**The Cotswold Landscape**

**2 Day Watercolours Art Course**

**with Alexandra Woods**

**18th & 19th May 2023**

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Alexandra’s two day watercolour art course at Notgrove Holidays is designed to introduce you to and develop your skills in recording your observations through drawing and painting en plein air, enhance your wellbeing and appreciation of the world around us. All of the activities are tailored for both the beginner and experienced artist. Alexandra will encourage and guide you through the activities, inspiring confidence to have a go and achieve in a fun and friendly setting, taking inspiration from the stunning Cotswold scenery at Notgrove.

Set on the idyllic 1,500 acre private Notgrove Estate in the beautiful Cotswold countryside, it’s the perfect place to observe the beauty of our world and develop your skills in recording your observations. The Cotswold landscape offers so many colours and shapes to enjoy, ever changing with the seasons. This art course also offers an opportunity to observe parts of the Notgrove landscape that are not open to the public.

Our Two Day Watercolour Art Course is suitable for all abilities and includes:

* Drawing with paint techniques
* Composition, perspective and proportions
* Painting with colour
* An art talk
* Beautiful countryside walks

**Course Host and Tutor**

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Alexandra Woods offers over 22 years’ experience of inspiring, motivating and guiding individuals to achieve in their creative practice. Stemming from many years teaching in schools, colleges and university, Alexandra now delivers her own courses and workshops and is delighted to be offering her first residential retreat in partnership with Notgrove Holidays.

Alexandra has found much inspiration in The Cotswolds for her own art and likes to share her enjoyment of the countryside through art practice with others. Alexandra is very approachable, empathetic and always aim to identify what excites and inspires you and use this as a starting point for collaboration.

**Catering**

A glass of wine sitting on top of a table

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During your two day course you will also be fully catered for coffee/tea and a bacon or egg roll on arrival, lunch and tea/coffee and cake in the afternoon which will be served at the lovely Nuttery Café in Notgrove village.

Please do let Alexandra know if you have any special dietary requirements or allergies when booking.

**Dates**

Our next art course will be held on 8th and 9th June 2023.

If you are unable to make this date, we will be holding other courses so please email us at [office@notgrove.com](mailto:office@notgrove.com) so we can send you details and a booking form.

**Pricing**

The all-inclusive price includes your meals, instruction and art materials.

The only extras would be additional drinks you order at the Nuttery Café.

Price per person for May 2023      £295

Sadly, the course is not suitable for guests to bring pets with them.

**What to Bring**

The majority of the sessions will be outside so please bring with you warm clothing including a rain coat, suitable footwear for walking in the countryside, a water bottle and a portable stool (if you are unable to stand for a while at an easel).

**Book by 14/5/23**

For our May 2023 retreat, please book before 14th May 2023 to avoid disappointment.

To book, go to <https://notgroveholidays.com/holiday-experiences-and-retreats/>

if you have any queries, do email Alexandra Woods at [hello@alexandrawoods.com](mailto:hello@alexandrawoods.com) or call Notgrove Holidays on 01451 850239.

**Accommodation Available at Notgrove**

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If you wish to book accommodation for your two day course, Notgrove Holidays has lovely Glamping Pods with a lovely view over Notgrove and the surrounding countryside. They are warm and cosy with a double bed, wet room with loo, galley kitchen, TV and relaxing seating area. If you wish to book, please go to www.notgroveholidays.com

**Location**

Notgrove Holidays Art Holiday will be held in the beautiful Cotswolds at:

Notgrove Holidays

Notgrove

Nr Cheltenham

Gloucestershire GL54 3BT

For more details go to: [www.notgroveholidays.com](http://www.notgroveholidays.com)

Directions will be emailed to you with further details of the retreat once you have booked.

# **Schedule**

**Day One:**

9.00 Arrive and welcome with roll and coffee (at Nuttery)

Talk on composition (in hall)

10.00 Composition (outdoor at New Barn with gazebo)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Talk on trees (in hall)

15.00 Light and shadow (outdoor at New Barn with gazebo)

16.30 Tea and cake

17.00 Depart

**Day Two:**

9.00 Arrive and welcome with roll and coffee (at Nuttery)

Talk and demonstration on mixing colour (in hall)

10.00 Painting with colour (outdoor at New Barn with gazebo)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Painting with colour (outdoor at New Barn with gazebo)

16.30 Tea and cake

17.00 Depart

Please note this schedule outline may be subject to change, depending upon the weather and other circumstances beyond our control.

**Alexandra Woods’ Biography**

Alexandra is a P.G.C.E. qualified Art Teacher with a Bachelor’s degree in Textile Design and a Master of Arts in Sequential Illustration. Through inheriting a box of oil paints from her Grand Father, Alexandra developed further her passion for painting and drawing.

*"I have just completed an art course and a workshop with Alex.  I absolutely loved every moment and am so pleased with my creations (I'm a beginner).  It has inspired me to really develop my artistic skills, and I now look at my environment differently - everywhere I turn I see something I could draw or paint!   Alex is very encouraging, inspirational and has lots of creative ideas.  I am hoping to continue with her classes and workshops.  I wish I had had Alex as my art teacher at school - I would definitely have chosen art instead of science!"* **Sarah, Fairford.**

For more information about Alexandra, do visit her website and read some published articles about Alexandra and her work. <https://www.alexandrawoods.com>

**Notgrove Holidays**

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Notgrove Holidays is based at Notgrove in Gloucestershire on a beautiful 1,500 acre private Cotswold estate offering bespoke holiday accommodation for couples, families and small groups in modern barns, glamping pods and safari tents, as well as activities and adventures for guests to do whilst they are staying with us. For more information go to: [www.notgroveholidays.com](http://www.notgroveholidays.com)

**Terms & Conditions**

Notgrove Holidays Glamping Pods Accommodation terms and conditions are on our website <https://notgroveholidays.com/glamping-pods/>

**Cancellation Policy**

If we have fewer than four confirmed bookings on 14th May 2023 we will be forced to cancel the course and a full refund will be given. If Covid 19 Government Guidelines means we are unable to hold the art course on 18th and 19th May 2023, we will reschedule for the next available dates. Please see our website for our full cancellation policy details in our Terms & Conditions <https://notgroveholidays.com/glamping-pods/>