

A Third Magical Scottish Sojourn with Jim and Cat

ARRIVAL IN ABERDEEN APRIL 18, DEPARTURE FROM ABERDEEN MAY 4, 2020



Exploring Scotland allows one to fall in love with life anew, over and over again...

Our travelers are lively, curious, independent folks who love to explore on their own. We are not a lock-step, hand-holding tour; rather, our careful organization is meant to stay in the background while you experience the essence of Scotland's culture, food, landscape, and people. Our local personal relationships allow us, like chefs who find the freshest ingredients in a farmers' market, to craft the finest daily options. Most evenings throughout our trip, you'll receive an email from Jim detailing our freshly choreographed itinerary for the next day. If we sound like a good match for you after you've read through these pages, we'd love to have you join us on our third trip to Scotland.





The unique and historic Queens Hotel, our home base on Shetland.



Jim 'Pecos' Petkiewicz and Cat Bordhi

We have a brother-sister relationship and have been leading groups to Latin America and Europe since 2013. We'd love to share our enthusiasm and love for local knowledge and cultures, and the depth of our experiences and relationships with you.

Pecos is a grassroots philanthropist who has never been known to get cold and who has knit and gifted Felfitos and Moebius cowls all over the world. Small children and dogs fall in love with him in nano-seconds. He holds a BA in History from Georgetown University and a Masters in Latin American Studies from the University of New Mexico. After extensive time in language and cultural immersion programs in Bolivia (1985, 1994) and Peru (1987-88), beginning in 1986, Pecos and his wife Mags moved their young family to Oaxaca to work with community organizations dedicated to the protection of human rights, peace, justice, and community-based education, which evolved into their non-profit, Community Links International.

Cat is an inspiring teacher, designer, and story-teller who puts her students at ease while she nurtures the best in them. One student wrote, "Your generosity of spirit and kind attention to everyone set the stage for all to grow and learn." Her 9 innovative knitting books, award-winning novel, *Treasure Forest*, and Youtube tutorials have reached over 5 million people. In 2003 she founded the collaborative Visionary Authors, fostering a stream of influential, spirited, and independently published knitting books. She has a BA in Russian from the University of California, a teaching credential from Western Washington University, and has done cartwheels in 9 countries. (Public service announcement: Knitters, you must always protect your wrists while cartwheeling!)

To learn more about us, visit CatandPecos.com.



Saturday, April 18, you will arrive in Aberdeen and make yourself at home at the Carmelite Hotel.

This independently-owned, family-run, and quite unique historic hotel is popular for afternoon tea and local gatherings (they host local musicians several times a week). We'll be here for two nights before setting out for the Isle of Skye. After our sojourn on Skye, we'll return home to the Carmelite for one night, then leave for Shetland and finally return home to the Carmelite once more. Over the years we've become very fond of owners Roz and Gary, who oversee every detail, and their staff who work together like an enthusiastic family.

Sunday, we'll gather together after breakfast (always included), and Cat will introduce the knitting project. During the days ahead, anytime we are on the road, Cat will welcome you to come sit beside her for a consultation if you need one. This evening, we'll enjoy dinner together at the Carmelite (included). Aberdeen is a wonderful blend of grand old stone architecture and winsome neighborhoods with pathways that make you feel you are out in the country. We especially love the street art, the River Dee, and the Footdee/Fittie neighborhood at the foot of the Dee. While walking about the harbor or along the beach, you may even have the good fortune to spy dolphins. Here is a wonderful article about Aberdeen: [HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2019/06/18/TRAVEL/52-PLACES-TO-GO-ABERDEEN-SCOTLAND.HTML?ACTION=CLICK&MODULE=FEATURES&PGTYPE=HOMEPAGE](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/18/travel/52-places-to-go-aberdeen-scotland.html?action=click&module=Features&pgtype=Homepage)



Tartan yardage ready for kilts.



Our friend David explains kilt-making.



Aberdeen street art.



A leafy path.



An old wringer washer in Fittie.



A mysterious front door.



The friendly Aberdeen wool shop.



In the wool shop.



Our home on the Isle of Skye, the Cuillin Hills Hotel, sits high on the hill to the left.

And we're off to the Isle of Skye—Monday, April 20, back to Aberdeen on Saturday, April 25

After a hearty Scottish breakfast we'll board our private bus and begin our journey through the gorgeous scenery of the six-hour drive to Portree on the Isle of Skye, winding through the green forested mountain beauty of Northern Scotland on small two-lane highways that allow us to travel efficiently yet intimately. There are lochs here, there, and everywhere in so many shades of blue, reflecting the changing colors of the sky. Along the way we'll make a few brief stops, and finally glide onto the Isle of Skye over a soaring, impressive bridge. This passageway between mainland and the Isle offers lovely vistas and a welcoming invitation to Scottish island life. Our first stop on the Isle of Skye will be a wee yarn shop called "Handspinner Having Fun."

Then we'll drive an hour due north to the island's main city of Portree, to settle into our home for the next five nights, the Cuillin Hills Hotel. Tonight, our first evening in Portree, we will gather in the hotel's restaurant for our welcome dinner. Our home is an enchanting fifteen-minute walk to downtown Portree. You'll love the magical view looking towards the port and town from so many places in our "home" — the dining rooms, breakfast nook, bar, main entrance, and the front lawn with its welcoming tables and chairs, where you can sit and knit with a cup of tea or a cocktail as you admire the beauty.



Our first stop on the Isle of Skye will be "Handspinner having Fun," where you can buy everything from rare breed fiber, to handspun, to local yarns, to handknits and local crafts.



Portree evening view from our hotel.



Mama and baby, photo by Kim Clark.



Local scallops in our hotel.



A tranquil croft window.



If you love to hike, there is a spectacular wilderness adjacent to our beautiful hotel!

Some of the activities we have planned for our time on Skye:

We'll visit with our friends Jasmin, Trevor, and Alexandra at their croft, Island at the Edge, to learn first-hand how local wool is raised. We'll pet and feed native sheep, see Scottish Highland cows, try local spinning and knitting techniques under the tutelage of Jasmin and Alexandra, fall under the spell of Trevor's story-telling, and relax with a cuppa tea and homemade baked desserts in their lovely home on the edge of the sea. You'll return home with many a tale to tell from this day!



Feeding the sheep.



You'll learn how a shepherd's crook is made.



A North Ronaldsay ewe, fond of seaweed.



A Hebridean ewe with curly horns.



Learning to spin.



Trevor telling stories.

Another Skye experience will be a Dorset Button-making workshop just for our group.

You'll learn the very accessible and ancient art of Dorset Button-making in a workshop with our friend Tania Ashton Jones, and will forevermore be able to create buttons to match your knitted projects. Tania is working on a book that will cover the history of the art (she has studied with one of the most famed and elderly button makers) as well as detailed instructions for those who want to learn this fascinating art.



One of our travelers made this last year—her first try!



Tania is a wonderfully clear and compelling teacher.



A button tops a Scottish tam.



We'll drive to northern Skye to marvel at this spectacular waterfall and other natural wonders.



In 2019 this enormous rainbow filled sky, sea, and stream beside the path to our hotel.

We'll devote one day on Skye to savoring lunch at the internationally revered The Three Chimneys Restaurant. Afterwards, we'll explore the intricacies of Dunvegan Castle and its formal gardens.



The Three Chimneys Restaurant draws gourmands from all over Europe, and us!



The Three Chimneys offers unique oyster presentations, all mouth-watering.



A dessert choice during our long, leisurely multi-course lunch at Three Chimneys.



Dunvegan Castle and formal gardens.



Where Dunvegan land meets the sea.



Just beyond Dunvegan Castle's formal gardens, a magical tree beckons the imagination.

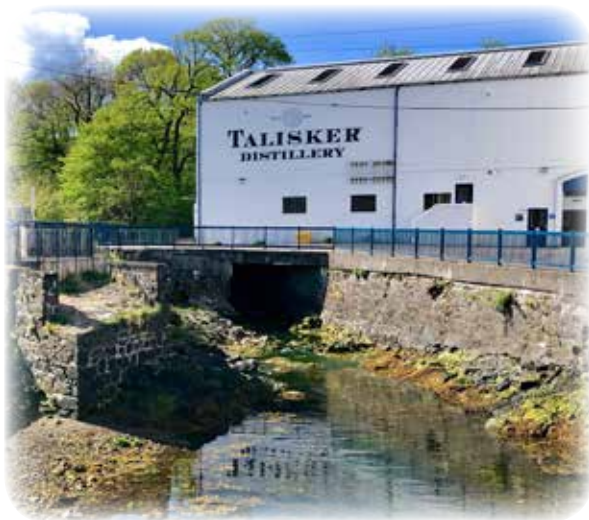
If you are a whiskey aficionado, you'll savor today's adventure. After breakfast we'll drive west across the island to the famous Talisker Distillery for an in-depth tour that includes tastings and the heady experience of breathing the whiskey-filled air as you see the process up close. Afterwards we'll drive a mile up the hill to the Oyster Shed for lunch. Save room for dessert though, because our next stop will be Skye Skins and the adjacent YurTea, a charming yurt coffee shop with delicious pastries. Skye Skins is one of the only remaining traditional tanneries, and they have dozens of breeds of sheepskins lining the sides of a long light-filled loft. If you want to buy one, they will ship it for you, and good luck choosing which variety you like best: curly, gray, cream, black, long and silky, on and on it goes.



We love the friendly, cozy, happy atmosphere and good coffee in the YurTea yurt.



In the Skye Skins showroom you will be tempted to have a bit of a nap!



The Talisker Distillery is right on the water in a beautiful setting, near oyster beds.



We'll learn how the sheepskins are tanned and made beautifully fluffy.

Saturday, April 25, we'll drive back to Aberdeen. Each year we grieve to leave beloved Skye, but the overnight Northlink Ferry to Shetland awaits us on Sunday, so after breakfast and perhaps a hike in the wilderness adjacent to the hotel, we are off.

Sunday, April 26, you're free to explore until mid-afternoon, when we board the Northlink Ferry to embark on a new adventure encompassing three Shetland Islands. Sometimes a pod of dolphins frolics alongside as we sail out of the River Dee and into the North Sea.



You'll have dinner, breakfast, and a stateroom aboard the ferry. We arrive in Lerwick at 7 am.



The centuries-old historic Queens Hotel, our fascinating home for five nights.



The Knap—a glorious open space that you can stroll to from our hotel.



Mirrie Dancers, a legendary chocolatier a few minute's stroll from our hotel.



You'll find three yarn shops in Lerwick, with hundreds of colors of Shetland yarns.



An old boat makes a fine roof—you'll see more of these in Shetland.

Tiny ferries and tiny islands full of treasures...

Our home base in Lerwick is on the largest of the Shetland Islands. We've chosen the Queens Hotel for its history, quaint character, and stunning location in the ancient Lodberries, built right into the water. It will be a unique experience to stay there. One day we'll drive to the very northernmost point of the Shetland Islands, taking one tiny ferry to the Isle of Yell and then an even tinier ferry, charmingly named Bigga, to the Isle of Unst, to visit the Unst Heritage Center, a community of local cobweb lace knitters and other crafters, and browse the museum collection of textiles and historic artifacts. We'll also drive as close to the Muckle Flugga Lighthouse rock as possible to catch a glimpse from the high cliffs. It is the northernmost point in all of the UK. Finally, back on the main island, we'll stop for supper at Frankie's Fish 'n Chips, the UK's most northerly fish 'n chips shack.



The northern isles of Yell and Unst.



We'll pause on Unst to explore this traditional sod building and Viking boat.



The wee Bigga will carry us between the isles of Yell and Unst.



We usually find Shetland ponies on Unst or Yell. Yes, we'll stop so you can pet them!



At the Heritage Center you can buy this pattern and the cobweb yarn.

Another day we'll drive west to Scalloway to visit the museum and castle. We'll continue on to the white sand and Carribbean-blue waters of Meal Beach, where we may even have a meal (a picnic) if the weather is suitable. Then onward to the idyllic Burra Isles (via several little bridges) to visit our friend Wendy Inkster of Burra Bears, to learn how she transforms old Fair isle sweaters into endearing, internationally sought-after bears. And one evening we hope to gather with members of the Shetland Guild of Spinners, Weavers, Dyers and Knitters too!



The short trail down to Meal Beach. Look at that cerulean blue and pure white sand.



Meal Beach is pure bliss.



Wendy lightly felts old sweaters for her bears— here are some drying on her line.



Wendy shows us her first two bears, who kindled her thriving business.



This children's sing-song rhyme gives you a glimpse of Scottish English.



The Scalloway castle is wide open for wandering and wondering.

Our 3-hour Seabirds and Seals boat tour takes us around Bressay Island, adjacent to Lerwick, and home to vast populations of Gannets, Guillemots, Kittiwakes, Terns, Great Skuas, Cormorants, and Gulls. If the weather allows, we may be able to slowly back into a cave which has the most extraordinary colors and is filled with kittiwakes singing their name over and over again. The geology of Bressay Island is fascinating and our friends and guides can answer most of our questions.



You'll see many 1,000s of gannets. They have elegant eyes and almost Art Deco features.



The Common Guillemot resembles a tiny penguin in so many ways.



This powerful Great Skua flew behind our boat for a while. They are very impressive birds.



We motored through this gorgeous cliffside opening on Bressay Island.

And of course, we'll also go south! We'll visit designer Elizabeth Johnston in her remote studio, where you can buy her beautiful fine handspun yarn and see her designs. Then we'll continue to the southernmost tip of Shetland island, to Sumburgh Head where there is a fine lighthouse high on a cliff, and if we are fortunate, you may see some Puffins nesting in the cliffs. Then we'll turn back towards Lerwick, stopping at designer Wilma Malcolmson's studio, to see wonderful displays of the Fair Isle design process, transforming actual landscapes into heathery complex designs. Here you can also buy knitted samples, like the gloves below.



Elizabeth Johnston's Lunklet Jacket design (pattern available) is fresh and enticing.



Elizabeth Johnston creates intricate designs, often in natural colors.



Sumburgh Head and Lighthouse reach south into the North Sea, a beautiful setting.



You can buy these handknit gloves at Wilma's studio, or knit them yourself!

Saturday, May 2 is our final morning in Shetland. After breakfast we'll check out, store our luggage, and head to the splendid Shetland Museum & Archives for a relaxed exploration of their beautiful collections. They have a nice cafe upstairs with a beautiful view, or you may want to enjoy lunch at one of your favorite restaurants and do a little more shopping before we board the Northlink Ferry mid-afternoon for our return trip back to Aberdeen. Once again, we'll have staterooms and have dinner and breakfast aboard, arriving in Aberdeen at about 7:00 Sunday morning. We'll check back into our Aberdeen home at the Carmelite Hotel, and you're free to explore until about noon when we gather for a farewell lunch together. What a journey it's been!



This is the famous knitted fence.
We'll tell you how to find it!



If you've watched the BBC Shetland
detective series, you'll recognize this house.



North Sea scallop ceviche served on a
fresh nasturtium leaf...so much good food!



Perhaps you'll use some of your final day
strolling along the banks of the River Dee.

Reflections from our travelers...

The Shetland Islands have long topped my “bucket list” of places I want to visit and explore. And explore we did under Jim’s careful, but understated, planning. We saw nooks and crannies of the Islands that a casual tourist might miss. Cat’s love of handcraft graced memorable gatherings of traditional knitters, wool producers, and even school children learning to knit. The group activities were balanced nicely with individual time for solo jaunts and personal encounters with the exceedingly friendly Shetlanders. This trip with Jim and Cat was a treasure to savor again and again in my mind.

—Jane, Nevada



Jim and Cat’s Scotland tour may be the best trip ever, the sheer beauty of the country. Everyday filled with special small beautiful memories and what a fabulous group to travel with!! Yes so many memories of people and place to linger on everyday. Difficult to explain the magic of Scotland to most people who think of a European trip as the Eiffel Tower or the Vatican Museum or some magnificent castle on the Rhine. On Skye and Shetland the scale is so much smaller, more intimate so much less frenetic—just lovely really. So glad I made the trip.

— Susan, California

To get the worst part over with first—it is that I have to leave! This trip has been absolutely wonderful—in terms of the beauty, the excellent arrangements, the care of Cat and Jim, the knitting and textiles, and most of all—the people in the group. Best. Trip. Ever.

—Mary Anne, Massachusetts

Cat and Jim, I love how you give us a certain structure each day but so much freedom to make our own journey along the way, We have a safety net and can then go out and make our own connections with people. You are not holding our hands, and it’s wonderful.

—Sherri, Canada

Best trip out of the country EVER! Also first! If anyone has any concerns about travel, go with this group.

—Nancy, North Carolina

As a gay person on Cat and Jim’s Peru trip, I found it very refreshing that my orientation was a non issue.

—Gill, Australia.

You walk that fine balance of being supportive while allowing us to have our own adventures instead of being in a cocoon the whole time. Cat and Jim, you manage that beautifully.

— Kat, Oregon

The Scotland trip is wonderful — I had a fabulous time. Should be on everyone’s must-do list. Jim and Cat are the ultimate trip planners and tour guides.

— Diane, California

Cost of our 17-day trip

The tour fee of \$7,495 includes:

- 16 nights of a shared hotel room (single room supplement: \$1,400 with very limited availability)
- Our welcome dinner at the Carmelite Hotel
- Our dinner at the Cuillin Hills Hotel on Skye
- Our lunch at Three Chimneys
- Our farewell lunch in Aberdeen
- All breakfasts (full breakfasts, your choice from the menu), some lunches, dinners, and snacks
- All ground travel for and entry fees for our group excursions: farm tours, Dunvegan Castle & Gardens, Talisker Distillery tour, Unst Heritage Center, Burra Bears, Scalloway Museum, Shetland Museum & Archives, studio visits & more!!
- Seabirds & Seals boat tour in Lerwick
- Round trip overnight ferry voyage between Aberdeen and Lerwick with stateroom, dinner, and breakfast on board
- Private Dorset Button Workshop on Skye
- Knitting sessions with Cat, and our travel pattern
- We do tip, but locals surely appreciate any tips you feel moved to share

The tour fee does NOT include:

- Airfare from your home to and from Aberdeen, nor airport transfers from/to Aberdeen Airport.
- Most dinners and lunches.
- Incidentals like personal taxi rides, drinks, snacks, personal items, nor medical expenses.





Links for you to explore and dream about

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport— [HTTPS://WWW.ABERDEENAIRPORT.COM/TRANSPORT-AND-DIRECTIONS](https://www.aberdeenairport.com/transport-and-directions)

Carmelite Hotel— [HTTPS://WWW.CARMEHITEHOTELS.COM](https://www.carmelitehotels.com)

Wool for Ewe— [HTTP://WOOLFOREWE.COM](http://woolforewe.com)

Georgian Dress Hire— [HTTPS://WWW.GEORGIANDRESSHIRE.CO.UK](https://www.georgiandresshire.co.uk)

Grampian Stamp Shop— [HTTPS://WWW.YELP.COM/BIZ/GRAMPIAN-STAMP-SHOP-ABERDEEN](https://www.yelp.com/biz/grampian-stamp-shop-aberdeen)

Isle of Skye

Handspinner Having Fun— [HTTPS://HANDSPINNERHAVINGFUN.COM](https://handspinnerhavingfun.com)

Cuillin Hills Hotel— [HTTPS://WWW.CUILLINHILLS-HOTEL-SKYE.CO.UK](https://www.cuillinhills-hotel-skye.co.uk)

Island at the edge Croft— [HTTPS://WWW.ISLAND-AT-THE-EDGE.CO.UK](https://www.island-at-the-edge.co.uk)

Talisker Distillery— [HTTPS://WWW.MALTS.COM/EN-ROW/DISTILLERIES/TALISKER](https://www.malts.com/en-row/distilleries/talisker)

The Oyster Shed— [HTTPS://WWW.VISITSCOTLAND.COM/INFO/FOOD-DRINK/THE-OYSTER-SHED-P882231](https://www.visitscotland.com/info/food-drink/the-oyster-shed-p882231)

Skye Skins— [HTTPS://WWW.SKYESKYNS.CO.UK](https://www.skyeskyes.co.uk)

YurTea— [HTTPS://WWW.SKYESKYNS.CO.UK/BLOG/YURTEA-AND-COFFEE-AT-SKYESKYNS](https://www.skyeskyes.co.uk/blog/yurtea-and-coffee-at-skyeskyes)

Dorset Button Workshop— [HTTPS://TJFROG.CO.UK](https://tjfrog.co.uk)

Three Chimneys Restaurant— [HTTPS://WWW.THREECHIMNEYS.CO.UK](https://www.threechimneys.co.uk)

Dunvegan Castle and Gardens— [HTTPS://WWW.DUNVEGANCASTLE.COM](https://www.dunvegancastle.com)

Shetland Islands

Northlink Ferries— [HTTPS://WWW.NORTHLINKFERRIES.CO.UK](https://www.northlinkferries.co.uk)

Queens Hotel— [HTTP://WWW.KGQHOTELS.CO.UK/QUEENS-HOTEL.HTML](http://www.kgqhotels.co.uk/queens-hotel.html)

Jamieson's Yarn Store— [HTTPS://WWW.JAMIESONSOFSHETLAND.CO.UK](https://www.jamiesonsofshetland.co.uk)

Loose Ends Yarn Store— [HTTPS://LOOSEENDS.BUSINESS.SITE](https://looseends.business.site)

Jamieson & Smith Yarn Store— [HTTP://WWW.SHETLANDWOOLBROKERS.CO.UK](http://www.shetlandwoolbrokers.co.uk)

Unst Heritage Center— [HTTP://WWW.UNSTHERITAGE.COM/WEB/](http://www.unstheritage.com/web/)

Frankie's Fish 'n Chips— [HTTPS://WWW.FRANKIESSHANDCHIPS.COM](https://www.frankiesfishandchips.com)

Burra Bears— [HTTPS://WWW.BURRABEARS.CO.UK](https://www.burrabears.co.uk)

Seabirds & Seals Tour— [HTTPS://WWW.SEABIRDS-AND-SEALS.COM](https://www.seabirds-and-seals.com)

Elizabeth Johnston— [HTTPS://WWW.SEABIRDS-AND-SEALS.COM](https://www.seabirds-and-seals.com)

Sumburgh Lighthouse— [HTTPS://WWW.SUMBURGHHEAD.COM](https://www.sumburghhead.com)

Wilma Malcolmson— [HTTP://WWW.SHETLANDDESIGNER.CO.UK](http://www.shetlanddesigner.co.uk)

Historic Croft Museum— [HTTPS://WWW.SHETLANDHERITAGEASSOCIATION.COM/MEMBERS/SOUTH-MAINLAND/THE-CROFT-HOUSE-MUSEUM](https://www.shetlandheritageassociation.com/members/south-mainland/the-croft-house-museum)

The famous knitted fence— [HTTPS://WWW.SHETLANDTEXTILEMUSEUM.COM](https://www.shetlandtextilemuseum.com)

✋ At times the trip may be strenuous.

Please read this and honestly consider whether or not our trip is suitable for you:

You need not be an athlete, but must be in good health and enjoy walking at length, sometimes over uneven surfaces, while carrying a small backpack (with water, camera, snacks, etc.). It's your responsibility to take care of yourself and your luggage so that you can either keep up with everyone or bow out of activities as needed.

If you come with us, you must:

- Get plenty of exercise before the trip begins
- Rest when you need to
- Measure your group time against private time as needed





Where we will be each of our 17 days

Saturday, April 18 — Aberdeen, Carmelite Hotel, arrival day

Sunday, April 19 — Aberdeen, Carmelite Hotel

Monday, April 20 — Off to Portree, Isle of Skye, Cuillin Hills Hotel

Tuesday, April 21 — Portree, Cuillin Hills Hotel

Wednesday, April 22 — Portree, Cuillin Hills Hotel

Thursday, April 23 — Portree, Cuillin Hills Hotel

Friday, April 24 — Portree, Cuillin Hills Hotel

Saturday, April 25 — back to Aberdeen for the night, Carmelite Hotel

Sunday, April 26 — mid-afternoon ferry from Aberdeen to Lerwick, Shetland

Monday, April 27 — Lerwick, Queens Hotel

Tuesday, April 28 — Lerwick, Queens Hotel

Wednesday, April 29 — Lerwick, Queens Hotel

Thursday, April 30 — Lerwick, Queens Hotel

Friday, May 1 — Lerwick, Queens Hotel

Saturday, May 2 — mid-afternoon ferry back to Aberdeen

Sunday, May 3 — Aberdeen, Carmelite Hotel, last night

Monday, May 4 — Aberdeen, departure day



Registration for Magical Scotland Sojourn, April 18-May 4, 2020 with Jim and Cat

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact: _____

☐ \$7,495 for double occupancy, sharing with _____

☐ If you wish a single room, add \$1,400 (check for availability).

• **Participants must be in good health.** If you have any doubts about your physical capabilities, please bring a companion who can take care of you as needed, and skip activities to stay with you as needed. We cannot alter nor slow down the program for a participant who is unable to keep up with the group.

Please sign here to assure us you understand this: _____

• **We cannot assist with airport transfers or accommodations that fall outside our program dates.**

You are responsible for travel between the Aberdeen Airport and our Aberdeen hotel, the Carmelite Hotel, on your own (about 20 minutes). We organize our own program as described in our itinerary, but are not a travel agency, so we cannot be responsible for coordinating your personal travel, or arranging additional days. If your schedule will differ from our itinerary, please plan to make your own arrangements.

• **We carefully craft our itinerary to develop community among our travelers,** and cannot sell partial trips to family or friends who prefer to join us later. If you wish to bring someone with you, our policy is that they must join us for the entire trip.

SO, LET'S GET YOU REGISTERED!

Step 1: Email Cat at CAT@CATBORDHI.COM to find out if we still have space. If so, go on to step 2.

Step 2: Print and fill out pages 22 and 23 and mail them to JIM PETKIEWICZ, 916 WREN DRIVE, SAN JOSE, CA 95125, with a check for \$500 (your *nonrefundable* deposit will hold your spot) made out to Community Links International. If you need to cancel, you may transfer this deposit *only if you find a replacement yourself. The balance is due 3 months before the trip commences.*

Step 3: Email a scan of your passport to Jim at PECKOS@ME.COM (alternatively you may make a copy and send it with this form).

WAIVER FOR MAGICAL SCOTLAND SOJOURN, APRIL 18-MAY 4, 2020, WITH JIM AND CAT

WAIVER: In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the Magical Scotland Sojourn program of Community Links International (a registered USA 501(c)(3), TIN #51- 0560531), with the collaborative participation of Cat Bordhi, herein after called "The Activity", I, for myself, my heirs, personal representative or assigns, do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Directors, employees, consultants or agents, including Cat Bordhi, Jim Petkiewicz, or Community Links International for liability for any and all claims including the negligence of the Directors, employees, consultants or agents resulting in personal injury, accidents, or illnesses (including death) and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in The Activity.

Assumption of risks: Participation in The Activity carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, sprains, gastrointestinal issues, and altitude sickness, 2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back issues, heart attacks, vehicular accidents, and concussions 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in The Activity. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I also agree to indemnify and hold the Directors, employees, consultants and agents, including Cat Bordhi, Jim Petkiewicz, and Community Links International, harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in The Activity and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the state of California, legal residence of Community Links International, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

signature

print name

date

Please print this form, sign, and mail to:

Community Links International, 916 Wren Drive, San Jose, CA 95125