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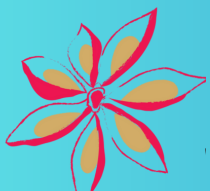
2025 Retreats and Tours



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 ...



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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.

**ART RETREAT in
MARRAKECH**
with
BECKY BLAIR

25 March - 1 April



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.

**SMALL GROUP TOUR
Marrakech-Sahara-Fes**
with
ANNA KWIECINSKA
priority given to those
joining the Fes retreat

12 - 18 April



Creative Space in Fes

If you dream of having a week to be creative in an exotic location, meeting local artisans, taking a lesson in Arabic calligraphy and other workshops from Fessi masters, enjoy amazing cuisine, vibrant music, learn about rugs, take a trip to a mountain market day, discover the souks with our good friend, the irrepressible Samir, AND stay in a beautiful riad where you can make your own art as, and when you wish (we have art materials available), please chat with Anna to express your interest soon.

**FES YOUR WAY
ART + CREATIVITY
RETREAT in FES**
with
Moroccan Artisans

19- 26 April



IN MOROCCO

Explore this beguiling kingdom with a creative eye!

Travel is all about people, but in a country of remote mountain villages, Saharan oases and nomadic herders, it's not always easy to make those personal connections that can transform the way you experience a new culture. Anna first visited Morocco in 1986, has lived in Fes, travelled widely, curated country-wide tours and held specialist art retreats. The program in 2025 expands our art destinations from Fes to Marrakech to bring you closer to the real Morocco - you'll also receive a reading list of fascinating books that might help you prepare for this journey ... we love a good story!



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Writing by the Sea in Bali

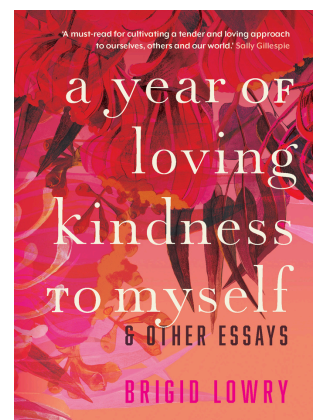
Brigid's current work combines Buddhism, the psychology of healing, self-help, memoir and humour, and aims to inspire anyone who is struggling in difficult times, or who wants to live with more ease and equanimity. **A Year of Loving Kindness to Myself, and Other Essays** was chosen by Apple books as best book of the month in April 2024. Fremantle Press will publish her new title in February 2026 – **A Time of Living Graciously: Essays on Ageing**.

LOVING YOUR LIFE!
WRITING RETREAT

with

BRIGID LOWRY
& musician MICHAEL DONE

26 June - 2 July



Nadine Bastow

Create a striking large-scale, mixed media portrait from 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! [See video](#)

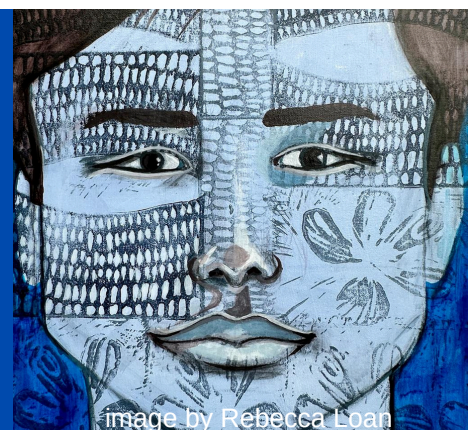
THE
BIG PORTRAIT of BALI

ART RETREAT

with

NADINE BASTOW

5 - 12 July



Christine Hingston

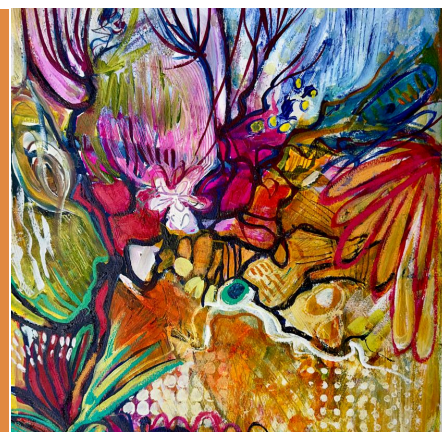
"I don't wait for inspiration, I go to my studio and find it there". Discover the INEXHAUSTIBLE range of this very successful Australian artist whose work on paper, canvas and ceramic often starts by making her own brushes, for unique mark making. 7 days, 7 subjects, many types of media; learn tricks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

EXPRESS YOURSELF!
PAINTING RETREAT

with

CHRISTINE HINGSTON

20 - 27 July



IN BALI

Even if you've been to Bali many times, chances are you haven't experience the beauty of East Bali. many of our participants express amazement that our retreat location at Villa Niaya by the sea near Candi Dasa is "like Bali was many years ago". It's a place to slow down, be well looked -after by gentle people who sincerely care for you. Our retreats started here in 2011 and the core principles of a meditative start to the day, leading into creativity- be it writing or making art - remain as strong as ever. Sound bathing, healthy cuisine, a spacious studio by the gentle sound of lapping sea, along with truly gifted teachers await you join us for winter well being

Painting by the Sea in Greece

Rediscover your original, intuitive & unique way of knowing the world! When you let go of the thinking mind and surrender to an open, fluid way of being, you experience yourself and your surroundings in a deeper way, leading to creative insights and inspiration. Creativity researcher and artist Tee Hardman has been teaching this way for many years. She is also an architect and will guide you through many modes of artistic expression. No art experience necessary - enlivening for both beginners and experienced creatives.

Painting by the Sea in Greece

This is truly a retreat to take you, brush in hand, to the most picturesque spots on this beautiful island! 2025 marks 45 years of Kasey Sealy's professional career as a plein air impressionist artist, whose light touch and way of seeing has been shared with countless students. A gifted teacher, Kasey's teaches for ALL levels of experience ... we might have to call this retreat 'Swim and Paint' - our destinations are delicious!

Painting by The Sea in Greece

Seeing Hydra as an abstract artist does, and developing your own lexicon of symbols through Becky's playful approach will freshen the design repertoire of anyone who works with visual language. If you're a painter, glass artist, jewellery designer or just starting out to find your own style, this retreat is precious developmental time you can't rush. Take Time, Make Space for this one!

Writing by the Sea in Greece

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

**'DRAWING WATER'
INTUITIVE ART
RETREAT**
with
Dr.TEE HARDMAN

13 - 20 Sept.



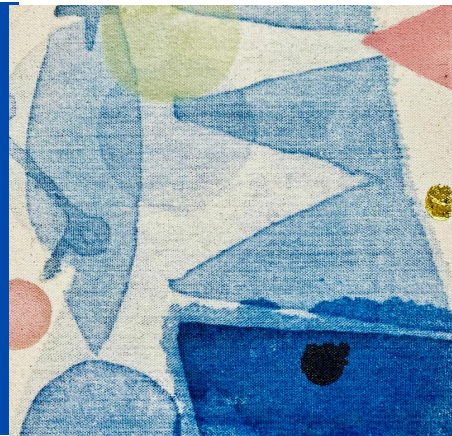
**PLEIN AIR
WATERCOLOURS
ART RETREAT**
with
KASEY SEALY

27 Sept. - 5 Oct.



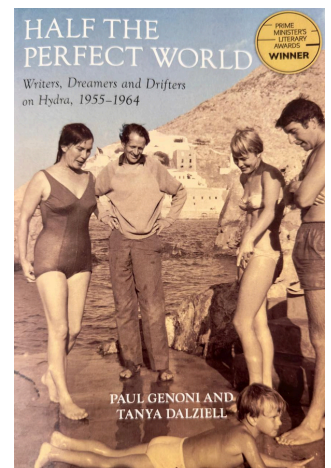
**AN AUTUMN
SKETCHBOOK
ART RETREAT**
with
BECKY BLAIR

7 - 14 October



EXPLORING HYDRA
in the 20th Century
through Literature & Arts
with
**Dr TANYA DALZIELL
PAUL GENONI**

17 - 23 October



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 by SUBSCRIBING TO SPICE VOYAGER NEWS at the end of this page

