

Absolute Beginners - 2 day course

Who is this course for ?

This course is for you if you want to learn the basics of how to use your Digital SLR or Bridge camera. Maybe you have just bought your first Digital SLR or Bridge camera or you have a camera that you always use on 'Auto' settings. If you want to check that you have the right camera for this course then just give us a call.

If you don't know where to start and all of the terminology confuses you then this is the course for you, we will go right back to basics and definitely not blind you with science.

You don't need any prior photography knowledge so this course is truly aimed at absolute beginners. We will cover the different types of cameras, your main camera settings and what they mean, equipment that is available for your camera, how to get your photos from your camera to your computer and how to store them and print them off.

Most importantly, we want you to leave the course feeling confident so we will give you plenty of time to practice and lots of one to one tuition.

Maximum group size: the maximum group size will be 6 people with 2 trainers or 3 people with 1 trainer.

Each day is 7 hours from 9.30am – 4.30pm although for those of you staying overnight, there is often the opportunity for a free evening photo shoot if it looks like a great photo opportunity.

What to expect: You will join us in Weaverthorpe at our studio for a 9.30am start for Day One and after some introductions, we will cover the following;

Day One

This will be broken in to 3 sections;

- 1) Understanding how a camera works, about different types of cameras and all about basic camera equipment. You will learn what each of the main settings on your camera does and how and when to use them.
- 2) Practice makes perfect ! We will get out and about to practice using some of the different settings on your camera
- 3) What to do with your photos once you have them – how to download them from your camera, how to store them and how to print them.

Day Two

This will be broken in to 3 sections;

- 1) After a refresher on what we covered on Day One, we will focus on how to use the settings on your camera that move you away from 'Auto'. We will also teach you some basics of how to make your photos look better with some easy composition tips.
- 2) Practice makes perfect – We will get out and about to practice using different settings to achieve different looks and try various ways to compose your shots.
- 3) We will consolidate what you have learned and remind you of some Top Tips for next time you pick up your camera.

Both Day One and Day Two will finish back at the studio in Weaverthorpe where we will download your photos on to the computer and pick your own 'photo of the day'. You will leave the course with Tip Sheets and you can contact us anytime for advice or just to show us how you are getting on with your photography.



Things to know

What happens if the weather is bad ?

We aim to get out on location for all of our courses but if the weather is just too bad then we will work indoors instead and we have a range of indoor locations to use on stand-by. Even in the winter we will get out almost every day !

What about food and drink ?

You will need to provide your own lunch and you can either bring a packed lunch or we can stop off at a local shop and buy something. We will provide hot and cold drinks and snacks throughout the day to keep you going though !

Transport to location sites

Transport is included in the price so you will not need to use your own vehicle.

What do you need to bring ?

Your camera with a fully charged battery

Your battery charger

Your camera manual (if you have one) – every camera is different so occasionally it is useful to refer to your manual
Any lenses or other accessories that you have that you would like to practice with or ask advice on throughout the course

A memory card for your camera with plenty of space on it – if you have existing photos on your card then we suggest that you either save them on to your computer and delete them from your card or bring a new card. If you want to bring a memory stick with you then we can transfer your photos on to your stick at the end of each day to keep them safe for you.

A camera bag and strap for your camera – to protect your camera and prevent any breakages

A tripod if you have one but don't worry if not because we have ones you can borrow

Weather dependent clothing - Please check the weather forecast and come prepared !

If it looks like it might rain - waterproof coat and trousers if you have them

If it looks like it will be cold – warm clothing because we will be outside for a long time – layers are a good idea so you can take some layers off if you get too hot

If it looks like the sun will be out - sun cream and a hat

Comfortable footwear because we will be walking a fair amount

Interested in booking ?

If you are interested in joining us for this course then please either email info@Yorkshire-wolds.org.uk or phone Tracy on 07866 606947 so that we can make sure that this is the right course for you and to get you booked.

*'I found the time with you invaluable and came away with a much better grasp of 'what its all about!'
As a huge bonus, I really enjoyed pottering around Yorkshire.. What a lovely way to spend a couple of days...
Bempton, moors, whitby, Goathland, tea and cake and even steam trains!' Annabel Roberts*