

SHETLAND ITINERARY MAY 2026

Always subject to change!!

Sunday, May 10th

Pick up from the airport and drive up to [Sumburgh Lighthouse](#) to see the puffins before a light lunch at Sumburgh Hotel. After lunch we will visit [Jarlshof archaeological site](#) and the [Croft House Museum](#) before heading for Lerwick where you'll be staying for the week. Your luggage will be transported separately and delivered to the hotel for maximum comfort in the minibus. Arriving at Shetland Hotel approximately 17.30, your evening meal will be at your hotel at 19.30pm

Monday, May 11th

Pick up at 09.00 and head south to [visit Barbara Isbister](#) at her home/workshop. Her design are very distinctive and I'm sure you'll enjoy meeting her. (Note: Barbara creates wonderful original knitwear. We have purchased many items from her. She does NOT take credit cards. Her jumpers run about 175 GBP. There is an ATM downtown Lerwick if you need a cash infusion before this visit! 😊) From Barbara's we head to Bigton to see St. Ninians Tombolo before visiting Cecil Tait ([Paparwark](#)) at his Croft and workshop. Cecil is a furniture designer among other things. From there we head back up the island to Hoswick Visitor Centre for lunch. You will then have a class with [Janette Budge](#) on how to use a knitting belt and be able to visit both [Nielanell](#) studio and [Laurence Odie Knitwear](#) after which we head back to your hotel for 5pm. Your evening meal tonight is at Scalloway Hotel at 7pm.

Tuesday, May 12th

Pick up 9am and head for the island of Burra to visit [Donna Smith Designs](#). Your next stop is a secret. 😊 From there we will visit the [Scalloway Museum](#) (Shetland Bus Exhibition) then head back to Lerwick for lunch at Teamore before I introduce you to [DJ Stefek](#) for her drop spindle class. DJ is a spinner, dyer and knitter and has opened a shop called Eldamato in the heart of Lerwick. She lost her hearing about six years ago but can sign and lip read so please make sure you speak to her directly. Back to your hotel around 17.30 with a pick up at 18.45 for dinner at the Lerwick Hotel.

Wednesday, May 13th

Pick up 09.00 and visit [Jamieson and Smith](#), Wool Brokers for a yarnfest! When you have had your fill we will head out to the Westside to visit [Transition Turrifield](#). A very impressive small market garden,

proving that Shetland is perfectly capable of growing a very large selection of fresh produce. Back to Scalloway for lunch at the Fisheries College at 1:15pm. After lunch we will be visiting [Breckenlea Croft](#), lambs, ponies and shelties. Back to Lerwick for 5.30, dinner at No.88 at 7pm.

Thursday, May 14th

Pick up from your hotel at 07:45 (sorry for such an early start but catching ferries today is absolutely crucial) and head north to catch the ferries to the most northerly island of Unst. Your visit to [Glansin Glass](#) is going to be a slightly different take on the Fair Isle design or a design of your choosing, as you will be making a glass coaster keepsake in her studio. Lunch at the Baltasound Hall. After lunch we'll visit the [Unst Heritage Centre](#) to meet the local knitters and swap techniques. Bring your knitting and join the circle with the locals! Back to your hotel 17.30, pick up at 18.45 for your evening meal at 7pm at the Magno's. Afterwards we'll head for the Douglas Arms where hopefully there will be live music.

Friday, May 15th

Pick up at 08:35 to catch the 9am ferry to Bressay then visit Chris Dyer at [Garth's Croft](#). Chris is an archaeologist but has been concentrating on breeding native sheep (since he got the croft), growing as much fresh produce as possible, building dry stone walls and developing his land generally. Lunch today is at Speldiburn Cafe at 12.15 after which we'll catch the ferry back to Lerwick for a spot of shopping before we visit the [Lerwick Brewery](#) for a talk and tasting. Your evening meal will be at your Hotel tonight at 7pm.

Saturday, May 16th

Check out of the Hotel at 09.00am. (Your luggage will be picked up and taken to the Ferry Terminal) and head northwest to call at the [Shetland Jewellery](#) workshop for a guided tour after which we head north to the [Wildlife Sanctuary](#) at Hillswick before lunch at Braewick Cafe. The rugged scenery with red granite stacks and basalt cliffs will culminate at [Eshaness](#). On the way back to Lerwick we'll stop at the Tangwick Haa Museum. Arrive at the Ferry Terminal 17.30pm to catch the ferry to Aberdeen

Sunday, May 17th. Homeward bound