



Wild Wool in Wales

with BRISTOL IVY

June 28 - July 6, 2021

Join us in Wales for a Wild and Woolly Retreat with Bristol Ivy! Not only will we be Knitting Outside the Box, we will be thinking and living outside of it as well! Accommodations will be rustic as we experience "Glamping" - a comfortable and rather luxurious type of camping! Although some really cool dome tents are available for the more adventurous among you, most accommodations will be in minimalist cabins with fantastic outdoor spaces, and a big old luxurious farmhouse to gather in if the weather turns. Swimsuits are recommended for either braving the Irish Sea or for indulging in Sauna life! In addition to typical sightseeing, involving castles, gardens, cathedrals and museums, we will explore the quieter side of Wales as well with visits to farms producing amazing organic wool, remote chapels, seaside villages, and walks along the wild coastal paths to remote beaches. Our dining experiences will also be extraordinary - sometimes catered with local produce at our Fforest Farm, sometimes stopping at local eateries along our way - including a Pizzatipi! Come walk on the woolly wild side!

Tour Price

\$2500 bunk room (for 2-4 ppl) | \$2700 shared (double/twin) | \$3300 private (single)

Included in Tour Price

- Accommodations in Wales
- An average of two meals per day (Breakfast is provided each morning; prepare to purchase either dinner or lunch based on the day's scheduled activities.)
- All entrance fees and workshops
- Airport transfers and private mini-coach

Not Included in Tour Price

International Airfare · Soda and alcoholic drinks · Personal items · Gratuities · Extra Yarn!

To Register

A Registration Form and \$500 deposit (20% of lowest tour price) are required to join the trip. Once you submit your online registration we will tentatively hold a spot for you. An invoice for the deposit will be emailed to you, payable online with a credit or debit card, which you will need to pay within 24hrs. Once your deposit is received your spot is secure. **Balance Payment Schedule:** 2nd payment (half of balance) due 6 months before departure; final payment due 3 months before departure.

Click [HERE](#) to fill out your registration form.



Snippet Itinerary.

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Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2 | Welcome to Wales! Welcome to Wales! Our first stop will be the fabulous open air museum of St Fagans, which will be a wonderful place to wander and decompress in the fresh air while getting a comprehensive view of buildings and craft throughout Welsh history. Close to the airport, this stop will also allow us a little flexibility in dealing with tentative air arrival schedules as we can make multiple stops at the airport for late arrivals. After a relaxed morning, we will head to our home for the next four nights - Fforest Farm! This drive will be a great time for a nap to catch up on the time zone.

Fforest Farm is a glamping village, with rustic accommodations, dome tents, tipis, and communal dining, as well as a luxurious farmhouse that we will have as our base. We will fill you in on the accommodation options when you register, and find the right accommodations for you. On arrival, we will give everyone a tour of the site and get everyone settled before meeting at the farmhouse for dinner and some time to meet our star attraction - Bristol Ivy! Our time at Fforest Farm will be relaxed with time to wander the adjoining nature reserve, meet in small Knitting Outside the Box workshops with Bristol, enjoy the sauna, and sit and knit in community with each other! There will be a bonfire night with local entertainment, a dyeing demonstration by Caerthan of Triskellion Yarn, a night to gather under the stars, walks to neighboring villages and castle ruins, and a full day excursion further afield to the Medieval seaside town of St David's as well as local woollen mills. At St David's, we will have a walking tour of the town and its famous cathedral, as well as having time to explore its quaint streets.

Friday, July 2 | We will bid farewell to Fforest Farm and head to the coast for the next few days to Ty Manorafon. Along the way, we will visit Castell Henllys - a reconstructed Iron Age Fort and the harbor town of Fishguard, where locals have created an extraordinary tapestry depicting a unique moment in history when their residents repelled a French Invasion. It seems Fishguard has had remarkable women throughout history! Arriving at Ty Manorafon we will all get settled between cabins, the farmhouse, and dome tents, and we will have exclusive use of this property that is just a stone's throw away from a gorgeous beach and endless coastal paths. The knitting workshops will be over, but Bristol will still be on hand to brainstorm with you as you plan or even cast on your next Knitting Outside the Box project!

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Saturday, July 3 | Today, we will head up into the hills to meet the source of good Welsh wool – the sheep of Garthenor Organics Farm. Jonny and his mother Sally will introduce you to the flock that started their journey, and explain what the Organic Textile Standard means – they should know, as Sally was instrumental in defining it! Today will also include a visit to the remote chapel of Soar y Mynydd, which was created for drovers in the early 19th century. Its quiet isolation makes it an iconic Welsh attraction, emblematic of the simple practice of Welsh Calvinistic Methodism. Finally, we can't leave the area without a stop at the National Wool Museum!

Sunday, July 4 | A day to enjoy the fresh air and wild beauty of the Welsh coast! We will start with some foraging along the coastal path, perhaps going as far as the next village, the former home of a remarkable suffragette named Sarah Jane Rees. No worries, there's a wee local bus to take us back so that we don't have to walk both ways! We'll get back just in time for lunch at the Plwmp Tart, a seaside cafe right by Ty Manorafon. Then in the afternoon, we will be whisked away for a dolphin spotting cruise!

Monday, July 5 | Time to head back to the big city of Cardiff, but on our return trip, there is still lots to see! Our morning stop will be to Dinefwr Castle – a castle ruin set in the parklands of a beautiful manor house. This Castle was once the home of another strong woman in Welsh history – Princess Gwenllian, who launched her own attack against the Norman invaders in the 13th century! We will arrive in Cardiff in the afternoon in time to visit a castle with a completely different feel – Cardiff Castle's Victorian opulence! After a private tour of the castle staterooms, we will head down to the ultra modern Cardiff Bay area for our final dinner with Bristol!

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Important Details to *keep in mind*

This trip needs at least **20** participants in order to proceed. Deposits will be refunded in the event that the tour does not operate due to lack of participants.

Travel Insurance

Rowan Tree Travel has purchased a Group Protection Plan on behalf of tour participants, providing medical insurance and limited "Trip Interruption" coverage once you have departed and are on the trip. Additional trip insurance to cover "Trip Cancellation" is available from our provider at a group rate. Upon registration we will provide you with information on plans and direct access to purchase extended coverage with our provider. Note: The Group Protection Plan only applies to US citizens traveling from the US. If this stipulation does not apply to you, we can assist you in finding alternative options.

Arranging Your Flights

Once our tour is guaranteed with the minimum number of travelers we will notify all registrants so you can begin making travel arrangements. You may purchase your flight reservations on your own or work with our booking agent, Vivienne at Crystal Travel. She can assist in identifying the best itinerary for your needs, coordinating with other participants, and with ticket purchase, seat selection and upgrades. Contact her at (617) 327-2700 or vivienne@crystal-travel.com.

Our tours include transportation to and from the airport for group arrivals/departures. In order to meet us for those airport transfers, we will give everyone an arrival and departure window to facilitate all of our travelers arriving and departing in close proximity. Flight itineraries outside the provided arrival and departure windows will likely result in extra transportation costs and possibly missing scheduled tour activities. For this reason we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking reservations that accommodate our arrival and departure specifications. These time windows will be provided to travelers once the trip is guaranteed.

Please note the following:

Rowan Tree Travel reserves the right to alter any part of this itinerary in order to address weather conditions, unforeseen circumstances, or to improve the participant experience.

Our trips are categorized as touring (moderate activity), walking (very active), or retreating (relaxing). We would describe this trip as **retreating**.

Have questions? Please contact us at [**info@rowantreetravel.com**](mailto:info@rowantreetravel.com)

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