

Somerset DofE Gold residential – Charterhouse Photography Residential Feb 2027



Information and kit list

Introduction

Thank you for signing up/ enquiring about for our Gold Photography Residential at Charterhouse, Somerset

The Charterhouse Centre

Charterhouse is a beautiful building on the Mendips in Somerset, BS40 7XR. We are part of Somerset Council – Support Services for Education and run residentials for all age groups over the year. Alongside various day events. The residential will be held at Charterhouse and use the fantastic facilities and local area during the week.

Aim

Join us to complete your Gold Residential with Chris Price – a professional photographer from Wales, who will teach you how to take incredible pictures during the week and how to use your camera / phone more effectively to produce good shots. You will have access to software and equipment during the week, to print and display photographs. We will visit the local cities of Bath, Bristol and Wells, to take some stunning pictures, before creating a display of work for others to see on the final day – we might even make it a competition!

Arrival

Arrival time is 12pm on Monday 15th Feb 2027. We will provide a packed lunch on arrival and have a series of introduction and getting-to-know-you sessions planned, to ensure that the group gels from day one.

Departure

Departure time is 3pm on Friday 19th Feb 2027

Cost

The residential costs £318 per person

Payment

Full payment is due at the time of booking to secure a place on the residential. Places are booked and paid for through the SSE Outdoors website [Holiday Camps \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](https://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk)

Transport

Anyone wishing to come by train – we will provide pick up at Yatton Station at 11.30am on 15th Feb. And a return to Yatton station by 3.30pm on 19th Feb.

Accommodation

You will stay indoors in our internal accommodation, sharing with others on the residential (age and genders will be split for safeguarding). The accommodation will be just use for the residential, and there are areas to chill and relax, anyone needing to study of an evening, will have time and space for this whilst onsite

Shower and toilets are onsite

There is the opportunity to charge mobile phones and other devices on site – but you'll be too busy to worry about this!

Please bring sleeping bag and pillow case – we will provide a pillow

Food

We will provide all meals, snacks and drinks through the week. There is a choice every day and you are guaranteed to be well fed. We can cater for all food intolerances – you just need to let us know. We are a nut free site.

You don't need to bring additional food with you, although if you're a budding Star Baker and want to dazzle us with your brilliance, we won't say no!

Footwear

Charterhouse is fairly flat and level, but it is mainly grass so will be affected by the weather; please think about this when deciding what to bring.

You will be stood up for long periods, will probably walk quite a distance without realising it! Sturdy, comfortable shoes or trainers will therefore be required during the day (walking boots are ideal if you have them).

Flip flops/slippers are good for 'down time' and to wear indoors at the centre as outdoor shoes will get muddy!

What to consider bringing

We will be in and out through the day, whatever the weather, coats are advised!

Charterhouse is a family venue so please don't bring items of clothing that are see-through or have offensive slogans, just in case they have visitors.

Hopefully the sun will be shining but clothes for all eventualities are better – so layers are perfect and we are officially still in the winter!

Camera

You will get more from the experience with a 'real' camera rather than phone, as you can control exposure etc. So, we would ask you to try and bring your own, borrow from a friend or school if possible. That way you can really learn from Chris whilst out and about

Money

We don't recommend carrying large amounts of cash and as you are going to be fed onsite- you shouldn't need any additional money, but we will be going to Wells, Bath and Bristol during the week. You will have packed lunches when out and about.

Activities

You will be involved in a photography project. So, it will be an active and busy week for all involved – including our fantastic SSE Outdoors staff

Supervision

There will be SSE Outdoors staff onsite to support you 24/7. They are used to working with all age groups of visitors and are guaranteed to ensure that you have fun whilst onsite

What you will be doing

You will be doing a photography project led by Chris Price and supported by SSE staff. There will also be evening activities each night from campfire to night walk and games nights.

We will visit a mix of historic and contemporary cities Wells, Bristol and Bath, alongside landscape photography and indoor studio-based work. Using the syllabus outlined below, participants will have an excellent opportunity to develop their photography skills across a wide range of areas, including:

- Composition
- Correct exposure
- Creative exposure (freezing action and showing movement through shutter speed)
- Storytelling through images
- Landscape photography
- Cityscape photography
- Portraiture (on location and in the studio)
- Flash photography
- Studio work, including off-camera flash and use of reflectors
- Printing and developing images for different outputs (print, screen, books, publications, etc.)

...and much more

Kit list – please bring with you

Utensils

Re-fillable water bottle

Footwear

Sturdy shoes or trainers

Flip flops or slippers – for indoor use

Trainers or casual shoes

Clothing

Waterproof coat / warm coat

Waterproof trousers advisable – just in case

Fleeces or hoodies

3 or 4 t-shirts/tops

2 or 3 pairs of jeans/leggings/tracksuit bottoms (depending on weather forecast)

Sleepwear

Underwear

Socks

Other items

Woolly hat

Toiletries, wipes etc

Sanitary products

Towel (microfibre or easy dry preferred)

Phone charger

Day bag (small rucksack) for packed lunch etc on days out

Torch and batteries

Sleeping bag and pillow case – essential!

Camera (or your phone if absolutely necessary) - for pictures



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Monday	
AM	DofE team / SSE Outdoors on site setting up
12 pm	Participants arrive
12pm to 2.30pm	Initial briefing re H&S/ and room allocation. Sandwich lunch provided. Week plan outline and discussion
2.30 to 5.00	Group Challenges – Team Building, getting to know one another

Evening	Free time, food Organised activity – Night Orienteering
Tuesday	
8.30 am	Breakfast
9.30 – 13.00	Photography Project - Bristol
13.00 – 14.00	Packed Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Photography Project - Bristol
Evening	Food and free time Organised activity – Games /Quiz Night
Wednesday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.30 – 12.00	Photography Project – Wells Cathedral
	Lunch – Packed Lunch
2.00 – 5.00	Wells Visit and Hot Fuzz Location Quiz!
Evening	Food and free time Organised activity – Hot Fuzz Movie
Thursday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.30 – 13.00	Photography Project – Bath
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Presentation Prep at Charterhouse
Evening	Food and free time Campfire at Firepit – campcraft
Friday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.00 – 10.00	Clear Bedrooms
10 – 13.00	Photography Presentation
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch - with guests
14:00- 15:00	Group get together – week de brief, feedback forms
15:00	Leave / Pick up by parent, carer, guardian, drop to station

The group may be split into two on Tue / Wed – with half doing the morning activity and half doing the afternoon activity – then swapping after lunch. Depending on numbers and activities.

Thursday the whole group will go to Wells – where we will split into 3 groups for the High Parts tour of Wells Cathedral and also visit the Cathedral at ground level

It is a full-on week, so you will be fed well and sleep well!

Please take a look at the SSE website for more information about Charterhouse - [The Charterhouse Centre \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](http://The Charterhouse Centre (sseoutdoors.co.uk))

Evenings – group activities – from campfire to night walk and a games night

Fun and active week for all involved – instructors and Young People alike. Open to ideas and very flexible to accommodate requests, there is a lot to offer onsite and we will do our best to accommodate all activities and requests whilst working with the group through the week.

