

Join **VOGUE KNITTING**

on their **2018 TOUR TO SCOTLAND & ENGLAND**

March 13-24 , 2018

Featuring....

**Edinburgh Yarn Festival,**  
The UK's Premier Urban Hand-Knitting Show  
A day at **Rowan Yarns**  
A walking tour of **York & the famous Minster**  
Panoramic tour of **London**  
Presentation by designer **Debbie Bliss**  
Lots of free time to explore the city!

**Your tour Itinerary:**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

For those of you living in North America, you will need to arrange your flight to depart today,  
in order to arrive in **EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND** on Mar 14.

If you would like to arrive Edinburgh prior to Mar 14, contact Traveling Together regarding accommodations at the Hilton Edinburgh Carlton \$76 per person, double occupancy and \$137 for a single, including taxes & breakfast.

Wed, Mar 14

Once you arrive at EDINBURGH AIRPORT (EDI), you will make your way to the **HILTON EDINBURGH CARLTON**. Options for transferring from the airport to the hotel will be provided.

*Location! Location! Location!* The Hilton Edinburgh Carlton is perfectly located in the center of the city, on the famous Royal Mile. The building dates back to the 1900s and is part of the impressive North Bridge which links Edinburgh's Old and New town together, giving you easy access to the iconic attractions, luxurious boutiques and an array of restaurants and pubs. Once one of Edinburgh's top department stores, the building was fully refurbished in 2016 to bring the décor back to its stylish best.

Meet the *Vogue Knitting* editor and your fellow knitters at this evenings **WELCOME DINNER**.

Thu, Mar 15

**EDINBURGH** is the capital city of Scotland and seat of the Scottish Parliament. The Medieval Old Town and the Georgian New Town districts of Edinburgh were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. This morning we will have a **PANORAMIC TOUR** that will give you an overview of the city and then you will have the remainder of the day to explore Edinburgh's winding streets, elegant terraces and an abundance of shops. The Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse are all open this afternoon and you will be provided with a list of some local yarn shops. If you would like more free time to explore this exciting city, be sure to note the early night arrival option.

To help schedule your free time and learn about the places you are most interested in, we recommend that you purchase a travel guide. The most popular are Frommer's, Foder's, Rick Steves', or DK Eyewitness.

Be sure to check your travel guide or websites for opening days and times for any particular activity or museum that you are interested in.

Fri & Sat, Mar 16 & 17

**EDINBURGH YARN FESTIVAL** is the UK's Premier Urban Hand-Knitting Show, held at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange. This will be the 5th event for the festival and it just gets bigger and better each year! Many of the exhibitors are small producers with a real focus on 'sheep-to-yarn' as well as color and spin, showing the very best in hand-dyed yarn. It's not all yarn and knitting though, as they also offer spinning fiber, equipment, crochet, bags, buttons, kits, books, patterns and much more.

**You will receive admission for these 2 days to the marketplace and one or two of the special events will be included.** The organizers of the festival have not announced the special events at this time, but once we have that information we will be posting it here on our website and in future email updates.

To get a better idea of what to expect at the festival you can visit <http://www.edinyarnfest.com/home-2017/> for festival images and access to their blog. It will allow you to see the exhibitors and vendors that were in attendance this past year, including Jamieson's of Shetland, Kate Davies Designs, Ysolda and Old Maiden Aunt Yarns. To sign up to receive their email newsletter and find ways to follow them on social media, visit <http://www.edinyarnfest.com/mailling-lists/>

### Sun, Mar 18

This morning is free to do any last minute sightseeing or souvenir shopping, before we depart Edinburgh and drive south to West Yorkshire, UK. A **GROUP DINNER** will be at the **BRIGHOUSE HOTEL** in Clifton Village and then you will want to get a good night's rest for tomorrow's visit to Rowan!

### Mon, Mar 19

*Margaret Hill, Rowan's Site Administrator, wrote the following:*

**ROWAN**, whose name was inspired by the beautiful shrubs lining the banks of the river Holme in Yorkshire, was born in 1978 and started its life above a grocery store near Huddersfield. Our founders Stephen Sheard and Simon Cockin wanted to produce knitting yarns, which were both quality and perfect for the design trends of the time, showcasing an array of natural fibres in a paintbox colour palette.

Today, we use the inspiration of key designers such as Kaffe Fassett, Martin Storey, Brandon Mably, Sarah Hatton and Lisa Richardson to showcase these through our seasonal pattern collections and acclaimed Knitting & Crochet Magazines, which are released twice a year.

Our ultimate aim remains to offer a selection of high quality, natural yarns, which are a pleasure to knit with and a pleasure to wear. We hope that Rowan designs represent heritage, timeless pieces with an emphasis on the best fibres.

This morning we drive to the North Light Gallery in the nearby town of **HUDDERSFIELD, HOME TO ROWAN**. David MacLeod, Rowan & Patons Brand Manager, will start the day off with a new yarn taster. There will be presentations from some of the Rowan designers throughout the day and lunch will be catered by "Sons of the North Café". At the end of the day there is a good chance that there will be a sale of whatever yarns are in Rowan's storeroom!

We depart Huddersfield late this afternoon and travel to **YORK**. Our home for 2 nights will be the **GRAND HOTEL AND SPA**, York's only 5-Star Hotel. Housed in the iconic former headquarters of the North Eastern Railway Company, its location alongside the historic city walls affords stunning views of York Minster and is just minutes from the city's medieval streets and boutique shops. **GROUP DINNER** this evening at the hotel.

### Tues, Mar 20

Our day starts with a **PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF YORK**. The city holds 1900 years' worth of history in its ancient walls and our guide will give you an overview of the most important historical sites. At the end of the guided tour, we will visit the famous **YORK MINSTER**. The 13th-century Gothic cathedral features a collection of medieval stained glass windows that is among the finest and rarest in the world. There are 128 stained glass windows, containing about 2 million individual pieces of medieval glass....great inspiration for knitting designs!

The afternoon and evening is **FREE TO EXPLORE YORK**. In addition to visiting Knit & Stitch and Duttons for Buttons, you'll want to stroll through the Shambles, one of the oldest streets in York with its overhanging timber-framed buildings, some dating back as far as the fourteenth century. Visits to Clifford's Tower and the Jorvik Viking Center are just some of the many other options of places to visit, but be sure to find time to visit the famous Bettys. This tea room was founded in 1936 and is still one of the most popular eateries in all of York.

### Wed, Mar 21

This morning we depart York for **LONDON**, the capital of England, the United Kingdom and home to Buckingham Palace and the Royal Family. At its center stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic 'Big Ben' clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations. Across the Thames River, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.

Our hotel for 3 nights is the 4-star **RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN, VANDERBILT**. This recently restored Grade II listed building was originally home to the Vanderbilt family and is located in fashionable South Kensington. The hotel is within walking distance of many of the capital's world-class museums and shops, including the nearby Victoria & Albert Museum, Kensington Palace, and Harrod's department store.

**DINNER** this evening will be at our hotel with special guest, **DEBBIE BLISS!**

Debbie has been designing knitwear for more than two decades. She is the bestselling author of more than 40 books on knitting design and has her own line of luxurious yarns, sold worldwide. She has lectured extensively, particularly in North America and the UK, including the VK Live shows, The Royal Toronto Museum and the Fashion and Textile Museum in London. In 2014 Debbie expanded into ceramics and textiles with knitting related products and has a shop Debbie Bliss Home in East London run by her daughter Nell. Nell is also involved in the Debbie Bliss brand with her own line of yarns and designs directed at the younger knitter under the C and B label. In 2015 Debbie was awarded an MBE for her services to hand knitting and the craft industry in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Debbie lives with her husband Barry and two lively dogs in East London.

**IN HER PRESENTATION** Debbie will be talking about her history in the business, her inspiration and the background to her collection and ranges. She will be joined by Nell.

Thu, Mar 22

This morning we board our motor coach for a **PANORAMIC TOUR OF LONDON**. The tour will familiarize you with the many sights and areas of London that you can explore during your free time. Our step-on guide will give you information on the best ways to get around the city, what special exhibits and shows are running, and answer any of your questions regarding this wonderful city. If you missed something on the guided tour, your tour escort and hotel concierge will be happy to find the answer and head you in the right direction.

Fri, Mar 23

That tour of London will come in handy today. You'll have the entire day to **EXPLORE LONDON** and visit those places in the city that interest you most. Whether you decide to shop at Harrods or the famous Burlington Arcade, visit the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels, explore the extensive textile collections at the famous Victoria & Albert Museum, your day in London is sure to be a memorable one.

However you decide to spend your day, you will want to be back to the hotel in time for our **FAREWELL DINNER**. This will be your last chance to say goodbye to your fellow knitters, many of whom have become friends that you'll want to stay in contact with and make plans with for the next *Vogue Knitting* tour!

Sat, Mar 24

You can arrange for your flight home to depart from **ANY LONDON AIRPORT**, at any time today. You will be provided with available options for getting to the London Airports for your flight home and your tour escort will help you arrange shared rides if there are others with flights departing around the same time of day. If you should want to extend your stay at the Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, rooms will be based on availability at the time you request them.

*Included in your 12-day tour:*

- \*Hotels
- \*Breakfast each morning
- \*5 Dinners & 1 lunch, as noted in the itinerary
- \*2 days admission & special event at Edinburgh Yarn Festival
- \*Day at Rowan
- \*Presentation by Debbie Bliss
- \*Land travel by private motorcoach
- \*Luggage handling at hotels when arriving or departing as a group, where available
- \*Group tours & activities
- \*Hosted by a Vogue Knitting editor
- \*Escorted by a professional tour leader
- \*Yarn shopping and more!

Tour Price:

\$ 3415 per person, double occupancy

\$ 817 single supplement

(Airfare is not included in the cost of your tour)

**Book early....space is limited!**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Be sure to read all 2018 TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS prior to signing and sending in your registration.

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*Please note:* Our tours are best experienced by walking. Please be sure to read over our Terms and Conditions and then if you have any questions about your ability to join the tour, please give our office a call and we will be happy to discuss this with you, in more detail.

TO REGISTER: See next page

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