday, May 17th

Check out of the Hotel at 9:00am 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. Arrive at the Ferry Terminal 5:30pm to catch the ferry to Aberdeen.

Sunday, May 18th. Homeward bound!

Note: Luggage will be transferred from the Airport to your Hotel separately and picked up again and taken to the Ferry Terminal on your departure day.