

Introduction to Drawing Holiday in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

Trip style: Small group holidays

Destination:  Yorkshire Dales

Trip code: MDL04-PDB05

Carbon Footprint:  65kg CO2



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 in 2026. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests.

Day 2: Getting Started

Our leader begins by showing us how to get started if we're a complete beginner and advises us on how to develop our skills if we already have some accomplishments in drawing. We'll cover simple techniques and advice about the use of materials and how to tackle a variety of subject matters. A number of still-life objects are on hand from which we can produce some preliminary sketches. There's time to cover the 'fun' aspect of drawing during the day to help those amongst us who are nervous about making marks on paper!

Day 3: Technique and Style

Today we're learning more advanced techniques, including an understanding of perspective in drawing. Great encouragement is given to individual approaches to drawing and how to develop our personal style. Weather permitting, our group will be encouraged to go into the grounds of the Country House to create drawings outdoors.

Day 4: Finishing Touches

Today we spend some time with exercises on sketching techniques, using a variety of drawing materials and cover subject matter such as drawing people and animals. We'll produce more finished drawings and to round off a splendid holiday, our leader offers us time for a valuable question and answer session.

Day 5: Departure Day

Depart after a leisurely breakfast. Sometimes things happen beyond our control. If we need to adjust your holiday programme, for whatever reason, your leader will help smooth the way.

Newfield Hall

Looking every inch the baronial mansion, Newfield Hall sits in two acres of grounds near the village of Malham at the southern base of Yorkshire Dales National Park. Given it was this very landscape which inspired Wordsworth to write a sonnet and Charles Kingsley to pen *The Water Babies*, the countryside views are as gorgeous as you'd imagine. You'll also have plenty of sightseeing greats within easy travelling distance, most notably Malham Tarn, Janet's Foss, Gordale Scar, Malham Cove, and The Dry Valley of the Watlowes. And then, of course, there's Yorkshire's famous trio of summits: Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale, and Ingleborough, collectively known as the three peaks. Stay at Newfield Hall and experience the exceptional service of a VisitEngland ROSE award winner. Find out more about the latest accolade awarded to our country house in the Southern Yorkshire Dales by reading our latest blog.

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.