



**SHETLAND
WOOL**
ADVENTURES

**KNITTING & HIKING IN
SHETLAND - ITINERARY**

27th May - 2nd June 2018

This tour includes a combination of some of the finest coastal walks in Shetland with a local guide and knitting classes led by expert local tutors.

DAY 1

Sunday 27th May

Welcome

- 18.30** Welcome dinner - **Peerie Shop Café**
Before our dinner, we will go over our planned itinerary and talk about the days ahead.

DAY 2

Monday 28th May

Mousa & Hoswick

- 09.30** Pick up from Alder Lodge & visit to **J&S Shetland Wool Brokers** where there will be an opportunity to stock up on yarn.
- 10.45** Travel to Hoswick.
- 11.30** Boat trip to **Mousa**. Mousa is a small island, uninhabited since the 19th century, which is known for the **Broch of Mousa** - an Iron Age round tower. It is the tallest broch still standing and amongst the best-preserved prehistoric constructions in Europe, built c. 100 BC. Mousa is also designated as a Special Protection Area for storm petrel breeding colonies.
- 14.30** Walk & packed lunch.
- 15.00** Departure from Mousa.
- 15.15** Wool dyeing class with **Nielanell**. Design and paint your own pre-knitted woollen blank followed by design talk and tour of her studio.
- 18.15** Departure from Hoswick.
- 18.30** Dinner at **Mackenzie's Farm Shop & Café**.

DAY 3

Wednesday 29th May

Lerwick & Scalloway

- 09.00** Depart Alder Lodge.
Lerwick town walk.
- 11.20** Depart for Scalloway
- 11.45** We will arrive at **Uradale** - Ronnie Eunson's organic working farm. **Ronnie** will give us a tour of the farm and will tell us about **Native Shetland Sheep** breed. There will also be an opportunity to purchase their own **Uradale yarns**.
- 13.00** Lunch at Uradale - soup, roast native lamb and bannocks.
- 13.50** Depart for **Scalloway Museum**.
- 14.00** **Fair Isle yoke tips class with Jeannie Tulloch and Janette Budge** who will share their tips on how to blend colours and shape yokes in traditional Fair Isle knitting.
- 17.30** Dinner at **Scalloway Hotel**.

DAY 4

Wednesday 30th May

Sumburgh &

Donna Smith

- 09.00** Depart Alder Lodge.
- 10.00** Visit **Jarlshof**. Jarlshof is the best known prehistoric archaeological site in Shetland. We'll get a taste of the amazing prehistoric and Norse settlements discovered at this single site and learn what they tell us about the people who lived here.
- 11.30** Arrive at **Sumburgh Head Lighthouse and Nature Reserve** where we'll hopefully spot puffins too.
- 12.30** Lunch at Sumburgh Head.

- 13.00** **Fair Isle** class with **Donna Smith**. During this class Donna will discuss the traditional methods used when knitting Fair Isle in Shetland. We will cover knitting in the round, knitting with two colours at one time, knitting a corrugated rib, and steeking. We will also discuss choosing patterns and colours and look at various Fair Isle samples. Using a knitting belt will also be covered during the class.
- 17.15** Depart Sumburgh Head & transfer to **Busta House Hotel**.
- 18.30** Dinner at Busta House.

DAY 5

Thursday 31st May
Westside

- 09.00** Depart Busta House & drive to Sandness. A short stop at **Stanydale**.
- 10.30** A guided tour of the **Sandness Spinning Mill** where Jamieson's of Shetland yarn and knitwear is made. We will be given a tour of the factory and we will learn about the full process of yarn and garment production including grading, scouring, dyeing, spinning, knitting and linking.
- 12.00** Depart for **Breiwick Cafe**.
- 13.00** Lunch.
- 14.00** Depart for **Eshaness**. **Circular walk to Grind o' da Navir**. This western tip of Northmavine has some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Shetland. Eshaness, blasted by the full force of the North Atlantic, displays a stunning array of stacks, blowholes and geos (narrow inlets). The peninsula also tells a fascinating story of a long extinct volcano and a very different past environment.
- 18.30** Dinner at Busta House.
- 20.00** **Ella Gordon's** vintage Shetland knitwear collection trunk show & talk in the Long Room.

DAY 6

Friday 1st June

Muckle Roe

09.00 Depart Busta House.

Walk on **Muckle Roe** - one of the finest places to walk on Shetland. The Hams of Muckle Roe gets its name from Old Norse and translates as the Havens (or Harbours) of the Big Red Island. It has high cliffs at the south and is made of red granite, with an ancient extinct volcano being one of its prevailing features. Packed lunch.

15.00 A Shetland lace class with **with Anne Eunson**. In this class we will be knitting a small Shetland Lace sampler/wall hanging. You will get to choose between a simple or intricate pattern, depending on your knitting skills.

18.30 Farewell dinner at Busta House.

DAY 7

Saturday 2nd June

Lerwick &

Shetland Textile Museum

09.30 Depart from Busta House.

10.00 Visit at **Shetland Textile Museum**. A guided tour of the museum and farewell.

12.00 The tour finishes.

Price: £1,590

The price includes:

- Six nights accommodation in a centrally located guesthouse in Lerwick & Busta House Hotel
- Transport within Shetland**
- All meals, tea & cake, wine with dinner
- Knitting master classes led by some of Shetland's top tutors
- Knitting materials
- A goodie bag

*Price based on single room occupancy. If you are sharing a double/twin room we offer a discount of £75pp

**Please note that travel to and from Shetland is not included in the price.