



## with Misty Meier & the Happy Ewe

**SUNDAY 06: Depart for Scotland**—Depart the USA for your overnight flight to Edinburgh.

**MONDAY 07: Arrive Edinburgh (2 Nights)**

Arrive Edinburgh airport, where your driver/guide will be waiting to greet you and take you into the city. Enjoy a city tour in route to your hotel. This afternoon spend some relaxing time exploring on your own. Welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

**TUESDAY 08: Visit and class in Edinburgh with Di Gilpin**

After breakfast meet with Di Gilpin at your hotel. After a Mini workshop on “Ganseley Squares” for a blanket, Di will do a brief talk and you will be able to see her latest collections. Di, will bring yarn for the work shop, & other items available to purchase from her shop in Largoward. Dinner this evening at leisure. Non Knitters will spend the day exploring Edinburgh.

**WEDNESDAY 09: Ysolda Teague Studio - Kathy's Knits & visit with Lucy Hague ~ Dundee (1 Night)**

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Ysolda Teague Studio for a behind the scenes tour, with an opportunity to buy at the online store. After lunch, continue on to Kathy's Knits and visit with Lucy Hague. Lucy, loves to design engaging, intricate patterns with unique twists. Her biggest design influence is Pictish, and Celtic Artwork and she has devoted considerable time in learning how the interlacing knot works in knitted cables. After meeting with Lucy continue on to Dundee and check into your hotel. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

**THURSDAY 10: History of the Scottish Kilt - Ferry from Aberdeen to the Shetland Islands (over-night)**

Today visit with Marion at “Askival of Strathearn” to learn about the tradition of the Scottish Kilt. Marion worked as a dressmaker before learning the art of Kilt-making passed down from one of the last master Kilt makers of the Gordon Highlanders. Your visit with Marion will include the history of the Kilt and lunch. Depart at approximately 2PM to take an over-night ferry to Britain's most northerly out post, the Shetland Islands. Arrive Lerwick the morning of the May 11. Enjoy breakfast at your own expense before disembarking at Lerwick's ferry port.

**FRIDAY 11: Shetland Islands (3 Nights)**

After an early morning arrival in the port of Lerwick transfer to your hotel where you will spend the next 5 nights. After dropping your bags at your hotel, an immediate departure for Jamieson's of Shetland to tour and purchase yarn at the shop if you so wish. Enjoy lunch at your own expense before visiting the Shetland Textile Museum. Displays at the museum include knitted Shetland textiles from the 19th century to the present day. Dinner at the hotel this evening. Non-Knitters can stay at the hotel or do some leisurely walking around the area.

**SATURDAY 12: Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills - Ella Gordon**

After breakfast, the morning at leisure to explore Lerwick. In the afternoon visit the Jamieson & Smith Woolen Mills and meet Oliver Henry, known as the Wool Man. This evening after dinner meet with Ella Gordon at your hotel to hear about the history and the unique textile heritage of the Shetland Islands. (Please note Ella also works at Jamieson & Smith) Her beautifully crafted croft-house cushions are knitted in Shetland wool and stuffed with Shetland fleece. Evening dinner at the hotel. Perhaps some golfing on the course at Shetland for the non-knitters? Alternatives will be offered.



**DETAILS:**

**Dates: 06 MAY to 17 MAY 2018**

**12 Days - 10 nights**

**SOME HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* **Shetland Islands**
- \* **Local knitters in Shetland**
- \* **History of the Scottish Kilt**
- \* **Lucy Hague**
- \* **Ella Gordon**
- \* **Hazel Tindall**
- \* **Donna Smith**
- \* **Wendy Inkster at Burra Bears**
- \* **Mike Finnie at Red Houss Studio**

**COST:** Per Person based on sharing a room **\$3,529.00**  
 Single Supplement **\$760**  
 Air approx **\$1,200/\$1,400**

**Discount of \$150 if you pay your deposit/final by check**

**INCLUDED:**

Accommodation for 10 nights with 9 Breakfasts. (Breakfast available on the Ferry but not included) 7 evening Dinners Ferry to the Shetland Islands outside Berth. Flight to Inverness.

**Entrance fees to:**

Askival of Strathearn (Kilt) Hands on lessons and Demonstrations. All visits on Shetland. (Shetland Textile Museum-Jamieson's of Shetland. Burra Bears & Red Houss Studio. Shetland Museum & Archives. Transportation with a professional Driver -Guide

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Airfare. Items of a personal Nature (Laundry, Telephone etc) Tips to the driver guides on

**SUNDAY 13: Hazel Tindall - Donna Smith - Shetland Museum & Archives**

Morning at leisure or visit with Wendy Inkster at her Burra Bears Studio. The bears are made from Fair Isle patterned recycled Shetland woolen jumpers, and reshaped into an appealing, warm & comforting bear. Visit Mike Finnie at Red Houss Studio to see hand-painted water colors & silver jewelry inspired by Shetland. In the afternoon visit with Hazel Tindall and Donna Smith. Hazel grew up in Shetland and has knitted for 50 years. She loves knitting Fair Isle. Donna Smith designs and hand crafts a range of unique and contemporary accessories. Enjoy a 3 hour class with Hazel and Donna where you will concentrate on knitting in the round, steeking and cutting. Some free time before dinner at the hotel. Options available for non-knitters including a visit to a local distillery to taste a wee dram of the amber liquid.

**MONDAY 14: Shetland to Inverness (2 Nights)**

Pick-up at the hotel after breakfast. Enjoy an island tour with John and see some of the little towns outside Lerwick and do some last minute shopping before taking a mid-afternoon flight to Inverness. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

**TUESDAY 15: Loch Ness**

Exploring the area around Inverness, including a cruise on Loch Ness and Culloden Battelfield to learn of Scotland's Bloody History. Evening at leisure for dinner on your own in Inverness.

**WEDNESDAY 16: Inverness to Edinburgh (2 Nights)**

Depart Inverness after breakfast and make your return journey back to the city of Edinburgh. Journey south through the Cairngorm Mountains including visits to a renowned Whiskey Distillery and a sheep farm enroute. Farwell dinner this evening in Edinburgh.

**THURSDAY 17: Depart Edinburgh for the USA**

Depart from Edinburgh airport for your return flight to the US.

- \* **Options available for extensions pre or post tour**
- \* **Please Note: Singles are limited on this tour**

