

Janine Bajus & Jillian Moreno
Yorkshire - Cumbria & The Lake District
May 07th - May 16th, 2024

Tuesday 07th May: Depart USA for Manchester - England

Depart on your overnight flight to Manchester, England. Be sure to have your up-to-date passport **valid for 6 months beyond date of travel**, and allow a minimum of **3 hours** for check-in for your International flight.

Wednesday 08th May: Manchester - Kate Makin at Northern Yarn in Lancaster - Settle in & Welcome dinner Arrive at Manchester airport, meet your hosts and tour manager, and begin your journey through northern England. Continue to Lancaster with a stop in route for lunch. We have a private visit with *Kate at Northern Yarn* for a talk about British sheep breeds and an opportunity to shop - Northern Yarn celebrates locally sourced British wool and yarns from local independent producers and farmers. All the yarn she processes comes from farms Kate has visited and sheep she has met. Continue further north and check into your hotel in Calderbridge. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at the hotel.

Sella Park - Calderbridge - 2 Nights (D)

Thursday 09th May: Muncaster Castle

Today we journey to *Muncaster Castle* to meet with Ewan or Peter Frost-Pennington to learn about the history of the castle from members of the family who have inhabited it since 1208. You will experience the ornate state rooms, beautiful furniture, treasures and artworks spanning over 800 years of the Pennington family living at Muncaster. You will get an opportunity to tour the castle and also get to enjoy the 77 acres of stunning gardens. One of the highlights will be to meet with a curator to view the extensive textile collection housed in the Castle. Don't forget to bring your knitting as we have reserved the Billiard room for you to knit in while enjoying afternoon tea. Muncaster Castle is at the forefront of bird conservation and you will have a chance to meet with the bird team to learn about birds of prey and fly a wide range of birds. Last but not least you will have an early dinner with the Pennington family before departing the castle to return to your hotel. **(B,L,D)**

Friday 10th May: Lancaster - Susan Crawford at her studio

Today we journey to Lancaster for a workshop with *Susan Crawford* at her studio. Susan's recent book, *The Vintage Shetland Project*, contains almost 500 pages of essays and Fair Isle patterns. Susan also manufactures and sources her own range of knitting yarns. Susan will offer an introduction to stranded colorwork knitting and two-handed colorwork class. Lunch and afternoon refreshments and all class materials will be included in your visit. Continue on to Newby Bridge and some free time before dinner at the hotel. **Lakeside Hotel & Spa - Newby Bridge - 3 Nights (B,L,D)**

Saturday 11th May: Nibthwaite Grange - Dodgson Woods - The Woolist and The Wool Library- Hill Top Farm

This morning we take a short trip out to the village of Ulverston and a visit to *Nibthwaite Grange Farm*. The farm is run by *John Atkinson* and *Maria Benjamin* with help from John's family. The Atkinson's have farmed Nibthwaite Grange for six generations. The farm is a mixture of small meadows and pastures near the River Crake and Coniston Water with native woodland on the lower valley slopes. You will visit with *Zoe Fletcher*. Zoe is a British wool researcher, knitter and designer who has recently completed a PhD on British Sheep breeds. She traveled around the UK collecting information on 72 pure breeds of sheep. She has developed a designer's toolkit that highlights the unique qualities of each of these breeds. Maria & Zoe have come together to create a company called the "Wool Library"- to facilitate an educational journey and see how the needs of farmers, designers, producers and consumers can be met.

After lunch you will visit *Hill Top Farm*, a 17th - century house in Near Sawrey, near Hawkshead, in the English county of Cumbria. The house was once a home of beloved children's author and illustrator Beatrix Potter. Potter made it her mission to preserve the Herdwick breed of sheep. After a busy day return to the hotel to relax chat, and knit. Dinner on your own this evening **(B)**

Sunday 12th May: Morning classes with Janine & Jillian - Boat trip to Ambleside - Cumbria

Following breakfast, you will have a morning of classes with *Janine & Jillian* at the hotel. Then we will take an afternoon cruise on Windermere Lake, England's largest lake, in the heart of the Lake District. You will cruise from Lakeside pier all the way to Ambleside with magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and many wooded islands. A boxed lunch is included. Your driver-guide will meet you in Ambleside when you disembark. Journey back to your hotel with a stop for dinner at your own expense on the way. Evening free to relax and knit at the hotel. **(B,L)**

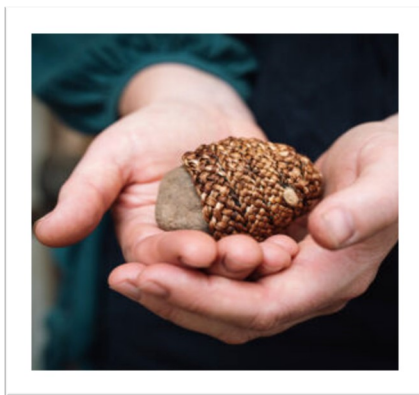
Monday 13th May: Workshop with Ann Kingstone - Farfield Mill in Sedbergh

After breakfast and check out at the hotel journey through the Yorkshire Dales to *Farfield Mill* in Sedbergh to meet with *Ann Kingstone*. Ann is a British designer based in the beautiful county of Yorkshire. Ann's designs are inspired by the history, literature and traditions of her native country and its neighbors. Her focus will be on Yorkshire knitting heritage. Ann will give a workshop on knitting wristlets in the style of Yorkshire Dales gloves. As well as teaching techniques and the history of glove knitting in Yorkshire, Ann will also bring her collection of antique Yorkshire knitting sheaths, talk about them and let you try them on. Lunch will be included at the Farfield Mill before continuing on to your hotel on the Bolton Abbey Estate. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **Devonshire Arms - Bolton Abbey - 2 Nights (B,L,D)**



Tuesday 14th May: Meet with Alice Fox at the hotel

This morning after breakfast *Alice Fox* will join you at the hotel. Alice's process-led practice is based on personal engagement with landscape and has sustainability at its heart. Alice works with natural fibers and gathered materials, employing natural dyes, stitch, weave and soft basketry techniques. Alice will offer a presentation about how Place Making inspires her process: she uses her allotment for inspiration and to grow plants for making inks, natural dyeing, making cordage, etc. Alice will also bring lots of samples to show. She will join you for lunch at the hotel with the remainder of the day free. Dinner on your own this evening. **(B,L)**



Wednesday 15th May: Bronte Parsonage Museum - West Yorkshire Spinners - Manchester - Farewell Dinner

This morning breakfast at the hotel and check out. Journey to Haworth and tour the *Brontë Parsonage Museum*, home of brilliant authors Charlotte (*Jane Eyre*), Emily (*Wuthering Heights*), and Anne Brontë (*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*). The landscape surrounding the parsonage plays a large part in the books. Continue to Keighley to visit West Yorkshire Spinners who combine state-of-the-art technology with generations of expertise to produce British yarns and patterns of exceptional quality. Continue to Manchester with some free time. Farewell dinner at the hotel this evening to share stories of your knitting adventure.

The Lowry - Manchester - 1 Night (B,D)

Thursday 16th May: Departure day - Manchester to US

Transfer to the Manchester airport for your return flight to the US. For those knitters traveling today, transfers will be provided. **(B)**

"The flowers love the house, they try to come in! House leek grows on the window sills and ledges; wisteria climbs the wall, clematis chokes the spout casings ... But nothing more sweet than the old pink cabbage rose that peeps in at the small paned windows." - Beatrix Potter

This itinerary is subject to change.

Key: B = breakfast; **D** = dinner

COST: \$ 6,550 per person (based on sharing a room)

Single Supplement: \$ 580 (Singles are limited)

Plus airfare: Approximately **\$1,300 - \$1,500**

(Manchester airport roundtrip)

Deposit \$1000 - Check Discount - (Based on paying deposit and final by check is \$262)

This discount will come off your final payment. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

Tour Includes:

- * 10 days/8 nights
- * Breakfast each morning
- * 5 Dinners & 5 Lunches
- * Transportation with a professional driver/guide from 08 May - 16th May (9 days)
Private airport transfers on 16th May from your hotel to Manchester International airport
- * Gratuity for your Driver/Guides for 9 days.

Classes/Visits:

- * Full day at Muncaster Castle - with Afternoon Tea - and dinner www.muncaster.co.uk
- * Workshop and visit with Susan Crawford at her studio www.susancrawfordvintage.com
- * Private visit with Kate at Northern Yarn www.northernyarn.co.uk
- * Workshop with Ann Kingstone www.annkingstone.com
- * Visit with John Atkinson and Maria Benjamin at Nibthwaite Grange Farm www.nibthwaitegrangefarm.com
- * Boat trip from to Ambleside on Windermere Lake - www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk
- * Morning classes with Janine Bajus www.feralknitter.com - Jillian Moreno (www.jillianmoreno.com)
- * Visit to Hill Top Farm - Home of Beatrix Potter www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- * Tour at the Bronte House & Museum www.bronte.org.uk
- * Visit with Alice Fox www.alicefox.co.uk
- * West Yorkshire Spinners www.wyspinners.com

Not Included:

- * International Airfare
- * Items of a personal nature (Laundry, telephone, drinks, meals not specified)
- * Yarn purchases and mailing expenses.



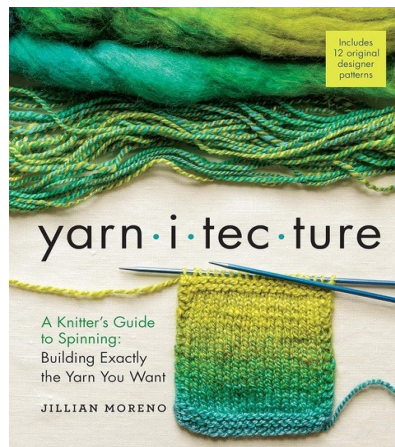
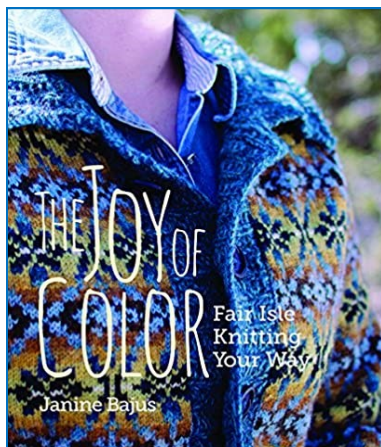
Your Hosts



Janine Bajus - (also known as the Feral Knitter) Janine fell down the rabbit hole of Fair Isle knitting years ago, and she loves helping knitters express themselves through color and pattern. Janine's approach to Fair Isle Knitting is modern and very personal; her goal is to share her deep appreciation for this type of knitting. She is the author of **The Joy of Color: Fair Isle Knitting Your Way**. You can learn more about her classes and designs at www.feralknitter.com.

What is a Feral Knitter? A feral knitter is someone who loves color knitting, playing with color combinations and garment shapes, and learning about construction and fit.

Jillian Moreno - Jillian is the author of the best-selling spinning book **Yarnitecture: A Knitter's Guide to Spinning: Building Exactly the Yarn You Want**. She is passionate about exploring the structure of yarns and using them in intentional and creative ways in knitting, stitching, and weaving. Through exploration, curiosity and play, she enthusiastically encourages her students and readers to feel confidence and joy making with yarn. Jillian regularly writes about yarn and spinning for Ply Magazine and teaches whenever she can. When she's at home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, she can be found wantonly basking in her stash. Keep up with her fiber exploits at www.jillianmoreno.com or on her [handspinning Patreon](#).



KNITTERS



Susan Crawford

Susan Crawford lives in the North of England, in the very North of Lancashire to be precise, with her husband, family and animals. She has been knitting, sewing, writing, crocheting, designing, dyeing, cooking and growing as long as she can remember! Susan sells knitting patterns inspired by vintage fashions and writes books about how knitting history, fashion, social, women's and human history all interweave together.

www.susancrawfordvintage.com

Alice Fox is a British artist based in Saltaire in West Yorkshire. Alice works with natural fibers and gathered materials, employing natural dyes, stitch, weave and soft basketry techniques. These elements come together in different combinations to create grouped surfaces and structures. Alice exhibits, lectures and teaches workshops nationally and internationally.

Alice has written the following books:
Wild Textiles and Natural Processes in Textile Art

www.alicefox.co.uk



Ann Kingstone

Ann Kingstone is a British designer based in the beautiful county of Yorkshire, her lifelong home.

Ann's designs are generally inspired by the history, literature, and traditions of her native country and its neighbors. Her love of technology and of the entire knitting process is reflected in her work.

www.annkingstone.com



Alice Fox

Covid Procedures

Janine and Jillian are requiring that you are fully vaccinated per CDC guidelines to participate in this trip

Covid procedures are outlined below

- ◆ Please bring with you a supply of N95 CDC-approved masks
- ◆ Please bring with you at least 2 rapid antigen tests
- ◆ Please read your travel insurance so you know what it covers and what proof of illness and expenditures it requires. Janine, Jillian, and Jean do not know the coverage of your insurance, since Travel Guard is a separate company from Celtic Journeys. If you decide to purchase a policy through Travel Guard - Phone number 800-826-4919 in case you have questions.
- ◆ If you have Covid symptoms you will be asked to test and mask.
- ◆ If you test positive for Covid you will be asked to isolate from the group, which means having your own room (at your own expense) and not continuing traveling with the group. You will have the option to return home early; stay at your own expense until you have completed the isolation period recommended by the CDC AND are symptom free, at which time you can rejoin the tour group; or stay at your own expense until it is time to return on your original flight. If someone tests positive in your group, we will all mask on the bus and when we are in close quarters.
- ◆ If multiple people are Covid positive *and* the hotel cannot accommodate infected people in isolation, you may be asked to share a room with a different roommate. We would room healthy people together and Covid-positive people together.
- ◆ If someone in the group tests positive for Covid you will likely be asked to test even if you do not have symptoms.
- ◆ Once someone tests positive for Covid, we ask that you follow the instructions that Janine and Jillian give. They will be in contact with Jean and the hotel, and will have the latest information