

4 Night Next Step Acrylics in the South Downs

Trip style: Small group holidays

Destination: 📍 South Downs

Trip code: ABW04-PAM05

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 70kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Suitable for those with some experience of acrylic painting, this creative holiday focuses on using bright and vibrant acrylics with more advanced techniques. Led by expert tutors, you'll develop create several paintings each day. While most sessions take place inside the house, there will be opportunity to head outdoors if the sun is shining.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Developing your skills with acrylic paints
- Taking advice and guidance from an expert tutor
- Expressing yourself through art
- Gaining confidence by using various techniques
- 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

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

You're welcome to check in from 4pm onwards.

Day 2: Landscape Painting

Starting with an ever-popular subject matter, we begin our holiday with a focus on landscape painting, and how to create a spectacular artwork through the development of composition and various painting techniques.

Day 3: Wildlife Painting

Building on yesterday's subject matter, we'll turn our focus to wildlife painting. Combining tutor demonstrations and practical application, we'll delve deeper into acrylics techniques, selecting the right colour palette, and composition.

Day 4: Portrait Painting

We'll take things up a notch on our final day by turning our attention to portraiture. The tutor will take you through the steps involved in painting great portraits before helping you to develop your own.

Day 5: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Abingworth Hall

Country living just got cosier at this former farmhouse. Abingworth Hall is just a skip away from the village of Thakeham at the foot of the South Downs – a landscape of ancient woodland, hidden valleys, chalky cliffs, and high-backed hills so deserving of its national park status finally bestowed in 2010. While the views from the doorstep are as wow-worthy as you'd expect, the walking opportunities around the sightseeing greats such as Devil's Dyke, Seven Sisters Country Park, Kingley Vale, Parham House, and the Clayton Windmills (known locally as Jack and Jill) are equally standout. You'll also be within easy driving distance of several historic towns and cities, most fabulously Arundel, Chichester, and Brighton.

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.