

4 Night Introduction to Drawing Holiday in the Shropshire Hills

Trip style:

Destination: 📍 Shropshire Hills

Trip code: CHS04-PDB05



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Learning to draw as an adult is not only possible but much easier than you think. Designed for beginners, this creative holiday is filled with exercises and techniques that can be implemented into your drawing routine. Not only will your expert tutor introduce you to the basics of shape, form, and texture, but they will boost your confidence and help you to progress. Relaxed and fun sessions take place inside our country house or outdoors in the gorgeous grounds.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Learning to develop interesting compositions and ideas
- Drawing a range of still life subjects with pencils and drawing pens
- Taking advice and guidance from an expert tutor
- Expressing yourself through art
- Gaining confidence by using various techniques
- Working in small groups of 15 people or fewer

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

ITINERARY

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: Tuesday

We'll begin our day gently, with an introduction to making marks and experimenting with different drawing materials. Demonstrations will be given. We look at how to create texture and shades using fun and relaxed exercises. We will create a variety of drawings from imagination or using objects. Your leader will lead you through how to measure and how to see and interpret light and shade.

Day 3: Wednesday

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Day 4: Thursday

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Day 5: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Longmynd Hotel

For rural calm in the Shropshire Hills National Landscape, the location of this characterful country house is hard to top. Set in a wooded hillside just a short stroll from the market town of Church Stretton (nicknamed Little Switzerland for its picturesque landscape), you'll be within walking or driving distance of the Stiperstones, Caer Caradoc, Ironbridge Valley of Invention, and the historic towns of Ludlow and Shrewsbury. And then, of course, there's the Long Mynd itself – an area of registered common land that has been cared for by a group of farmers (the self-named commoners) who have grazed sheep and ponies here for generations.

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.