

Why?

Why would anyone want to drive some distance to meet someone they don't know and spend a couple of hours with very few clothes on getting photographs?

That basically is what boudoir photography is.
Sounds pretty unappealing right :-)

So let's take a look at why?

Firstly I can only answer as me with my experiences and my observations may not be the same as other photographers.

Let's look at two completely different views - me and you!

Starting with you (it's only polite)

It seems that every one of the women I've done a boudoir shoot with has a different reason for doing it. But, there are a few commonalities:-

- * They just love photos and enjoy being able to look at themselves
- * It's a challenge - and the feeling they get from meeting this challenge gives them confidence and a sense of greater self-worth.
- * Their mum wouldn't approve! And for some women that's good enough!
- * It's a gift for their partner - most men will love seeing their wife or girlfriend in these photos - beautiful, glamorous, elegant yet sexy - what's not to like!
- * To mark a milestone - often to mark a "significant" birthday (yes 30 or 40 but sometimes 50 and once 60!)
- * A new beginning - sadly shit happens - life has it's ups and downs and after a down many women do a Boudoir Shoot as a fresh start - THIS is the new me and who I am!

So if they're some of the common reasons why women do a Boudoir shoot why do I do them?

What's in it for me?

Quickly but just so you understand; as a professional full-time photographer I've photographed almost everything, Moto-GP, magazine covers, fashion and of course weddings and families.

However for me, nothing comes close to Boudoir for it's artistic potential. I do photography because I've loved it since I was 12 and to see images where I've created everything:-

The setting at the studio,

The Light and shadow

The pose

The composition

The mood

The editing where every detail is important and plays a part in the finished image

And finally and most importantly - the FEELING I get when I give a woman her Boudoir photos and she is silent, or squealing with delight, or even a tear appears. She is changed and will never be the same as before.

She will be more confident, self assured, and comfortable with who she is.

And I've given her that which she'll remember forever and treasure always.



What's Actually Involved?

There's no one size fits all so I offer two different packages:-

1 The Experience

This is for a day of total indulgence !

The shoot is at my Studio at Bardwell in Suffolk.

You'll arrive around 10 am where I'll greet you with Champagne to set the tone for the day!

There's chocolates and canopies for later and as much coffee or tea as you need. Soft music plays while Harriett creates the look you want for hair and make-up.

Once she's finished we'll get started with a five minute chat so you completely understand everything then we'll begin with relaxed portrait and torso shots in your first outfit - probably a slinky dress or negligee. From there we'll progress through the rest of the shots in as many outfits as you want until you're happy that we've done enough - probably around 2.5 hours. Most women are concerned about "posing" - relax! Don't Worry! As we progress I'll actually show you photos of the pose we're after and demonstrate also. It's entirely up to you how far you want to go - it's your day so I'm happy with whatever you want.

You'll be really buzzing and feeling ready to take on the World now with a new found confidence. I'll leave you to come back down to Earth and you leave when you're ready.

You did it!

The Package is priced at £195 and it'll take me a couple of weeks to select and individually edit the 40 images for you but we'll make a date for you to come back to see your photos at the studio. (If you've come from way away then we'll make other arrangements) I'll meet you at the studio and show you your 40 images so you can choose the 20 for your album (included) and select any other printed or digital products you want - I'll go through the price-list and it's up to you what you decide to buy. Most clients opt for the "All In" option which includes all the 40 images on USB, a larger album containing all 40 images and a 20x16 Acrylic Print - priced at £275 But it's your choice.

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2) AT HOME

With this option I'll come to you at home. I'll have previously offered advice about outfits and suitable locations in your house so we can get started pretty quickly. I can arrange my Hair and Make-Up artist to come before me if you want.

We'll get started with a five minute chat so you completely understand everything - then we'll begin with a more modest outfit that you'll be completely comfortable in - these will be simple portrait and torso shots so initially very little |"posing". I mention this as one of the main concerns women have is "but I don't know how to pose|" Don't Worry! As we progress I'll actually show you photos of the pose we're after and demonstrate also.

There's never any rush so we go at your pace and you're always in control - if you're uncomfortable at any point then we stop. Take a break and then continue.

It's entirely up to you how far you go - the shoot is all about you not me!

When we've finished after about two hours you'll feel elated, buzzing and brimming with new found confidence.

You did it!

The package is priced at £120 and once I've selected and individually edited 40 photos I'll come back to you; you now select which of the 40 images are your favourite 20 which will go into the album (included) and select any other printed or digital products you want - I'll go through the price-list and it's up to you what you decide to buy. Most clients opt for the "All In" option which includes all the 40 images on USB, a larger album containing all 40 images and a 20x16 Acrylic Print - priced at £275 But it's your choice.

Wrapping it up.

**IT'S BETTER TO REGRET WHAT WE HAVE DONE THAN
WHAT WE HAVEN'T
STUART HILL**

There's rarely a best time for most things - we usually have to grab opportunities whilst they're knocking on the door.

Of course you need to :-

- Lose that last 5 pounds
- Get a bit more psyched up
- Pay that bill
- Sit on the fence for another week

You're making excuses!

DO IT!

Ok - of course it's my business so of course I want you to do it but really - every time I meet my next client I want to bottle her excitement and anticipation and share it with you - it's priceless.

**Life is mostly routine, day to day and it's easier to say, "not now" or
"maybe one day" than to say "yes - I'm doing this now!"**

But you'll be so glad you did....

Best wishes