Adobe® Photoshop® Introduction

Duration: **1 Day**

Course Objectives

Adobe Photoshop is the world's premier software for creating exciting graphics for print and the web. Our Introduction to Photoshop course is designed to equip you with the fundamental concepts needed to start working productively and creatively with this powerful but complex application.

After the course you will be able to:

Easily configure and use Photoshop's basic workspaces and panels.

Correct and enhance the tones and colours in your images.

Precisely select the areas in your images which need changing.

Set up and use Photoshop's extensive array of brush based tools to edit your images.

Specify and choose colours to apply to your work.

Use selections for simple cutting out of image elements for inclusion in another file.

Have a good understanding of the Layers panel and how to build simple multi-layered montages there.

Add text to your work.

Output your project at the correct size and resolution, and in the appropriate file format.

Topics Covered

Interface Overview

- Understanding the workspace
- Toolbox overview
- Setting screen modes
- Adjusting the view
- Zooming in and out
- The Navigator
- Introducing Adobe Bridge

Adjusting Images

- Levels Command
- Curves Command
- Hue / Saturation command
- Colour Balance command
- Black & White command
- Shadow / Highlight command
- Match Colour command
- Using Histograms

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Brush Tools & Colour

- Brush shape, size and hardness
- Background & foreground colours
- The Colour Picker
- Colour Swatches
- Colourising black & white images
- Dodging & Burning
- Locally lightening/darkening with paint
- Painting with patterns

Basic Selections

- Lasso, Magnetic and Polygonal lassos
- Magic Wand and Quick Selections
- Colour Range command
- Editing and refining selections
- Saving selections

Layer Basics

- Layers Panel overview
- Background layers
- Moving and locking layers
- Layer order and layer visibility
- Adding basic text

Creating & Resizing Documents

- New Document command
- Understanding resolution
- Choosing resolution for a particular project
- Change image size & resolution
- The Crop tool
- Changing Canvas size and colour
- Understanding the main file formats: PSD, TIFF, JPEG, GIF
- Optimising graphics for the web
- Saving files