



7 Night Southwest Ireland Luxury Knitting Retreat 2021

Tour Dates:

26th September 2021

(One Date Only, Limited Availability)

Tour Overview

Luxury Knitting Retreat in the Southwest of Ireland with Instructor Carol Feller -

Begin in Dublin where after some time to explore the city, you will discover one of Dublin's famous knitting shops; the Constant Knitter. The next day we will head south to Kerry and check into the beautiful Parknasilla Resort Hotel. Here meet one of Ireland's top knitters, Carol Feller. You will spend four days with Carol, learning her seamless cables, short row and grafting techniques and relaxing in the surroundings of your retreat hotel. We will have some optional tours lined up so that you can get out and see the local countryside if you wish!

Included in This Tour

- Transfers on arrival and departure (for arrivals prior to 10:30am on tour start date and pre-night packages)
- Sightseeing as per itinerary in a luxury coach with an experienced driver and accredited guide
- Accommodation in rooms with private bathroom facilities for 7 nights
- Irish breakfast daily
- 7 hotel dinners
- 4 lunches
- The company of your knitting host Carol Feller for 4 days.
- Irish Whiskey and Chocolate Tasting Event at Parknasilla Resort Hotel
- Optional touring as described in the itinerary

Workshops/Knitting Activities Included in This Tour

- Knitting workshops as described in the itinerary including yarn and patterns
- Visit Constant Knitter Yarn Store
- Knitting on the Sheep's Head Peninsula
- Visit Zwartbles Ireland Sheep Farm
- Visit Cushendale Woollen Mill

Wool and patterns are included in all workshops, you need to bring your own needles, sizes will be advised

Overnights for this Tour

- Hyatt Centric Hotel (or similar), Dublin, 1 Night
- Parknasilla Resort Hotel, County Kerry, 4 Nights
- Lyrath Estate (or similar), County Kilkenny, 1 Night
- Hyatt Centric Hotel (or similar), Dublin, 1 Night

Itinerary

Important Note: Attractions, Workshops and Demonstrations May Change According to Availability and Scheduling

Day 1: Dublin Arrival, Dublin City Tour & Constant Knitter

Begin your knitting tour of Ireland with a transfer to your hotel (for arrivals prior to 10:30am). After the tour introduction at your hotel, pay a visit to The Constant Knitter. This has been a favoured stop of many of our knitters through the years. Meet a local craftsperson for a demonstration and informal chat about their craft topic which will either be knitwear design or Irish Lace crochet depending on designer availability. Next, it's off to the National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology, Ireland's most important cultural institution which was established in 1877 as the primary repository of the nation's archaeological treasures. These include the most famous of Ireland's crafted artefacts, the Ardagh Chalice and the Tara Brooch, dating from the 12th and 8th centuries respectively. They are part of the Treasury, itself part of Europe's finest collection of Bronze and Iron Age gold artefacts, and the most complete assemblage of medieval Celtic metalwork in the world. Return to your hotel where you will have time to relax before your evening welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Hyatt Centric Hotel, Dublin, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Basis

Day 2: Travel to Kerry via Cahir Castle

Today your knitting retreat will take you to Kerry via the remarkable Cahir Castle. One of Ireland's best-preserved Castles, Cahir sits on a rocky island above the river Suir. Once the home of the powerful Butler family, the castle's keep, tower and defensive structures remain intact. Continue to Parknasilla Resort Hotel and meet your host, one of Ireland's most famous knitters, Carol Feller. You will spend a lot more time with Carol over the few days spent in Kerry, so this evening is an informal get together and 'get to know each other' session with some informal knitting thrown in for good measure!

Overnight Parknasilla Resort Hotel, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Basis

Day 3: Knitting, Whiskey, Chocolate and Trad!

Over the course of this knitting retreat you'll work on a very special cabled hat and cowl set with Carol which you will start today. Both of these patterns will provide a great learning experience as they are knit from side-to-side with some fantastic techniques! You'll learn how to do a provisional cast-on, cables without a cable needle, short rows in pattern and grafting in pattern. Carol will walk you through every step of the project over the following days. Learn how to tighten up loose cables and fix cable mistakes. Go on a virtual tour of the Irish Mills with Carol and even learn how to pick the right size garment to knit. This afternoon, enjoy a Whiskey and Chocolate Tasting Event where experienced whiskey and chocolate connoisseurs will take you through the history of Whiskey in Ireland and how to pair it with the perfect chocolate flavour. You can enjoy samples of both or either! This evening after dinner enjoy a Traditional Irish Music Session in the hotel's bar.

Overnight Parknasilla Resort Hotel, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Basis

Day 4: Optional Tour: Ring of Kerry

Today you can opt to stay at Parknasilla and enjoy some of the facilities on offer. Pamper yourself at the hotel's Spa, surrounded by the natural beauty of woodlands, ocean and mountains; let your troubles drift away as you take in this awe inspiring backdrop, enjoy a round of golf at the nearby course or just relax in the wonderful surroundings. Alternatively, you join us for a tour of a section of the Ring of Kerry which will include a visit to Kenmare, Sneem and Ladies View or Molls Gap. Return to the hotel where there will be time to relax and work on your knitting projects.

Overnight Parknasilla Resort Hotel, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Basis

Day 5: Optional Tour: Sheep's Head Peninsula with Workshop

Again, today if you prefer to stay at Parknasilla you can do that or join us for a tour of the Sheep's Head Peninsula in Cork. If you do decide to tour with us, bring your knitting! Today we travel to Cork across the magnificent Cahahane Pass. This part of the country is known for some of Ireland's best views. There are a number of places to stop where you can get out and enjoy the view. After a short stop continue to the village of Kilcrohane and meet Niamh and the other organisers of the annual Sheep's Head Yarn festival. Enjoy some knitting sessions with Niamh and the gang on the topic of travel sock knitting or textured stitches depending on your preference. After the workshop we will explore the peninsula some more before returning to the hotel in time for dinner.

Overnight Parknasilla Resort Hotel, Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Basis

Day 6: Travel to Kilkenny via Zwartbles Farm & Cushendale Mill

Today, we travel towards the city of Kilkenny, colloquially known as the 'Marble City', making a stop for lunch (included) along the way. Firstly we visit Crampton Farm to meet Suzanna and her

family who breed and rear Zwartbles Sheep. Tour the farm, meet the sheep and chat with the family who will tell you all about their unique yarn which you can buy direct from the farm if you wish. Nearby is Cushendale Mill where products made on site are crafted natural-fibre textiles made with mohair, Irish wool and merino lamb's wool. Enjoy a tour of the mill and see the spinning mule in action. You might even spot some of the wool from the sheep at Crampton farm! Continue to your nearby hotel for check-in and take some time to relax before dinner.

Overnight Kilkenny, Lunch, Dinner Bed & Breakfast Basis

Day 7: Kilkenny Castle & Return to Dublin

We start the day with a visit to Kilkenny Castle, a 12th century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands. There will also be time to visit Kilkenny Design Centre which offers a fantastic selection of Irish handcrafted gifts including Jewellery, Knitwear, Celtic Gifts, China & Crystal, Pottery & Glass, Home & Fashion Accessories and contemporary design pieces. Begin your return journey to Dublin where on arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon to explore, shop or relax before your farewell dinner this evening.

Overnight Dublin, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Basis

After your final Irish breakfast depart the hotel for Dublin airport arriving in time to complete check-in formalities and that last minute duty free shopping.

Prices

26th September 2021 €3259 per person sharing/€659 supplement if single room required

Please note we charge in Euro for this tour.

Optional Pre Tour Arrangements (Additional Cost Applies)

Package A

- 2 x Pre-Nights at a Dublin City Centre Hotel (Hyatt Centric or similar)
- Arrival Transfer from Dublin Airport to Dublin City
- Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Ticket

Per person sharing one room €397

Supplement if single room is required €269

Package B

- 1 x Pre-Night at a Dublin City Centre Hotel ((Hyatt Centric or similar))
- Arrival Transfer from Dublin Airport to Dublin City
- Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Ticket

Per person sharing one room €243

Supplement if single room is required €137

Booking Requirements & Cancellation Information

Please read our full terms & conditions on our website here:

<https://www.knittingtours.com/terms-conditions/>

An initial deposit of 20% of the total tour price is required to secure your booking and this is due once we receive your booking form.

Final payment is due 60 days before the tour departure date. Failure to pay final balance by this date may result in the cancellation of your place.

Cancellation Penalties:

- Cancellation more than 60 days or more prior to itinerary start date – Full deposit is forfeit.
- Cancellation 59 days - 31 days prior to itinerary start date - 50% of total paid is forfeit
- Cancellation 30 days - 15 days prior to itinerary start date - 75% of total paid is forfeit
- Cancellation 14 days or less - 100% of total paid is forfeit

Note: Day one of the tour is the day of arrival. Cancellation charges will also apply to any extra services pre and post tour.

Postponements and Amendments

- Should you wish to change your tour to one of our other available tours or to a different date, you can do so subject to tour availability. An amendment fee of EUR250/GBP250 per person will apply.
- Within 59 days of the tour commencement date the cancellation penalties set out in section 5 will apply and postponements will not be possible.