

3 Night Next Step Watercolour in the Peak District

Trip style:

Destination: 📍 Peak District

Trip code: POP03-PBN05



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

With the countryside or coastline as an inspiring backdrop, this holiday caters for more experienced artists hoping to improve their style and technique. Led by expert tutors in groups of no more than 15, you'll learn a range of new skills using watercolour paints - and try out new ideas. You'll also have ample time to practice in peaceful surroundings.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Developing your own personal artistic style
- Exploring new drawing techniques
- Having an expert tutor on hand for advice and guidance
- Building your expertise and trying new skills
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 15 people)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Expert tuition
- Loan of wooden A3 art boards
- Comfortable en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Cream tea on arrival day
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Daily packed lunches
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information available in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

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Day 1: Arrival Day

Check-in at the hotel is available from 16:00. If you are a member you can arrive at the house from 14:00. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests.

Day 2-3: Your art sessions

There will be full days practising your painting and learning new techniques, with breaks throughout the day for a cup of tea (or two!) and lunch as well. Most tuition and practice will take place inside the house, but if the sun is out, we may head into the grounds to take advantage of some fresh air. With the guidance of your art tutor, you'll build on the fundamentals of watercolour painting, learning new skills and capturing different subjects, using colour theory to enhance your work, and improving your composition skills, alongside other intermediate watercolour techniques. In the evenings, you can relax in the lounge and bar areas, socialise, or take part in a wide range of house activities.

Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

The Peveril of the Peak

Named after Sir Walter Scott's Peak District-set novel, this characterful country house is less than a mile from the famous Dovedale Stepping Stones and on the doorstep of Thorpe Cloud - a cone-shaped limestone hill that offers impressive views over the rolling green landscape that forms the Staffordshire/Derbyshire border. Both are easily accessible from the rear of the property. There are plenty of big-name walking destinations nearby including the Roaches, the impressive Stanage Edge, and the Twelve Apostles - a group of rock spires best viewed from the limestone promontory known as Lover's Leap.

A warm welcome

We want you to feel comfortable from the moment you arrive. You'll find a welcome pack in your room with guest registration forms, menus, order forms for dinners and picnic lunches, the Wi-Fi password, and the front door code. Our houses are locked at night, so we recommend noting the Duty Manager's number on arrival in case of an emergency (or getting locked out).

Evening entertainment

While evening entertainment varies from house to house, HF Holidays Inter-House Quiz night held after dinner on Wednesdays is a weekly staple. Your HF Holidays leader may be around for tips on guided and self-guided walking routes as well as visit-worthy local attractions.

Walks talks

Our HF Holidays walk leaders host guided walking information briefings before dinner on guided walking holiday arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's guided walks (held before dinner every evening). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

The walking day

Prior to setting off on guided walks, your HF Holidays Leader will run you through a short safety briefing. There's also an up-to-date weather forecast on display at the house to ensure you have appropriate clothing and footwear. If you choose to do your own walks or are on a self-guided walking holiday, we ask that you please complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.