



## A Knitter's Tour of British Breeds *with* GLENFIDDICH WOOL

May 13 - 23, 2023

A Knitter's Tour of British Breeds, hosted by Glenfiddich Wool, will introduce you to the sheep, wool and textile artisans of England's South West. Cornwall, Devon and The Cotswolds will be our primary destinations. We'll get to know the long and fascinating story of wool in England, meet sheep of all kinds and encounter the wide range of fiber they produce. There's plenty of time to add in seaside rambles, a few stately English gardens, quaint towns, cozy inns and a handful of unmatched adventures. It's a jolly journey through the picturesque South West. Count on good food, good folks, good camaraderie and plenty of time to relax & take it all in. Join us!

### **Tour Price**

Single Accommodation: \$5200 per person, one person per room | Flex Accommodation: \$4600 per person, a mix of single and shared accommodations during the tour | Shared Accommodation: \$4000 per person, two people per room or two people in one bed

### **Included in Tour Price**

Accommodations in England | 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 | Transportation during the tour in a private mini-coach

### **Not Included in Tour Price**

Airfare | Soda and alcoholic drinks | Personal items | Gratuities | Yarn!

### **To Register**

A Registration Form and a non-refundable \$500 deposit are required to join the trip. Once you submit your online registration (which arrives in our system with a time stamp) we will tentatively hold a spot for you. Next, we will email an invoice to you for the deposit, payable online with a credit/debit card or bank transfer. You will need to make that payment within 24 hours. Once payment is received, your spot on the tour is secure.

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



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### *Snippet Itinerary:*

#### **Saturday, May 13 | LONDON**

**Welcome to England!** Suzie will meet you at London's Heathrow Airport and escort you into the city. We'll drop our luggage and get ourselves outside ASAP with a stroll through beautiful Hyde Park. We'll also visit the Victoria & Albert Museum - an absolute must. Time, weather and energy depending, we'll explore more of London or simply retire to our cozy beds. It's been a long journey.

#### **Sunday, May 14 - Tuesday, May 16 | CORNWALL**

After a good night's rest, we're off to Cornwall. Get your knitting out! We're taking the train all the way to Penzance. It's a fantastic way to see the countryside, knitting all the while. Cornwall welcomes us with its magnificent beaches, quaint seaside towns, fantastic gardens and visits at St. Michael's Mount, the Merry Widows stone circle and the one-of-a-kind Minack Theatre. And fiber stops? Think Frangipani Yarns, the rare breed flocks at the Lost Gardens of Heligan and The Natural Fibre Company/Blacker Yarns!

#### **Wednesday, May 17 - Friday, May 19 | DEVON**

Devon is a beautiful part of England, located just north of Cornwall. We're settling in at one of our favorite places, Pickwell Manor, for three nights. It's ideal for sharing fantastic meals, a workshop or two, walks in the garden or down to the beach and knitting evenings together. We'll also spend time at the venerable John Arbon Textiles, explore the surrounding towns, gather sheep along the headlands with a team of savvy stock dogs, visit Hestercombe Gardens and have an afternoon in Glastonbury. It will be hard to leave... but head north we must.



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### *Snippet Itinerary cont'd:*

#### **Saturday, May 20 - Monday, May 22 | THE COTSWOLDS**

Golden-hued stone buildings, climbing roses and wisteria, ancient oaks, grass (and sheep) covered hills – what could be more quintessentially English than The Cotswolds? We've so much to see and do here, it's hard to fit everything in! The city of Bath is a jewel filled with stately Georgian architecture, one of the most lovely English gothic cathedrals, shops and streets for wandering and museums that will knock your (handknit) socks off. It's also the home of our favorite flock of Cotswold sheep – a surprisingly rare breed. Then we head a little north for stops in Cirencester and the region's market towns. What? More sheep? But of course! We just happen to know a sweet little flock of Portland sheep (another rare breed) in the area. Oh, and did we tell you about Gifford's Circus? Throw your preconceived notions out the window. This troupe of performers is utterly fantastic. We try to see them every spring plus enjoy dinner at the pop-up restaurant that follows them around all summer, Circus Sauce.

#### **Tuesday, May 23 | LONDON**

On our last morning, we'll enjoy a leisurely breakfast then take everyone directly to London Heathrow for your flights home.



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## Important Details to *keep in mind*

**This trip needs at least 14 participants in order to proceed (i.e. the trip is "guaranteed").** Once the tour is a guaranteed departure, our regular Terms and Conditions apply for cancellation ([click here to see our Terms and Conditions](#)).

### **Travel Insurance**

Rowan Tree Travel highly recommends purchasing travel insurance. You may purchase through our recommended provider **Arch RoamRight** by clicking [here](#) or through your own provider.

### **Arranging Your Flights**

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

In order to gather easily for the tour, we provide an arrival and departure "window" at a major transportation hub - typically an international airport at your destination country. Flights scheduled outside the provided windows may result in additional transportation costs and missed tour activities. For this reason, we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking travel that accommodates our specifications.

### **Please note the following:**

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

Our trips are categorized as active, moderately active, or relaxed. We would describe this trip as a **Woolly Wander**. To learn more about our trip activity levels, please click [here](#).

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

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