

Christmas Craft Weekend in the Shropshire Hills

Trip style: Festive breaks

Destination: 📍 Shropshire Hills

Trip code: CHS03-CCW05

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 70kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Escape to the picturesque Shropshire Hills for a festive weekend filled with creativity, relaxation, and seasonal charm. This Christmas Craft Weekend offers the perfect opportunity to unwind in a countryside setting while indulging in a variety of Christmas-themed craft activities. Nestled in one of the UK's National Landscapes, the Shropshire Hills provide a stunning backdrop for a cosy and inspiring getaway. Enjoy morning or afternoon craft sessions led by an experienced tutor, plus free time to continue with your craft project, or to explore the beautiful surroundings on self-guided walks

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Immersing yourself in the joy of crafting your own Christmas decorations
- Benefiting from the knowledge and skills of local artisans who will guide you through each craft activity
- Sharing inspiration and ideas with fellow crafters
- Having a dedicated workspace for the duration of your stay
- Getting into the festive spirit with like-minded guests

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 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
- Expert tuition
- 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: Christmas Wreath Making

You will be allocated a morning or afternoon session with our festive craft tutor. The rest of your time is free for you to do as you please. You're free to craft from morning 'til night if you wish to bring your own craft project to work on. Or, if you prefer, you could explore the surrounding area with one of our self-guided walks. **Craft Session:** Spend time making your very own Christmas wreath. All the materials and tuition will be provided for you to make a festive Christmas wreath using foliage, dried flowers and seed heads. No experience is necessary as there will be a step-by-step demonstration of each stage.

Day 3: Fused Glass Decorating

You will be allocated a morning or afternoon session with our festive craft tutor. The rest of your time is free for you to do as you please. You're free to craft from morning 'til night if you wish to bring your own craft project to work on. Or if you prefer you could explore the surrounding area with one of our self-guided walks. **Craft Session:** Learn all about fused glass, how to cut it, and the different types of glass and firing types before designing and making your own Christmas decoration and tealight holder. *Please note that your fused glass decorations will need to be taken off site to be fired. The finished decorations will then be posted out to you approx. 2-3 weeks later.

Day 4: 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.