

Inspired Painting Holidays

COVID-19 information for course members

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have made changes to the way our holidays work, in order to minimise risks to our guests, ourselves and people in our community. It's important that everyone understands that while we will do our best, the risk of infection cannot be completely eliminated during a holiday of this nature.

We follow Government guidelines and best practice in the hospitality industry and will keep up to date with these as the situation develops. We hope the following outline will prove helpful and offer reassurance that we take seriously the safety of our guests. We ask everyone to respect these requirements for the safety of the whole group.

Before and on arrival

For your own safety and the protection of the whole group, we require all course members to have received both doses of a COVID vaccine, and to show the completed vaccine record on arrival. Shortly before coming please do a lateral flow test. Currently, you will need to keep the records you receive after both vaccinations and send us these before you arrive. The lateral flow tests are now available free through chemists or online, and are very quick to perform and give results

For 2021 holidays, we have a restricted number of places on each holiday for those who cannot travel to us in their own car. If you will not have transport with you while here, you will need to reserve one of these places when booking the holiday. This is because during the course we can transport fewer people in our own vehicle due to social distancing requirements. This measure will be in place until social distancing is not required.

Please only bring luggage and art equipment that you can manage yourself. It is important to keep clutter in the studio to a minimum. On arrival we will show you to your accommodation, to settle in and freshen up before meeting the other guests at the first session at 3.30pm.

Please bring a supply of facemasks and hand sanitiser with you. Everyone will need to use facemasks when in shared spaces indoors, including the studios, except when eating, and also when sharing a vehicle. We ourselves will be wearing masks and visors.

If shortly before the holiday you become at higher risk of having or transmitting the virus- due to personal contacts, track and trace, or a local spike of infections in your area, please do not come. This is to protect all course members. We will of course defer your holiday to a future date of your choice, or if this is not possible, refund your course fees.

During the holidays

We have reorganised our spaces to ensure 2m social distancing where possible, and where not possible, 1m with screens or other mitigations. We have reduced the maximum number of course members to 6 at present. There will be additional cleaning carried out in the studios and other communal spaces: this will mean that there are times (eg immediately after meals) when the studios are not available.

We have introduced hand sanitiser stations in the house, for use on entry or exit, or when entering/leaving the dining room and studios.

All meals will be plated in the kitchen and brought to the dining room by us. We ask you not to come into the kitchen or help clear tables, helpful though that is normally. You will not be expected to eat out for any evening meals. When we go out for the day, we will check catering arrangements provided, and if necessary organise a packed lunch instead. Visits may have to be booked and organised some time in advance before weather forecasts are available- so bring both rainwear and sunscreen!

Course cancellation

We will make our own assessment of the safety of running each course in the light of current infection rates shortly before the course is due to start. If we decide the course is not safe, we will offer you the choice of a transfer to a later date or a full refund.

We may also decide not to allow a particular person to attend, for example, if they live in an area where the infection is 'spiking' at the time of the course. All such decisions are at our absolute discretion, and again, we will offer you the choice of a transfer to a later date or a full refund.

Conclusion

Inevitably, these restrictions will alter the character of the holiday, and you will be more 'socially distant' from us and other guests than before COVID-19. However we have worked hard to establish a new normal, and since late summer 2020 have been again able to offer the painting holidays and breaks that so many of you have enjoyed over the years. We look forward to seeing you soon in Bampton.