

Photography Courses at Le Moulin de la Materette.

If like us you have a passion for Photography and want to improve your techniques, learn new ones or simply spend time with like-minded people in stunning surroundings, why not join us for one of our Photography holidays in rural France?

Group sizes are kept small so you are assured easy access to your tutor at all times. All levels of expertise are catered for and beginners are welcomed.



On a photography holiday with us, we concentrate on the magnificent scenery surrounding us, the rugged landscapes and generally capturing the atmosphere that is unique to this stunning area of South West France.

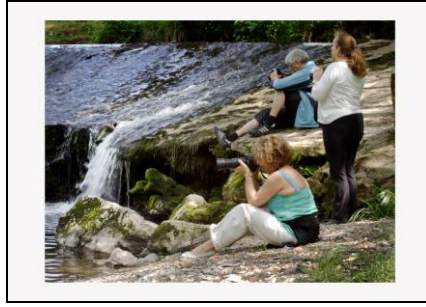
Don't worry about ideas and inspiration, we will show you a slideshow of images at the start of each day to get those creative juices flowing. From our base, we will take our small group to some of our favourite locations that we have discovered from many years of exploring here with our cameras. The group will spend four hours each day either on location or in the studio learning techniques that can be applied to all genres of Photography. For the more advanced student, we will encourage you to develop your knowledge and explore new techniques.

What you will learn

The ability to spot an image is something every photographer has, even though they aren't always aware of it. We will help you develop and activate this ability and teach you methods of improving your images and developing your photographic techniques.

Many people simply shoot on Auto mode and let their camera make all the decisions. You will learn how to optimise your camera to suit your requirements, then how to make the most of your camera's functions to suit the shooting conditions and subject.

In advance of each holiday we email every student with a questionnaire. From this we can ascertain your experience, interests, what type of camera you have, and the final details of what you would like to learn. Each course is then designed around those interests and skills.



The Course at the Moulin will generally cover the following;

- 1) Taking better Landscapes – how to compose your shots to get those stunning Landscapes to put on your wall. We show you how filters can be used to control light and give your pictures the “wow” factor.
- 2) Photographing water and Photographing movement. – freezing water droplets and creating a feeling of movement.
- 3) Selective focusing - putting things OUT of focus, flower photography etc
- 4) Basic Photoshop techniques.
- 5) Exposure.
- 6) Moving on from basic camera settings.



Occasionally we have the opportunity to run extra sessions covering such topics as Photographing family and friends, macro photography, simple studio techniques using equipment readily to hand, and advanced Photoshop techniques, and we always have a wet weather plan should the weather turn inclement. More advanced students and those who have been with us before, will move on from basic techniques and have the opportunity to experiment further with Photoshop

At the end of the week you will have the opportunity to print a selection of your favourite shots taken during your stay, to display on the final evening.



Your tutor at Le Moulin is Julia Reid, (BA hons, ABPPA, LMPA, LBIPP), a professional Photographer from the Derbyshire Peak District.



Photography has been Julia's passion for as long as she can remember and she considers herself lucky to have been able to turn this passion into a full time career. Although her commercial work is predominantly digital at the moment, her passion is Large Format Photography and she loves working in a traditional darkroom. Although working originally as a commercial photographer, She has been commissioned by Eve Magazine, numerous London Press Agencies, has had photographs published in a number of magazines and tourism publications and regularly photographs weddings and events. She has also twice been one of the official photographers for the World Fire fighters Games, a charity event, larger than the Commonwealth Games with competitors attending from all over the world.

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