

9 NIGHTS SCOTLAND CRAFTING TOUR 2026

TOUR DATE:

30 SEPTEMBER - 09 OCTOBER 2026

Important Note: ***Attractions, Workshops and Demonstrations May Change According to Availability and Ferry Scheduling***

DAY 1, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 – WELCOME TO SCOTLAND!

- Arrive at Edinburgh Airport (*prior to 10.00am*) for a transfer to your hotel.
- Meet with your wonderful tour guide and fellow knitters for a brief introduction to your tour activities!
- Start discovering spectacular Edinburgh city aboard a unique vintage *Red Bus Bistro* while enjoying gourmet Afternoon Tea & Fizz. What a better way to eat and drink at your pleasure and have a birds eye view of the city's famous landmarks and pretty terraces from the top deck of this iconic red bus!
- Visit *Rosslyn Chapel*. Nestled in the Scottish countryside, the 15th-century chapel is renowned for its ornate carvings, including the enigmatic "Apprentice Pillar" and symbols linked to the Knights Templar and Freemasonry. The atmosphere is steeped in legend, making it a perfect setting for Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code!
- Welcome Dinner at the hotel with your fellow travellers.

Overnight 4 Star Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh – Afternoon Tea and Welcome Dinner included

DAY 2, 01 OCTOBER 2026 – SANQUHAR PATTERN AND NEW LANARK MILL

- Breakfast.
- Travel to a small market town of Sanquhar surrounded by breath-taking scenery and discover the *Sanquhar Pattern*.
- After lunch, visit *New Lanark*, a unique 18th century mill and UNESCO heritage site.
- Return to your hotel in Edinburgh where evening is at your leisure to relax and knit.

Overnight 4 Star Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh – Breakfast and Lunch included





DAY 3, 02 OCTOBER 2026 – WEAVING WORKSHOP AND STIRLING CASTLE

- Breakfast.
- Check out of the hotel and travel to the historical market town of Stirling, also known as ''Gateway to the Highlands''.
- Enjoy Weaving and Loom workshop with *Radical Weavers*.
- After lunch, visit a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens, *Stirling Castle*, located on a craggy volcanic rock.
- Arrive to your hotel located in the heart of Scotland, beautiful town of Pitlochry, and enjoy dinner.

Overnight 4 Star Fisher's Hotel, Pitlochry – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

DAY 4, 03 OCTOBER 2026 – GANSEY KNITTING WORKSHOP AND ALPACAS

- Breakfast
- Enjoy *Gansey knitting* workshop instructed by *Di Gilpin*. Di starts her workshop with a brief presentation on the history of Gansey knitting in Scotland, supported by samples of traditional pieces as well as some contemporary designs from the studio. Her workshop explores different gansey patterns in either blanket squares or a long sampler.
- Free time in St. Andrews, a seaside town known for its many golf courses, for sightseeing, shopping and lunch (not included).
- Visit the lovely fluffy alpacas at *Bowbridge Alpacas Farm*!
- Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight 4 Star Fisher's Hotel, Pitlochry – Breakfast included

DAY 5, 04 OCTOBER 2026 – CULLODEN AND JOHNSTONS OF ELGIN

- Breakfast.
- Check out of the hotel and explore the Highlands of Scotland.
- Explore the iconic, emotive and atmospheric *Culloden Battlefield*, filming location for Outlander.
- Experience the history and craftsmanship of *Johnstons of Elgin's*, Scotland's only vertical weaving mill. Everything from dyeing and blending to spinning and teaseling happens in one location.
- Enjoy Afternoon Tea experience.

- Arrive at your hotel in Inverness, the largest city and cultural heart of the Scottish Highlands. This evening, enjoy leisure time to explore the city's charming Old Town, home to the 19th-century Inverness Cathedral, the largely 18th-century Old High Church, and a Victorian indoor market offering food, clothing, and crafts.

Overnight 4 Star Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness – Breakfast and Afternoon Tea included

DAY 6, 05 OCTOBER 2026 – DORSET BUTTONS CLASS AND LOCH NESS CRUISE

- Breakfast and check out.
- Travel to Fort Augustus village and join *Tania Jane* of TJFrog for a *Dorset Buttons* class.
- After lunch, join a cruise of breath-taking mysterious *Loch Ness*. Find out the mysteries of Nessie and maybe, just maybe, you will spot her yourself!
- Free time to explore the resort town of Oban before enjoying dinner at your hotel.

Overnight 4 Star Oban Bay Hotel, Oban – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 7, 06 OCTOBER 2026 – KNITTING CLASS WITH DEBORAH GRAY, AUCHINDRAIN AND WAULKING DEMONSTRATION

- Breakfast and check out.
- Join Secrets, Illusions and Code Knitting Workshop with *Deborah Gray*.
- After lunch, journey back to Edinburgh. On the way, visit *Auchindrain Township* followed by *Waulking demonstration* (method of finishing newly woven tweed by soaking and thumping it steadily to shrink and soften it)
- Arrive to your hotel in Edinburgh in time for dinner.

Overnight 4 Star Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

DAY 8, 07 OCTOBER 2026 – SCOTTISH TEXTILE EXPERIENCE AND COOKING CLASS

- Breakfast
- Enjoy exclusive shopping experience with a glass of bubbly at Ginger Twist Studio followed by dyeing demonstration.
- Visit the *Scottish Textile Experience*, where founder Kitty Bruce-Gardyne will introduce you to Scottish textile design.
- Enjoy a free afternoon before taking part in an exclusive *Scottish-themed dinner cooking class* where you will make some local Scottish delicacies before enjoying the fruits of your labour!

Overnight 4 Star Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh – Breakfast included

DAY 9, 08 OCTOBER 2026 – HIGHLANDS TAM CLASS WITH MARIE GREENE AND FAREWELL DINNER

- After breakfast, begin your day with an inspiring class led by renowned knitting & craft designer, and your wonder Tour Leader, *Marie Greene* of Olive Knits. During the class you will continue working on *Highlands Tam* project created exclusively for this tour!
- Enjoy a leisurely afternoon to further explore Edinburgh and shop at your own pace, before returning to the hotel for a Farewell Dinner and drinks with your fellow travellers.

Overnight 4 Star Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh – Breakfast and Farewell Dinner & Drink included

DAY 10, 09 OCTOBER 2026 – FAREWELL SCOTLAND!

After breakfast, transfer to Edinburgh airport in plenty of time to check in and some last minute duty-free shopping.



WORKSHOPS AND KNITTING/YARN ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TOUR

- Highlands Tam class with Marie Greene
- Secrets, Illusions and Code Knitting Workshop with Deborah Gray
- Gansey Knitting Workshop with Di Gilpin
- Dorset Buttons class
- Radical Weavers Weaving and Loom workshop
- Sanquhar Pattern Demonstration in Sanquhar
- Waulking with Wool performance
- Johnstons of Elgin Craftsmen and Afternoon Tea Experience
- Ginger Twist Private Shopping Experience and dyeing demonstration
- Visit to Scottish Textile Experience

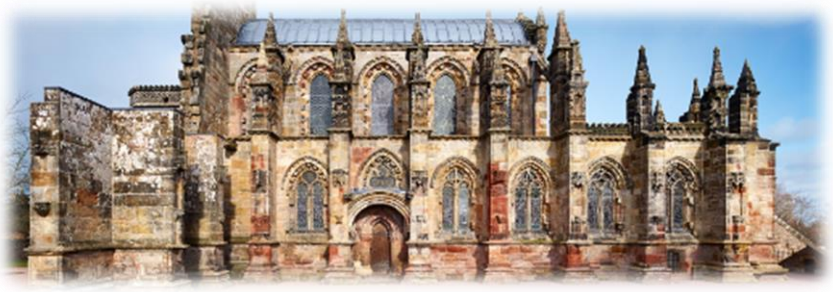
INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

- Transfers on arrival and departure *(private or tour coach depending on flight times)**
- Experienced tour guide/manager throughout
- 24/7 helpline straight to members of the Knitting Tours team
- Luxury, spacious coach with experienced driver
- 4 Star hotels listed in the itinerary with en suite bath/step in shower or walk in shower
- Porterage from hotel reception to your room and back
- Scottish Breakfast Daily
- 5 x Hotel dinners, including Farewell Meal & Drink
- 4 x Lunches
- Red Bus Bistro Afternoon Tea & Fizz Experience
- Scottish Themed Cooking Class
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Bowbridge Alpacas Farm
- All activities, workshops and attractions listed in the itinerary
- All materials for the workshops (you just bring your favourite needles!)
- Knitting tours gift bag including tote bag, notebook and pen, lanyard, luggage tag and rain poncho

**Transfers relate to pre-tour accommodation package, arrivals on tour start date before 09.00am and departure on the tour finish date.*

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to and from Scotland
- Gratuities/Tips
- Room Service
- Additional beverages and alcoholic drinks
- Personal items such as phone calls, additional meals, snacks or drinks not included in the itinerary
- Yarn, patterns and materials not included in the itinerary



PRICES

GBP/£ 4,828.00 per person sharing in a Twin/ Double room

GBP/£ 1,049.00 additional supplement if a Single room is required

****Please note, a maximum of 27 passengers can be booked on Scotland and Shetland tours.*

All pricing is in Pound Sterling/GBP - passengers may choose to be charged in GBP or their own local currency.

If you have friends or family that want to join you but do not knit, we offer a special non-knitter discount of GBP 200!

PRE TOUR ARRANGEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

29 September 2026 x 1 night Bed & Breakfast at Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh *(subject to availability)*

Pound Sterling/ GBP 106.50 per person per night sharing in a Twin/ Double room

Pound Sterling/ GBP 195.00 per night if Single occupancy room is required

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS & CANCELLATION INFORMATION

A deposit of 20% of the total tour price is required to hold your booking. The balance of the tour is due 60 days before arrival and can be made in instalment payments on request.

Cancellation Penalties:

- Cancellation 91 days or more prior to itinerary start date – Full deposit is forfeit.
- Cancellation 90 days to 31 days prior to itinerary start date – 50% of total paid is forfeit
- Cancellation 30 days or less prior to itinerary start date – 100% of total paid is forfeit

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We urge you to purchase cancellation insurance & supplemental medical coverage (which covers pre-existing conditions). This is a smart way to safeguard against life's surprises.

It is important to note that a certain amount of walking is encouraged on our tours. All tour members must be able to mount steps into the coach and walk unaided at a reasonable pace from coach to hotel and coach to visitor attractions/events on possibly uneven ground. Passengers must be able to handle their own luggage. Coach driver's and guides that are employed by The Irish Tourism Group cannot provide individualized help for walking, getting on and off motor coaches, ferries or other personal needs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Baggage

When porterage of baggage is included in a programme, it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard airline baggage per person. Passengers bringing baggage in excess of this amount may incur a surcharge. For the sake of passenger comfort, it is recommended that passengers limit baggage to 1 suitcase per person plus 1 carry on.

Items Not Included

Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel.

Gratuities

Gratuities are not included to the coach driver and tour guide, as well as, hotels, attractions or any catering venues. These are at the participant's discretion.

Safety

It is the responsibility of each individual client to ensure that they do not behave in such a way as to cause offence or danger to themselves or others, or which risks damage to property. Each client shall be responsible for any injury or damage caused by their failure to behave in a safe and proper manner.