

HF Ukulele Mele in the Shropshire Hills



Trip style:

Destination:
📍 Shropshire Hills

Holiday Overview

Whether you're new to the ukulele or keen to polish your playing skills, this holiday strikes the perfect chord. Morning sessions are led by expert tutors, each with their own musical specialism, and split by ability. Beginners enjoy a structured introduction to chords, strumming patterns, and tablature, while advanced players join lively sessions on ensemble playing, rhythmic techniques, and expanding their repertoire. Afternoons and evenings are relaxed and sociable, with plenty of opportunities to get together with fellow players, to share songs, and make music. Please note participants are required to bring their own ukulele and music stand.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Guidance from expert tutors
- Meeting and connecting with other ukulele enthusiasts
- Joining morning sessions and learning a variety of new music pieces
- Spending your evenings playing with other musicians
- Practising independently in your free time
- Exploring the local area at your leisure

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All sheet music and other resources
- 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

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Day 1 Arrival Day

Check-in 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. We'll gather for a short introduction to the holiday before dinner and have our first session together afterwards.

Day 2–3 Ukulele Sessions

Each morning you'll take part in guided music sessions led by our expert leaders exploring a range of playing styles and techniques. Our focus will always centre on creating a fun and enjoyable atmosphere, in which we'll cover varied themes together including strumming patterns, ensemble playing, musical expression, rhythmic work, fingerstyle techniques and more.

Afternoons are left free, giving you the chance to practise at your pace, or explore the stunning surroundings of our country house. Please use our Discovery Point for inspiration, ideas and walking routes. In the evenings, we'll gather again for relaxed jam sessions. Unwind with a drink, share ideas, and enjoy making music together in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Day 4 Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Essential information

Packing list

For the HF Ukulele Mele

As well as your chosen instrument, you should also bring a music stand as these cannot be provided at the country house. You may also wish to bring along some of your own sheet music for the informal evening jam sessions.

For those wishing to use routes from the Discovery Point

The UK has a famously unpredictable climate so it's best to be prepared for weather that's sunny one minute and raining the next. To make it easier, here's a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

- Suitable footwear such as waterproof walking boots that provide ankle support and good grip
- Waterproof and windproof jacket
- Comfortable clothing (jeans & waterproof capes are not suitable)
- Mid-layer(s) to keep you warm. Fleece makes a good choice
- Waterproof overtrousers
- Gloves and a warm hat
- Rucksack with waterproof liner
- Flask for hot drinks
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity)
- Sunscreen
- UV sunglasses

For holidays operating October through to the end of March, please also bring the following on your walks:

- spare warm clothing
- spare high energy food
- head torch and spare batteries
- please note for the October to March season your waterproof jacket needs to offer a high level of waterproofing and wind resistance, and a hood. Look for a waterproof jacket with sealed/taped seams and a minimum HH (hydrostatic head - this is the rating given on waterproof jackets) of 10,000mm+

Recommended

- Several base layers (long-sleeve or short-sleeve)
- Cushioned walking socks to avoid blisters
- First aid kit, including plasters and insect repellent

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- Sit mat
 - Waterproof pouch for valuables
 - Rubbish bag (remember to always leave no trace)
 - Wallet/purse
 - Camera
 - First-aid kit

Tripnote validity

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