

Join Robyn Hicks on Travelrite International's delightful

Crafty Tour of Scotland

Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, Galashiels, Skipton
Including the YarnDale Festival

12 to 30 September 2025



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with Robyn Hicks



During the tour group members will work on a project designed by Robyn Hicks.

Workshop at Woollenflower, a small natural dye and textile studio, run by an Australian-born horticulturist and craftsperson.

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Visit Johnson of Elgin for a tour of the mill, where all stages of the manufacturing take place.

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Workshop with Flora Collingwood-Norris

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Itinerary

DAY 1 Friday 12 September, 2025

Departure

We depart Australia today on a flight to Glasgow

DAY 2 Saturday 13 September, 2025

Glasgow

We arrive in Glasgow today, where we will be met by our private coach and travel to Yarn Cake, which showcases gorgeous yarn, tools, notions and accessories. They also have a coffee shop, which sells delicious home-baked German-style cakes.

DAY 3 Sunday 14 September, 2025

Glasgow

This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Glasgow. From its humble beginnings, Glasgow reaped the wealth of the industrial revolution, shown in the splendour of Glasgow Cathedral and other buildings in the Merchant City. From Glasgow Cross we move into the medieval part of town and Glasgow Green. Here we see the People's Palace and the Victoria Fountain, the world's largest terracotta fountain. The first half our group will attend a workshop at Woollenflower, a small natural dye and textile studio, run by Australian-born horticulturist and craftsperson, Julia Billings. She makes all Woollenflower products by hand with care: dyeing so that colours last and develop with time. Julia will conduct a workshop "Introduction to Indigo" for this group in the morning and the groups will reverse in the afternoon: the group will work with a natural indigo vat and participants would dye and take away a skein of yarn (about 20-100gm in total) and use shibori techniques to create simple patterning on silk fabric. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner to meet Robyn and other tour members.



DAY 4 Monday 15 September, 2025

Glasgow

A day to enjoy the designs of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. This morning, we visit Hill House, which together with his wife, the well-established artist Margaret MacDonald, he designed. The house was designed to fit in with the lifestyle of the Blackie family and every item of furniture, textile and decorative feature was custom made. In the afternoon we enjoy a delicious afternoon tea at the Willow tea rooms designed by MacIntosh, opened in 1903, and now fully restored.

DAY 5 Tuesday 16 September, 2025

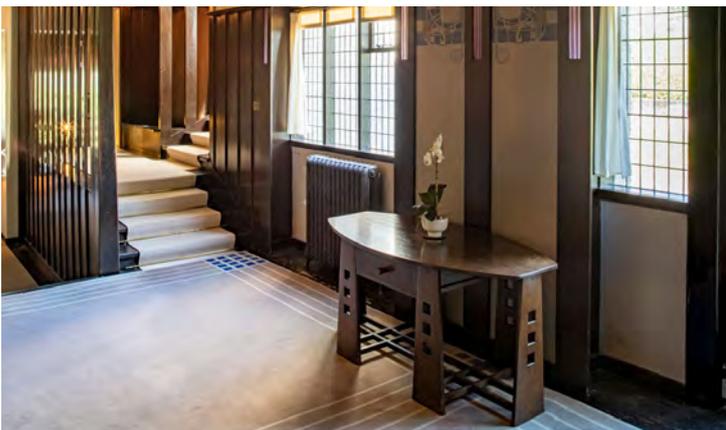
Edinburgh

This morning, we travel to Edinburgh, the royal and ancient capital of Scotland. Along the way, we stop to visit Stirling Castle, which was the key to the kingdom of Scotland, dominating a vast volcanic rock above the river Forth at the meeting point between Lowlands and Highlands. During the Wars of Independence, which were civil wars among the Scots, as well as a struggle between Scotland and England, the castle changed hands eight times in 50 years. It was also a childhood home of some of the most famous people in Scottish and British history, such as Mary Queen of Scots and James VI of Scotland. Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. On our sight-seeing tour this afternoon we see the ancient Royal Mile with its cobbled streets which forms the backbone of the medieval Old Town. This leads from the Palace of Holyrood house (HM The King's official residence in Scotland) all the way to Edinburgh Castle. We will enjoy a guided tour of the castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels and the historic Stone of Destiny. Enjoy the view from the castle that is just simply stunning. Robyn and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine together in the lobby.

DAY 6 Wednesday 17 September, 2025

Edinburgh

Today we enjoy free time in one of the world's great cities. In the afternoon we visit the Dovecote Studios. It is a world renowned gallery and museum for contemporary art, design and textiles. There is no listing of their exhibitions at the time of the brochure release.



Robyn Hicks A lover of all things textile and yarn related and an enthusiastic owner of Yummy Yarn and Co, a regional based yarn shop in NSW, on this wonderful tour. During the tour we visit many historic and cultural sights as well as yarn shop visits of course! Robyn has run her eclectic shop for over six years now and is happy to call knitting and crochet her “forever crafts”. Whilst on tour, Robyn will be available to help with crochet or knitting related questions. She is a passionate knitter and crocheter and designs her own patterns. Robyn is a firm believer in sharing as much knowledge as she can with fellow makers. She enjoys the creative journey as much as the finished product and always offers encouragement. Robyn provides both crochet and knitting patterns for Homespun Magazine and we will make one of her designs during the tour.



DAY 7 Thursday 18 September, 2025

Edinburgh

In the morning, we visit Kathy’s Knits, where half the group will enjoy a talk and slideshow given by Lucy Hague presenting her design process and inspiration, particularly focusing on the history of Celtic art, while the other half of the group will have time in the shop. Then we change the groups around. This afternoon will visit the Ginger Twist. Jess, the owner, loves yarn and the rainbow colours of natural fibres, so it will be a fun visit.

DAY 8 Friday 19 September, 2025

Edinburgh

Today we travel north to the birthplace of golf, St Andrews, where we have time to explore. We travel to picturesque East Neuk of Fife with a visit to the Woolly Brew. They stock a great selection of yarn. We continue with a visit to the Royal Britannia, the retired royal yacht. The Royal family loved the journeys they were able to undertake on the yacht between 1954 and 1997. Robyn and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine together in the lobby this evening.

DAY 9 Saturday 20 September, 2025

Inverness

Today we travel through the beautiful Cairngorms National Park to Newtonmore to visit the Highland Folk Museum. In this wonderful outdoor museum, which is one mile long, we will see an 18th century township just like those in *Outlander*, working crofts, houses and trains. We continue to Inverness, where Robyn and the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.



DAY 10 Sunday 21 September, 2025

Inverness

We will travel to Loch Ness this morning. It is the largest Scottish loch by volume; Indeed, experts say that it contains more freshwater than all the lakes of England and Wales combined! Next, we make the short journey into bonnie Glen Urquhart, famous for its native woodlands and wide variety of wildlife, that they support, to visit Urquhart Castle. It is a magnificent, ruined castle that dates from the 14th century and was one of a chain of garrisons that controlled the Great Glen. Nowadays it’s a popular place with “Nessie” spotters who scan the waters of the loch that are deeper here than the North Sea! We return to Inverness, where there will be free time to sightsee or browse around the shops including an opportunity to buy products from the Prickly Thistle Contemporary Tartan Mill.



DAY 11 Monday 22 September, 2025

Peebles

Our journey today takes us south to the attractive town of Perth, where we have time to browse. We continue to Galashiels, our home for four nights.

DAY 12 Tuesday 23 September, 2025

Peebles

This morning we will visit Abbotsford, the extraordinary home of the novelist Sir Walter Scott, who popularised tartan and re-discovered Scotland’s crown jewels. We will also have time to explore the wonderful formal Regency garden surrounding his house. In the afternoon we visit the New Lanark Spinning Co. Located in a World Heritage Site it has traditionally spun yarn since 1785 on 19th century machinery. We will be able to purchase their beautiful wool.

DAY 13 Wednesday 24 September, 2025

Peebles

We travel to Hawick to visit Johnson of Elgin for a tour of the mill, where all stages of the manufacturing take place. Operating for 140 years now created a unique range of knitted garments. There will be an opportunity to buy your favourite product. We continue with a visit to the Border Textile Towerhouse, where we will learn how the Borders manufacturers were able to attain the height of luxury and fashion in their products.

DAY 14 Thursday 25 September, 2025

Peebles

Today the group will be split into two and will swap after lunch. You will enjoy a three hour Introduction to Darning Workshop, hosted by Flora Collingwood-Norris. This is a relaxed and friendly workshop suitable for beginners, where you will learn to colourfully darn your knitwear. You will also learn different approaches to darning, working from the front and back of your fabric as well as adding pattern to your darning (time permitting). When not at the workshop, you will visit the Great Tapestry of Scotland. Alexander McCall Smith had the idea to create a tapestry that covered the history of Scotland. He recruited Andrew Crummy, the artist behind the Prestonpans tapestry, to design it. Alexander asked Alistair Moffat which parts of Scottish history should be included. They were then ready to create what you will see today.

DAY 15 Friday 26 September, 2025

Bradford

Today we travel to Skipton to attend Yarndale, an exciting creative festival, which conducts workshops, gives talks, provides free patterns and showcases everything related to yarn.

DAY 16 Saturday 27 September 2025

Bradford

Our first day to attend Yarndale. Robyn will make sure you get the most out of your visit.

DAY 17 Sunday 28 September 2025

Bradford

Another interesting day attending Yarndale. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate our wonderful tour.

DAY 18 Monday 29 September 2025

Departure

This morning, we travel to Newcastle Airport to check in group members for their flight to Australia.

DAY 19 Tuesday 30 September 2025

Australia

We arrive back in Australia today and the tour ends.

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The price of the tour per person twin-share	\$ 11,600
Single supplement per person	\$ 3,100
Taxes per person at 14/11/24	\$ 290



Included in the price of the Crafty Tour:

- Economy-class airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Perth & Brisbane to Glasgow and return from Newcastle
- Accommodation with breakfast in three and four-star hotels and taxes in Inverness, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Skipton and Galashiels
- Tour leadership by Robyn Hicks
- Sightseeing tours in Glasgow and Edinburgh in Scotland
- Entry to all museums, shops and workshops listed in the itinerary
- Two days attendance at the Yarn Dale Festival
- Fully escorted by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Afternoon Teas in Glasgow and during the workshops

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees
- Meals and drinks when not stated
- Air taxes at 14/11/24
- Additional travel arrangements not details in the itinerary



Our members might like to travel to Shetland to take part in Wool Week, which runs from 28 September to 4 October 2025.

We can arrange hotels and flights for you to enjoy this unique experience.

Extending: You can stay longer in UK for minimal additional cost. *Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.*

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