

Retreats for Beginner Writers 2

"Don't tell me the moon is shining; show me the glint of light on broken glass."

Anton Chekhov



Module 2

The objectives of the mentored retreats are the following:

- to get to work on your first novel
- to learn basic writing technique
- to become confident about your writing

In this course we will

- have discussions about writing
- analyse extracts from novels
- have brainstorming sessions
- have three structured lessons
- learn how to get to work on your novel
- learn the basic technique of good novel writing
- do some structured written exercises
- share our writing with other writers in critiquing workshops

The daily schedules:

DAY 1

- Check in to the retreat between 10am and 11am.
- Take time to relax and to get to know Château de Détilly
- Lunch at 1pm
- Writing workshop from 2.30pm until 3.30pm
- Writing and relaxation
- Apéritif at 7pm followed by dinner at 8pm

DAY 2

- Breakfast on the terrace or in the breakfast room from 8am to 9am
- Workshop in the chapel or orangerie from 10am to 1130am
- Writing time
- Lunch at 1pm
- Writing and relaxation time onwards. This includes one-on-one mentoring.
- Apéritif at 7pm followed by dinner at 8pm
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- DAY 3

- Breakfast on the terrace or in the breakfast room from 8am to 9am
- Workshop in the chapel from 10am to 1130am
- Writing time
- Lunch at 1pm
- Writing and relaxation time onwards. This includes one-on-one mentoring.
- Apéritif at 7pm followed by dinner at 8pm

DAY 4

- Breakfast on the terrace or in the breakfast room from 8am to 9am
- Workshop in the chapel from 10am to 1130am
- Writing time
- Lunch at 1pm
- Visit Chinon (optional)
- Apéritif at 7pm followed by dinner at 8pm

DAY 5

- Breakfast on the terrace or in the breakfast room from 8am to 9am
- Check out from 10am to 11am.