



## Bertram Aitchison Art History Breaks January 2026

### **‘The art of the Netherlands’**



This subject incorporates a comprehensive survey of the art emanating from this corner of Northern Europe which has acquired a truly significant reputation. Painterly biographies of Dutch Masters are interwoven with landscape and scenes of everyday life, with a glance at what followed in recent times.

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# **The Green Park Art History Breaks**

This year's set of Art History break dates and their subjects are

## **Essence of Scottish Art**

**From Thursday the 8th of January until the morning  
of Monday the 12th of January 2026**

## **Painters in Normandy**

**From Sunday the 18th of January until the morning  
of Thursday the 22nd of January 2026**

## **The art of the Netherlands**

**From Sunday the 25th of January until the morning  
of Thursday the 29th of January 2026**

## **Bertram Aitchison**

Bertram Aitchison is a graduate in Art History from Birkbeck College in the University of London. He has since worked as Senior Lecturer and Academic Advisor to the American Institute for Foreign Study in London, specialising in Western European Art History. Following his move to Moffat, he has held the position of Secretary to the Dumfries and Galloway Fine Art Society, and resident speaker for the South West of Scotland Art History Society for the last ten years. He is currently the visiting speaker on Art History at Higham Hall in Cumbria.



Non-art lovers, along to provide moral support to those attending the course, are also welcome to stay at this time!

# The art of the Netherlands

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of Thursday the 29th of January 2026

## Sunday the 25th of January

So as to make the most of your day, please feel free to arrive at any time from mid-morning onwards. Complimentary tea, coffee, cakes, and biscuits will be available in our lounges every day from early each morning.

### At 6.00pm.

The first organised activity will be a sherry reception in **room 9 on the first floor of the main building**. This will give you the opportunity to meet your hosts from the Green Park and Bertram Aitchison, as well as your fellow guests. Bertram will go on to outline his plans for the following days.

### From 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

A four course dinner will be served in the dining-room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounges.

## Monday the 26th of January

### 8.00am - 9.45am.

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining-room.

### 10.00am - 12.00 noon. *Stepping stones in Netherlandish art*

*A wide survey of prominent art in the Netherlands through the ages.*

Each day a buffet lunch will be served in the dining room. This lunch will be available between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

Those not on the art course are welcome to join you for lunch as well, and the cost of any lunches they take with you will just be added to their final account.

### 2.00pm - 4.00pm. *The flemish primitives*

*A small number of significant artists were instrumental in the development of the region's art.*

### From 5.30pm.

A pre-dinner sherry reception in the main lounge.

### From 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

A four course dinner will be served in the dining room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounge.



## Tuesday the 27th of January

**8.00am - 9.45am.**

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining-room.

**10.00am - 12.00 noon.** ***The golden age***

**The flowering of art in this period gave rise to the prestige that Dutch and Flemish art has enjoyed ever since.**

**A buffet lunch will be served in the dining room between 12.30 and 1.30pm.**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm.** ***The life's work of Rubens***

**The most prolific artist in early seventeenth century Antwerp who became an International figure of repute.**

**From 5.30pm.**

A pre-dinner Sherry reception in the main lounge.

**From 6.00pm - 8.00pm.**

A four course dinner will be served in the dining room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounge.

## Wednesday the 28th of January

**8.00am - 9.45am.**

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining-room.

**10.00am - 12.00 noon.** ***The uniqueness of Vermeer***

**Only a very small number of this artist's work is in existence but he is renowned today as the finest of Delft's painters.**

**A buffet lunch will be served in the dining room between 12.30 and 1.30pm.**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm.** ***Innovators in a modern age***

**Modern art has its place in the long pedigree of Northern Art with such like figures as Mondrian and Magritte.**

**6.00pm.**

Bert will host an informal bucks-fizz reception **in the main lounge**. Everyone will have downed tools by now, and this is an excellent opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of your compatriots.

**From 6.00pm - 8.00pm.**

A four course dinner will then be served in the dining room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounge.

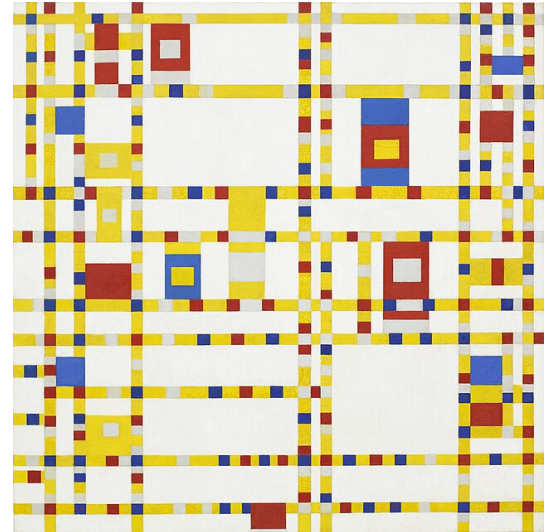


## Thursday the 29th of January

**8.00am - 10.00am.**

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining room.

The McMenemie Family and everyone at the Green Park hope that you will have enjoyed your stay with us, and that you have a safe journey home.



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The cost of the 2026 Four Night Art History Breaks  
is £619.00 per person.

This amount includes the entire package as described in this programme, and there is no supplementary charge for single accommodation.

**If you wish to travel to Pitlochry by coach or rail, we will arrange for transport between Pitlochry Station and the Green Park, for both your day of arrival and your day of departure. This transport will be complimentary.**

**Guests wanting to stay before or after the break would be charged at our early season rate of £142.00 per person per night, for dinner bed and breakfast.**



Please tick which of the 2026 break/s you are interested in attending.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ROOM / ROOMS REQUIRED:

TWIN \_\_\_\_\_ DOUBLE \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve the above accommodation in my name.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Guests wanting to stay any extra nights before or after the art break would be charged at our low season rate of £142.00 per person per night, for dinner bed and breakfast.**

