



Itinerary

Friday 14th – Monday 24th August 2009

Friday 14th August

Check- in at Northlink Ferries, Jamieson's Quay, Aberdeen commences at 17:00 with last check-in time being 18:15.

Members of the PBSA will be waiting to meet and accompany festival passengers at 19:00 for the overnight sailing on Northlink Ferries to Lerwick. Dinner and breakfast are included as are two-bedded cabins with WC/Shower.

Saturday 15th August

Arrive in Lerwick at 07:30, where transport will be available for transfer to the hotel accommodation in Lerwick. After check in, transport will be ready for departure to the Stallion Evaluation sessions taking place at Gott Farm which is only four miles from Lerwick.

A welcome reception and lunch will be provided at Tingwall Hall and a regular shuttle bus service will be available between Tingwall and Lerwick throughout the day. There will be free time in the evening to settle in to the hotel and to explore the local restaurants and sample some of our excellent local food and drink.

All hotel accommodation is in shared twin/double bedrooms with private facilities and a full cooked breakfast is included in the package.

Sunday 16th August

Sunday sees the start of the stud visits, to the most northerly isle, Unst. Lunch will be provided in a local hall where local crafts will also be on display. There will be time to sample or purchase Unst's unique range of food and drink from beer, to local luxury chocolates and award winning oatcakes.

Keep cameras to hand as the two inter-island ferry crossings and journey will give everyone an opportunity to experience the dramatic sea and landscapes throughout Shetland.

Monday 17th August

After yesterday's tour of the northern isles, today's tour will head west to take in the sights of the West Mainland. The West side of Shetland is famous for its dramatic cliff and coastal scenery. Lunch will be provided at a local hall and during the tour a selection of studs will be visited throughout the area.

Tuesday 18th August

This will be the last full day of stud visits and will be to the Central Mainland of Shetland. On tour, we will have the opportunity to visit a traditional croft in Trondra at the Burland Croft Trail, where there will be time to sample some of Mary's famous bannocks.

Wednesday 19th August

In the morning, the tour will depart to visit studs in the South Mainland, which is the most fertile part of Shetland for agricultural activities. Watch out for the best-preserved "Broch" in the world and find out more about Vikings in Shetland during your travels.

In the afternoon, the Shetland Pony Festival will proudly host "The Shetland Pony- Past, Present and Future" Seminar at the New Museum and Archives. The Seminar will be followed by an informal reception.

The Seminar looks to take a journey into the past of the breed, its working origins, through to how the breed has adapted, and is now used worldwide in the pony world, and what lies in store for the future of the breed. We hope that the speakers will create some good debate on this interesting topic and everyone will enjoy the Shetland Pony exhibition at the venue during the festival week.

Thursday 20th August

Today is a free to give everyone the opportunity to explore the shops in Lerwick, visit Bressay for a day of pampering at the Northern Lights spa or simply relax in the hotel.

Why not explore the delights of the New Museum and Archives. Take the opportunity to visit the Archives that has some of the original Stud Book entries on display. After a browse of the museum and festival exhibition, why not dine at the Hay's Dock Restaurant- booking is recommended. In the afternoon, we recommend you take some local walking tours in Lerwick to discover the tales of "old Lerwick" or why not hire a car and spend the day revisiting some of your favourite studs.

Friday 21st August

Today the tour will continue and transfers will be arranged to visit the island of Noss, to see the original home of Lord Londonderry's legendary stud and the Shetland Pony Pund. Immerse yourself in the history and working life of the Shetland Pony – a unique trip to trace the footsteps of the Shetland Pony.

The island of Noss is also a Scottish Natural Heritage reserve and offers some spectacular wildlife and scenery including some of the largest seabird colonies in Great Britain.

In the evening, the AGM of the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society will be held at the Clickimin Leisure Complex in the Bowlers Bar.

For those who are showing Shetland Ponies in the Breed Show- this will be a busy day of preparations ahead of the show day.

Saturday 22nd August

For the first time, Shetland will proudly host the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Breed Show at the Clickimin Leisure Complex, which will be opened by Patron of the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society, John Scott. The four-ring show will see an excellent entry, being judged by internationally recognised judges.

In the evening, a supper dance will be held at Clickimin Leisure Complex- giving everyone a chance to sample a local showcase of Shetland's food, drink and world-renowned music. Following the supper, local dance band- Da Fustra will get everyone dancing. Transport will be provided to and from the hotel accommodation in the evening.

Sunday 23rd August

Get ready to see the first ever Shetland Pony Grand National qualifier to be hosted in the isles. Action starts in the morning and will be followed by a unique Pony Pageant taking place after the races at Clickimin Leisure Complex.

Finally, a civic reception will be hosted at the Town Hall as a farewell to everyone who has joined us in a celebration of the Shetland Pony Festival.

Check in for Northlink Ferries will commence at 17:00 and vehicle drivers are recommended to check-in at least one hour prior to departure. The ferry will depart Lerwick at 19:00 and dinner and breakfast will be included during your return sailing to Aberdeen.

Monday 24th August

Arrive in Aberdeen at 07:00, and the end of the Shetland Pony Festival. We hope you have enjoyed your visit to the home of the Shetland Pony and will visit us again in the coming years.

What the price of £900 includes

- 8 night's bed and breakfast in a hotel, sharing twin/double room with private facilities.
- Return overnight ferry sailing between Shetland and Aberdeen, sharing a two-bedded cabin with private facilities, dinner and breakfast onboard included
- All transfers to/from ship to hotel and visits to pony studs.
- Transport to/from and entrance to the Supper Dance on Saturday 22nd August.
- Light lunches: Sunday 16th-Wednesday 19th August and Sunday 23rd August.
- Packed lunch for Trip to Noss on Friday 21st August.
- Entry to the Shetland Pony Seminar and informal reception on Wednesday 19th August.

What is NOT included in the Price

- Travel and holiday cancellation insurance
- Single Occupancy of cabin or hotel room
- Any meals or snacks other than those listed above
- Any personal room bills, telephone calls etc.
- Any tips to drivers, guides or for Hotel porterage

Information is also available on

- Extending the package to include a stay in Unst
- Specialist Sightseeing tours
- Single Occupancy of cabin and hotel room (if available and at extra cost)

Please note that because of weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances, all the places mentioned on the itinerary may not be visited in the order listed or even at all.

Package collated: October 2008

SHETLAND PONY FESTIVAL PACKAGE BOOKING FORM

FRIDAY 14th AUGUST - MONDAY 24th AUGUST 2009



Please reserve place(s) for the above Festival package.
(Please print all details)

	TITLE	FORENAME *	SURNAME*	DATE OF BIRTH
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* Please insert Forename and Surname as shown on Passport.

Special Requests

Disability requiring special attention _____

Any special dietary requirements _____

I / WE AGREE TO PAY (delete as applicable)

1. A first deposit of £150 per person due with the booking form.
2. The remainder of £750 per person no later than 1st March 2009.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

Post code _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____

The Deposit cheque for £150.00 should be made payable to **Shetland Pony Festival** and sent with the booking form by 30th November 2008 to the following address:

Mrs D Leask
Shetland Pony Festival
Griesta, Gott
Shetland
ZE2 9SB

Please use the tick boxes below to state whether you require information on the following optional extras detailed in the package brochure:

- ☐ Extending the package to include a stay in Unst
- ☐ Specialist sightseeing tours
- ☐ Single Occupancy of cabin and hotel room

THE SHETLAND PONY FESTIVAL PASS AND BOOKING FORM

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST - SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2009



The Shetland Pony Festival Pass is ideal for enthusiasts who have made their own arrangements for travel to and from Shetland, and accommodation in Shetland, and would like to take part in the Official Festival tour activities throughout the week.

The cost of the Pass is £185 and includes:

- All transport to visit pony studs and events as detailed in the main package itinerary
- Light lunches: Sunday 16th-Wednesday 19th August, and Sunday 23rd August
- Packed lunch for trip to Noss on Friday 21st August
- Entry to the Shetland Pony Seminar and informal reception on Wednesday 19th August
- Entrance to the Supper Dance on Saturday 22nd August

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Completed form details and full payment of £185.00 must be received to secure your Festival Pass.

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