



# Squidney Knits in England

## A VINTAGE KNITTING EXPERIENCE

*from* Rowan Tree Travel

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Join Sydney Crabaugh with Rowan Tree Travel in England for a Vintage Knitting Experience like no other! We will start in London to get our 1950's and 60's mojo going with a focus on fashion history from the V&A Museum's collection to a Vintage shopping crawl through Covent Garden, Soho and Brick Lane. Then, as we head up into the North of England, we will continue back in time into the 1940's and on to the 20's, with knitting workshops and talks punctuated by immersive vintage experiences as we go. This tour will be filled with insight, laughter, and opportunities to get your vintage on through the ages!

### Tour Price

\$3200 per person (sharing) | \$4050 (private single occupancy room)

### Included in Tour Price

- 8 nights accommodation in 3 & 4 star inns, hotels and even a castle!
- An average of two meals per day (all breakfasts and most dinners with an occasional lunch or afternoon tea; prepare to purchase either dinner or lunch based on the day's itinerary)
- All entrance fees and workshops
- Swag bag with a Susan Crawford Kit!
- Airport transfers and private mini-coach

### Not Included in Tour Price

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

### To Register

A Registration Form and \$640 deposit 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 24 hours of receipt. 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. Opens Saturday, June 26 at 10am EST



## Squidney Knits in England *Snippet Itinerary*

**Saturday to Sunday, April 2 & 3 | Welcome to England!** Welcome to London! After checking in at our hotel in Bethnal Green we will set out for a whirlwind tour of London - Vintage style! Not only will we explore many of the best vintage shops in London, we will also incorporate a visit to The V&A's collection of fashion history, a Squiffy Picnic at Cahoots in Soho, and an evening of twisting the night away at Paper Dress Vintage Shop and Bar! And of course, as knitters, we can't leave London without a visit to Loop and perhaps a fabric shop or two?! The London vibe will keep us hopping through the weekend, but if you are wanting a more subdued pace, never fear - we will provide a prepaid Oyster Card for the Tube and a customized map of our route so that you can pop in and out of the activities at will.

**Monday, April 4 |** Our ultimate destination for this trip is Lancashire, home of the amazing Susan Crawford, and most of today will be spent in journeying north to set us up for an amazing Land Girls Experience! Along the way, we will stop off to see various sights of interest, including Bletchley Park where the World War II Code Breakers worked tirelessly to keep on top of the intelligence streaming in. By 1945, 75% of the staff at Bletchley were women, and we will pause here to learn their story.

When we arrive in Lancashire, our home for two nights will be in keeping with our Land Girls theme - Shepherds' Huts! In the 1800's, these huts were rolled out onto the hills to provide shepherds with a little home away from home while watching their flocks. Each Hut is centrally heated and ensuite and has a bunk bed with a full-sized bottom bunk. The Huts are clustered around campfire pits, but never fear, we won't make you cook your own dinner! Samlesbury Manor will open for us and provide our evening meal, as well as a space for us to gather to sit and knit in case the weather is not idyllic.

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**Tuesday, April 5** | Time to wake up and shake the cobwebs loose - we are putting you to work! Today we will all go back in time to wartime Britain, and get a real sense of what it would be like to be on the homefront. When we arrive at Monkley Ghyll, Susan's little smallholding (farm), she will have prepared a full day of activities for us. There will be a class on colorwork for a vintage style Fair Isle Beret designed exclusively for us! Once you have your colors set and the basics down, it's out to the greenhouse and pastures for a bit of Land Girls work, so be sure to dress for the farm! You may find yourself sowing flax seeds, feeding chickens, collecting eggs, watching a sheep shearing demonstration with vintage shears, or maybe even bottle feeding an early lamb or angora goat kid! We'll break for a lunch "on the ration", but when our work day is over, the fun has just begun. A lovely afternoon tea (rations be damned!) will mark the start of our reward for the day's work, and space will be provided to clean yourself up for an evening of fun. We will be joined by the indomitable Lancashire Jane for a village hall style dance in Susan's barn!

**Wednesday, April 6** | Today it's time to treat ourselves to the pleasures of West Yorkshire, and we will be moving out of our Shepherd's Huts to head to our Country Castle Retreat. On the way, we will explore Haworth, home of the Bronte Sisters, and a great vintage shop or two, and take a little ride on a vintage train that passes through this beautiful region of England known as God's Own Country. In the afternoon, we'll check into Augill Castle. This castle is ours exclusively for two nights and there are so many delights here! First of all, the rooms! Gorgeously renovated with whimsical touches and luxurious beds and baths! We may ask friends to share a king sized bed here, but when you see the beds, we guarantee you won't mind!

**Thursday, April 7** | While at Augill Castle, we will have oodles of options at our disposal. Evenings can be spent in their mini movie theatre watching old flicks, curled up in the drawing room, knitting and listening to old radio shows, or soaking in the luxuriously deep tubs that grace our rooms! During the day, you can wander down for a workshop with Sydney on Sleeve Caps Through the Ages, fix yourself a G&T at the well stocked honesty bar, and then settle in for a captivating presentation on Fashion on the Ration by Susan Crawford. There are also lovely walks in the area and spots on the grounds for quiet reflection if you need a break from the schedule to restore your mojo. Dinners together in the grand dining room are guaranteed to impress - shall we dress for dinner?

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**Friday, April 8** | So far, we've been transported from experience to experience in a modern day bus, but today we really step back in time! All aboard Rosie - our Vintage 1946 Leyland Tiger bus! You'll have to present your ticket to board, so don't forget it! Rosie will take us on an unforgettable journey into The Lake District - home to romantic poets, Arts and Crafts architecture, and the indomitable Beatrix Potter! We will visit Hilltop, the farm which she used as her office and worked to preserve the adorable Herdwick sheep which are endemic to the region. And no journey to The Lake District would be complete without a little cruise down Windermere! Our journey through time will end when we arrive at The Midland Hotel on Morecambe Bay - an Art Deco masterpiece and our final home on our journey.

**Saturday, April 9** | On our final day, we turn back to knitting full stop. We will visit Susan Crawford's Studio space along the canals of Lancaster for a Customizing Vintage Pattern Lab to give each individual more one-on-one attention - so bring along a knitting pattern that you hope to modify for that perfect fit! Susan and Sydney will both be on hand to answer your questions and help walk you through the process. We will break the group up this morning and when you aren't at the Lab, you'll be able to enjoy a walk along the beautiful Morecambe Bay. In the afternoon, we will join up again for a splendid Afternoon Tea at The Midland before adjourning to our rooms to prepare for a 1920's Evening Gala! Be sure to bring your favorite vintage ensemble so we can round off the retreat in style!

**Sunday, April 10** | Alas, our Vintage Knitting Experience has come to an end, and Sydney will bid you farewell. A transfer to Manchester Airport/Station will be provided this morning to send you on your way home!



**Susan Crawford**

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## Important Details to *keep in mind*

This trip needs at least **18** participants in order to proceed. Deposits will be refunded in the event that the tour does not operate due to lack of participants.

### **Trip Insurance:**

Trip Insurance can often help to ease the anxiety of travel and safeguard the investment of your trip payments. We will send you information on policies through our partner, Travel Insured, once your deposit is received.

### **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 for ticket purchase, seat selection and upgrades. Contact her at 1 (617) 327-2700 or at [vivienne@crystal-travel.com](mailto: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 circumstance or to improve the participant experience.

**Covid Policy:** If Covid rears its ugly head again, and it is unsafe to travel, we will cancel the trip and offer full refunds, and airlines will offer travel credits.

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

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

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