



CREATIVE LIVING
RETREATS

2025 Retreats and Tours



What you seek
IS SEEKING YOU
Rumi

I really believe this!

... and, if you've found yourself here, reading this, curious to know what it is that we can share with you in 2025, then chances are, the seeking has worked!



SPICE VOYAGES

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MOROCCO

Becky Blair

Morocco's vibrant culture has become central to British artist Becky Blair's distinctive style lexicon which fuels her fabulous textiles, painting and pottery designs. Drawing on location in magical Marrakech, Becky will show you how she sees, helping you transform your observations into a unique mark-making vocabulary, using a variety of media, bringing layered complexity to your own art practice no matter what your style.

Marvellous in Morocco

After 2 nights in cosmopolitan Marrakech, drive across the Atlas mountains to a palm-shaded oasis, before luxuriating in an elegant Saharan retreat. Explore hidden dunes, take Moroccan mint tea with nomads before journeying by camel to your fabulous tented camp for a night under Saharan stars.

Fes Fantasy

Explore innovative print + paint techniques to express the rich impressions of Morocco's most fascinating medina. Inspiring geometries, mosaics and arabesques abound in your stunningly beautiful riads. Explore Fes with Anna and her friends after a full day of making art with Este. This was a **huge** success in 2024 - see the video.

Tangier in Print

Unpeel the rich layers of cultural encounters as described by writers who have lived in and visited this much-storied city, and infuse with your own sensory impressions, to create a folio of unique, print-based works on paper guided by UK-based, Italian-trained master printer Dr. Emile Devereaux.

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ART RETREAT in
MARRAKECH
with
BECKY BLAIR

29 March - 6 April

12 places



SMALL GROUP TOUR
Marrakech-Sahara-Fes

with

ANNA KWIECINSKA

preference given to those
joining Este's Fes art retreat

12 - 18 April

12 places



ART RETREAT in FES
with
ESTE MACLEOD

18 - 25 April

12 places



ART + LITERATURE
RETREAT in TANGIER
+ Chefchaoeuen day trip

with

EMILE DEVEREAUX

27 April - 3 May

12 places



Dates shown are the actual
arrival and departure days

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BALI by the Sea at Villa Nilaya

Writing by the Sea in Bali

If writing a vibrant, compelling memoir or stories is something you want to do, or do more of, then Shelley Kenigsberg, prominent freelance editor, book coach, writer, mentor, and trainer who's worked in publishing for over 30 years, will guide you to evoke the rich world of sensory detail so each piece you write is charged and alive. Suitable for all.

MEMOIR and CREATIVE WRITING RETREAT
with
Shelley Kenigsberg

25 June - 1 July

10 places



Large-scale Portrait

Create a striking large-scale portrait from closely-taught & carefully-observed life drawings of our beautiful Balinese models; Embellish your canvas with a variety of print options including silk screening, carved & stamped designs and gold-leafing. You'll be amazed at what you'll achieve with Nadine who has already taught 5 fantastic portraiture retreats at Villa Nilaya in Bali!

PORTRAIT of BALI
with
Nadine Bastow

5 - 12 July

12 places



Large scale Works on Paper

"I don't wait for inspiration, I go to my studio and find it there". Discover the INEXHAUSTIBLE range of this very successful Australian artist whose work on paper, canvas and ceramic often starts by making her own brushes, for unique mark making. 7 days, 7 subjects, many types of media; learn tricks of her trade garnered over more than 40 years as a professional artist.

ART RETREAT
with
Christine Hingston

20 - 27 July

12 places



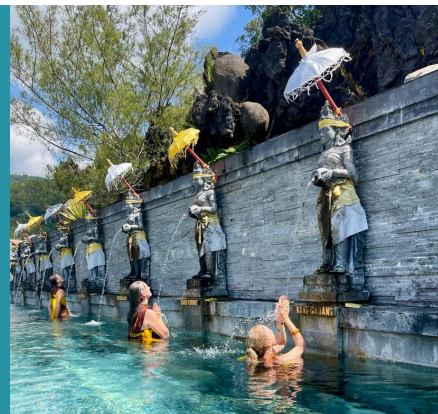
Expressive Art Therapy

Honour your wellbeing & connect with your unique sense of Self, through this joyful art-making journey of creative expression using observation, exploration, of Bali, sound therapy aligned with movement and meditation - all through mindful Art Therapy. Ignite your creativity with our projects where you need absolutely no previous experience to find your Creative Self!

ART WELLBEING RETREAT
with
Clare Stansfield-Smith

5 - 12 August

12 places



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GREECE on the legendary island of Hydra

Print Paint Play

Texture, pattern, colour and a bit of bling; Este's innovative printing+painting processes will have you riffing on Hydra's incredible beauty! A week of making art, swimming in turquoise bays, great cuisine and a day tour to Peloponnese to explore Napflio and the UNESCO Site of Mycenae.

Painting by the Sea

Hydra's fame as a muse to painters is legendary, and this week you'll paint with Royal Academy-trained British artist Noel Benstead who's been exhibiting in London solo shows since 2003. A great traveller whose knack for catching the fleeting observation has won him dedicated collectors, Noel's a generous teacher who'll help you realise your potential, develop your style & expand your technique.

Readers & Writers

Become immersed in Hydra's past as an epicentre of 1960s bohemianism as award-winning authors Tanya Dalziell and Paul Genoni introduce you to Charmian Clift, George Johnston and other creative giants of the time — Leonard Cohen, Patrick Leigh Fermor, Sidney Nolan etc. You will encounter this unforgettable island through memorable words and images created by those who knew it best.

Writing by the Sea

Yes, it's the island where Leonard Cohen lived, but there's so much more to it than that. Live the dream! Come and write on Hydra with editor & book coach Shelley Kenigsberg, Develop your style, expand your manuscript or be inspired to start writing YOUR story now with style and confidence.

ART RETREAT
with
ESTE MACLEOD

13 - 21 September

12 places



PLEIN-AIR ART RETREAT
(all media)
with
Noel Bensted

27 Sept. - 5 Oct.

12 places

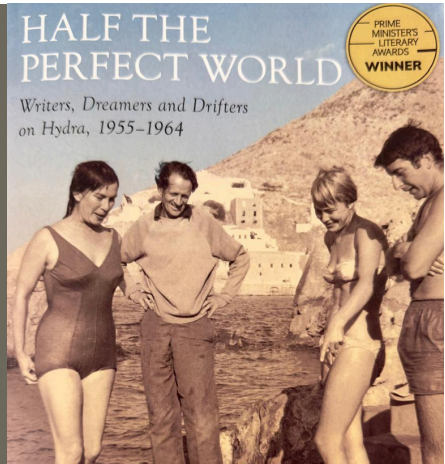


EXPLORING HYDRA'S
20th Century History
through Literature & Arts
with

Dr Tanya Dalziell
and **Paul Genoni**

14 - 20 October

16 places



Inspired by Hydra's writers

MEMOIR WRITING
RETREAT

with

Shelley Kenigsberg

20 - 27 October

10 places



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See you there!



Where is 2025 taking you ?

Whether it's the soft, warm breezes of the Asian tropics, the limpid Autumnal light of a Greek island or the fantasy of painting in the medieval maze of Moroccan medinas in Springtime, your journey with Creative Living Retreats will be an adventure to remember.

Not only are you tutored by truly committed, enthusiastic teachers who are each real specialists in their fields, but your days are curated by Anna who has lived in all of these destinations and knows them well. We try to leave little to chance, so that your precious time is maximised. Detailed pre-retreat information will be sent to you when you enrol.

To receive the first notice of the detailed retreat and tour descriptions with prices for booking please REGISTER NOW at www.annakwiecinska.com

Details will be available in mid-September.

