

4-Night Introduction to Acrylics holiday in the North York Moors

Destinations: North York Moors & England
Trip code: WYPAC-4



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Acrylic paint is water-based and fast-drying allowing artists to create beautiful works quickly without the use of potentially harmful thinners. This break is designed for beginners or those who wish to revisit the basics of acrylic painting. With expert tuition in a relaxed and supportive environment, you'll be taken step-by-step from selecting the right paper to how to use your tools and equipment, through to the basic techniques and composition. Your confidence will grow quickly and you'll be amazed at what you can achieve in a short time.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- High quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our Country House
- Tuition from our knowledgeable HF Holidays' leader, to ensure you get the most from your holiday
- Loan of wooden A3 art boards

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy developing your skills with a group of fellow artists

- Learn to paint with acrylics under the guidance of your HF Holidays Tutor
- Practise in small group sizes of 15 people or fewer
- Build your confidence in using a variety of techniques

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Your room will be ready from 2.30pm onwards (1pm for best and better rooms). Afternoon tea will be provided so you can meet your fellow guests and leader. Your leader will talk you through the holiday, including its timetable, on the first evening.

Day 2: Let's Start

What paint, which brushes and what to paint on? Why and how to tone your canvas? Loads of questions as we set out on our holiday! Happily, we begin with a demonstration of mixing paint for glazing – and then we get stuck in, painting several simple subjects. Later on, we'll attempt to paint a still life on our toned canvas.

Day 3: Getting Stuck In

We'll be able to finish yesterday's art work before we enjoy a useful demo of tricks and techniques. In no time at all we're toning our next canvas, ready for a landscape painting. Where we'll learn how to paint skies and trees and be totally immersed in happily painting landscapes until tea time.

Day 4: Finishing Off

Today is all about finishing art work. We're free to choose the subject for our next masterpiece. In the evening we can create an informal mini exhibition of our artwork for everyone to enjoy. It's entirely up to us whether we show our art work or not, but it's great fun and much appreciated by other guests.

Day 5: Departure Day

Depart after a leisurely breakfast. We'll leave with new techniques and knowledge together with inspiration to continue painting in acrylics!

ACCOMMODATION

Larpool Hall

Given that the Yorkshire coast never loses its capacity to enchant, it's easy to see the appeal of this Grade II-listed Georgian mansion overlooking the Esk Valley and the North Sea. The setting is perfect; in the former fishing town of Whitby that's best known for its fish and chips, quaint harbour, and Dracula connections (Irish author Bram Stoker drew his inspiration for his Gothic novel when holidaying here in 1890). You'll have all the sightseeing greats within walking or driving distance, including the 13th century Whitby Abbey, the wonderful Whitby Sands, and the 199 Steps leading up to the old St. Mary's Church (it's customary to count them as your climb). Not only are the North York Moors right on your doorstep, but the walk along Cleveland Way to Robin Hood's Bay is rather special, too. Built in 1780s on a site dating back to Norman times, the three-storey Larpool Hall was first owned by Sir Jonathan Lacey – a Whitby ropemaker turned shipbuilder who operated a shipyard on the estate. It was later purchased by King George III's physician, Dr John Turton, whose role in delivering babies had made him a quite a favourite of Queen Charlotte. The house remained in the family thereafter. His descendent, Sir Edmund Russborough Turton, 1st Baronet and Conservative Party politician, sold the house to the National Children's Home in 1919 and it provided residential care to boys up to the age of 16 until 1968. It was converted into a hotel in 1986 and has been part of our HF Holidays line-up since 1998. Nowadays, there's no shortage of period grandeur to marvel at, mostly the grand mahogany staircase, open-arched

porch, original doorway, and Ionic column Venetian staircase window. You'll find 14 acres of lovely grounds, a comfortable lounge, a licenced bar, books and games to borrow during your stay, plus a handy boot and drying room. There's also a Discovery Point offering a wide range of local area maps, route guides, and easy-to-follow information for self-guided walks. And in the dining room you'll find a wide range of dishes made with fresh and seasonal ingredients. Accommodation comes by way of 29 well-appointed guest rooms in three categories (Classic, Premium, and Superior), some of which blend contemporary design flourishes with original features such as fireplaces and exposed ceiling beams.

Country House Accommodation

Accommodation Info

Need To Know

The safety of our guests, team, and leaders is always top of our list. We will closely align ourselves with the latest government advice and guidance on COVID-19 and implement the best possible hygiene practices across our country houses. We ask that you take sensible precautions to protect other people's health and would appreciate you informing the house team immediately if you feel unwell. For the latest COVID-19 FAQs, please visit our [Coronavirus Travel Advice Page](#)

Rooms

Designed with your comfort in mind, Larpool Hall has 29 well-appointed guest rooms available in three categories: Classic, Premium, and Superior.

Classic Rooms are comfortable en-suite guest rooms, ideal for a peaceful night's sleep. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, and shower gel), and a 23-inch TV.

Premium Rooms are more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surrounds. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, shower cap), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses. Please note that an extra charge of £15 per person per night applies for this room type.

Superior Rooms are even more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surrounds. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, shower cap), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses. Please note that an extra charge of £25 per person per night applies for this room type.

We love: The spacious Room 15 on the ground floor for its lovely décor, comfy sofa, large fireplace, and views across the Esk Valley. Room 2 on the first floor offers fabulous views while Room 30 on the second floor has eaves and exposed beams.

The **Choose Your Room** service is available at our UK country houses, allowing you the option of choosing and confirming a specific room for an extra charge of £30 per room. This is subject to availability. Upgrade supplements apply.

CHECK IN & CHECK OUT

You are welcome to check in from **4:00pm at the earliest**. On arrival, you'll enjoy a complimentary cream tea and get to meet your fellow guests, our HF Holidays Leaders, and the rest of the friendly team.

On the day of departure, we kindly ask all guests to check out by **10:00am**. You'll be asked to settle your bill prior to leaving. You may, of course, make a charitable donation to our HF Holidays Pathways Fund if you wish. Please note that we only accept card payments.

About Your Stay

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, the HF Holidays Big Pub Quiz 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 Leaders host guided walking information briefings before and after dinner on arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's walking delights (usually held before and after dinner, so you can join whenever suits). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

THE WALKING DAY

Prior to setting off on 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 (we recommend anything waterproof enough to keep you dry in a sudden downpour). 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.

Food & Drink

Led by experienced chefs, we serve a wide range of dishes made with fresh and seasonal ingredients. We always aim to source the best produce available and use home-grown herbs and vegetables from our own gardens whenever possible. Additionally, we have a licenced bar with beers, soft drinks, and a superb selection of spirits.

Full-board comes as standard and includes a cream tea on arrival and a hearty breakfast on departure day. Most dietary requirements can be catered for, so please inform us of any food intolerances or allergies at the time of booking. Currently, global challenges such as COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine are directly impacting our food and drink supply chain. We thank you for appreciating that menu descriptions are kept flexible to allow for last-minute changes if needed.

Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on [020 3974 8865](tel:02039748865) or view the accessibility information online for [Larpool Hall](#)

TRAVEL DETAILS

Our address is: Larpool Hall, Larpool Drive, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 4ND
Tel: [01947 602737](tel:01947602737)

By Train:

The nearest railway station to Larpool Hall is at Whitby, However, you may find that travelling to Scarborough station is more convenient. For train times and route planning by train visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or phone [03457 48 49 50](tel:03457484950).

By Taxi:

The 2-mile journey from Whitby station takes approximately 10 minutes, and costs around £6 per 4 seat taxi. The 21-mile journey from Scarborough rail station takes approximately 40 minutes, and costs around £30 per 4 seat taxi. Please note: these are guide prices for 2022 for a 4-seat taxi. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. You can pre-book a taxi from our recommended taxi company, Abbey Taxis. A shared taxi will be arranged wherever possible. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Abbey Taxis*

Tel: [+44 \(0\) 1947 601212](tel:+44(0)1947601212)

Email: abbeytaxiswhitby@gmail.com

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Larpool Hall Manager.

*Abbey Taxis is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

By Bus:

The 93 bus runs regularly between Scarborough station and Whitby; the journey takes around an hour. As you approach Whitby, alight by the Larpool Industrial Estate. From here it is an 800 metre walk to Larpool Hall. See www.traveline.info for bus times.

By Car:

Most guests approach Whitby via the A171 from Teesside or the A169 from Pickering and Malton; these roads converge at a roundabout about 2 miles outside Whitby. After this roundabout and as you approach Whitby, cross another roundabout then turn right at the traffic lights signposted to Scarborough. Cross the large bridge over the River Esk, then immediately turn right into Larpool Lane. Towards the top of the hill take the narrowing road of Larpool Drive. Larpool Hall is directly ahead at the end of this road. A free car park is available in the grounds.

Travelling From Overseas

Manchester Airport is served by a range of long-haul flights. There are trains every hour from the airport to Scarborough with one change at Manchester Piccadilly or York. Allow around 3 hours to reach Scarborough - see www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times.

Flying to London Heathrow airport is another option, but has a longer onward train journey - allow 4½ hours to reach Scarborough. From Heathrow first take the Piccadilly line Underground train to London Kings Cross station. From here take a train to Scarborough (1 change at York) - see www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times.

From Scarborough you can complete the journey to Whitby by bus or taxi (see above).

LOCAL AREA

During your stay at Larpool Hall you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest, either in your free time, on your journey to and from Whitby or on your self-guided holiday:

Whitby is a bustling harbour town and a popular tourist destination. From Larpool Hall it is a 1½ miles downhill walk, or a short drive to the town centre. The town has a full range of facilities including shops, banks, pubs and cafés. If you don't mind the queue, the [Magpie café](#) on the waterfront is said to serve England's best fish and chips!

Whitby Abbey

The iconic ruins of [Whitby Abbey](#) command a wonderful position above the harbour and can be reached by climbing the famous 199 steps. About 10 minutes' drive or a 1½ mile walk.

Staithe

The pretty fishing village of [Staithe](#) is a pleasant spot to visit. Young children may well recognise the village as the setting for Old Jack's Boat on CBeebies. Around 25 minutes' drive from Whitby.

North Yorkshire Moors Railway

The [North Yorkshire Moors Railway](#) operates steam trains over its 18 mile line between Grosmont and Pickering and in the summer some trains continue over the branch line to Whitby. This is a highly scenic route: one reason why the line has become Britain's most visited steam railway. The well-kept and historic stations are worth seeing for their own sake and you may well recognise Goathland which has doubled as 'Adensfield' on the Heartbeat TV series, and as 'Hogsmeade' in the Harry Potter films. Either join the train at Whitby, or at Grosmont, about 20 minutes' drive away.

Scarborough & Stephen Joseph Theatre

Scarborough is a quintessential Victorian seaside resort with plenty of attractions for both young and old. The [Stephen Joseph Theatre](#) in Scarborough is home to Alan Ayckbourn, the renowned playwright. It has two theatres - the round and the McCarthy which doubles as a cinema, plus a restaurant and shop.

Whitby To Scarborough Cycle Trail

This superb trail uses the route of disused railway line and offers miles of [traffic-free cycling](#), often with outstanding sea views. The trail passes right next to Larpool Hall and heads south to Robin Hoods Bay, Ravenscar, or - if you are feeling keen - to Scarborough. Bikes can be hired at nearby Hawsker.

Rydale Folk Museum

The [Rydale Folk Museum](#) is located at Hutton-Le-Hole, about 50 minutes' drive from Whitby. This pretty village west of Pickering that has a feel of a Cotswold village, being built of mellow stone and with a stream though the middle. The museum houses exhaustive displays of rural life and crafts in buildings spread over several acres.

Castle Howard

Located near Malton about an hour's drive from Whitby, [Castle Howard](#) is one of Britain's grandest stately homes. It is well known as the location for the TV series Brideshead Revisited. Today the house is still owned by the Howard family and the building hosts many exhibitions & events throughout the year. Also of interest are the extensive gardens that contain a formal rose garden and elegant ponds and fountains.

York

One of Britain's most attractive historic cities, York is about a 1 hour 20 minutes drive from Larpool Hall. Attractions include the [City Walls Trail](#), [York Minster](#), the [National Railway Museum](#), and the [Yorvik Viking Centre](#).

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Essential Information

There are many brands Winsor & Newton, Daler Rowney, Liquitex, Golden etc. Buy a medium –heavy body Acrylic

Colours:

Cad Yellow Light, Pthalocyanine Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Alizarin Crimson.
Burnt Sienna, Titanium White

Surfaces:

An acrylic Paper Pad A4 size and a canvas panel between A4 and A3.
A crooked handled palette knife
A tear off palette.
A stay wet palette, (can be a plate or clingfilm)

Brushes:

Acrylic 1" flat, a small round or filbert NO.6 (Acrylic brushes have a goof spring to them, please don't buy watercolour, or hoghair brushes.
Water pot
Pencil and rubber
Rag cleaning cloths
An apron or painting shirt.

Lightweight wooden A3 drawing boards are available to borrow from the Country House.

HOW TO BOOK

When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm, Saturday: 9am – 1pm, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

NON-MEMBER FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit hfholidays.co.uk/membership for details.

BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: National Westminster Bank, Account Name: HF Holidays Limited, Account Number: 48904805, Sort Code: 60-00-01, IBAN: GB90NWBK60000148904805

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the [Manage My Booking](#) function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

YOUR FINAL BALANCE

Your final balance payment is due 6 weeks before departure if you are staying in an HF Holidays UK country house, 8 weeks before departure if you are travelling on one of our holidays in Europe and 10 weeks before departure if you are on a Guided Trail staying in one of our partner hotels or are travelling on a Worldwide holiday. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on [01702 427 236](tel:01702427236) or visit hfholidays.co.uk/insurance

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In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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