

2024 Calendar of Retreats and Tours



I really believe this!

... and if you've found yourself here, reading this, curious to know what it is that I, along with painters - Esté MacLeod, Lisa Solomon, Liz Murphy, Noel Bensted and Nadine Bastow, are offering to share with you in 2024, then chances are ... the seeking has worked!



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Morocco

Marvellous in Morocco I

A stylish entrée to this fabulous kingdom! Journey from Casablanca via imperial cities of Tangier, Meknes, Volubilis & the renowned blue village of Chefchaouen to Fes.

**SMALL GROUP TOUR
through North Morocco**
precedes Art Retreat

14 - 20 April

last 2 places!



Fes Fantasy

Explore innovative print + paint techniques to express the rich impressions of Morocco's most fascinating medina. Mosaics, geometries & arabesques to adore!

ART RETREAT in FES
with
Esté MacLeod

21 - 26 April

FULLY BOOKED

[join the 2025
priority list
go to the website
2024 TOUR page
or CONTACT ANNA](#)

Marvellous in Morocco II

It's romantic luxury all the way from tenting in the red Saharan dunes, to bathing at an oasis kasbah, being absolutely Marvellous in Marrakech before relaxing by the Atlantic in Essaouira's Blue Palace.

**SMALL GROUP TOUR
Through South Morocco**
follows Art Retreat

27 April - 5 May

last 2 places !



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Dates shown are the actual days of the journey or activity. Consult the website for arrival/departure dates and all accommodation

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Bali

Portrait of Bali

You're going to cover many fabulous techniques this week: gel printing, reductive lino printing, portraiture techniques on both canvas and paper, all led with Nadine's exceptional teaching skills.

NADINE BASTOW
Art +Yoga Retreat
BALI

1 - 8 June

NEW RETREAT!
even if you've attended
Nadine's retreats
in past years



Abstract Alchemy

Liz's way of teaching will excite you with its immediacy, freedom and the pure delight of following your instincts. Unleash your Inner Child to create some decidedly grown-up art!

LIZ MURPHY
Art +Yoga Retreat
BALI

15 - 23 June

[see all the reviews of our](#)
[2023 version of this](#)
[retreat hit! >>>](#)



“ RETREAT TESTIMONIAL
JULY 2023

I have painted with many teachers (haven't we all) but I have to say the Liz Murphy is among the very best. Liz has a way of imparting her design and paint blending theories in a way that resulted in immediate improvement to my work. Liz is an energetic and enthusiastic teacher who clearly loves helping her students get to the next level, regardless of where the student starts, from beginner to advanced. Some painting teachers are esoteric and the concepts they teach are hard to grasp, but Liz has a special talent for really helping the artist see the strengths of the student's work, and offers practical suggestions for consideration. It has been a joy to work with her!

JANET
USA

Abstract Alchemy advanced

Take it up a level to gain greater understanding of colour mixing and nuanced layering for effects that transform paint into something magical!

LIZ MURPHY
Art + Yoga Retreat
BALI

2 - 10 July

NEW
ADVANCED COURSE
5 places available



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Bali

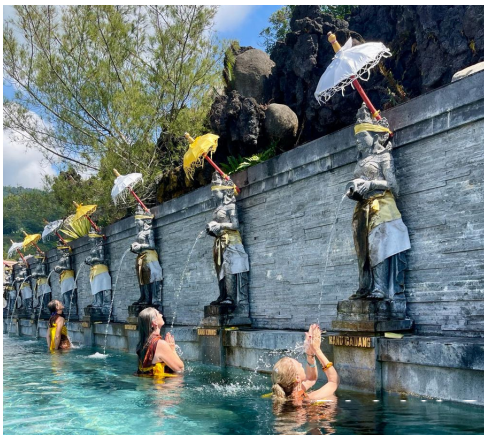
Baliesque print + paint

Explore Esté's ways to create rich and complex layered artworks inspired by Bali's unique culture and abundant botanical beauty..

ESTÉ MACLEOD
Art + Yoga Retreat
BALI

18 - 26 July

please note that Este will not
be teaching in Bali in 2025
so this is a rare opportunity



WHERE DO OUR BALI RETREATS HAPPEN ?

Villa Nilaya is a spacious, airy villa right on the beach front of the peaceful village of Mendira, not far from Candi Dasa on the south coast of Bali. With our attentive staff, deliciously healthy cuisine and a beautiful sea-facing yoga deck, it's only a few minutes walk from your preferred sea-front hotel (there are 3 to choose from) to the retreat hub,





Greece

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Writing by the Sea in Greece

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 and book coach Shelley Kenigsberg,

SHELLEY KENIGSBURG
Writing Retreat
ISLAND of HYDRA
GREECE

26 Aug. - 3 Sept.

4 places available



Painting by the Sea with Este

ESTÉ MACLEOD
Art Retreat
HYDRA, GREECE

17 - 25 September

FULLY BOOKED



Painting by the Sea with Este

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 our special UNESCO sites day trip

ESTÉ MACLEOD
Art Retreat
ISLAND of HYDRA
GREECE

27 Sept - 5 Oct.

**EXTRA RETREAT
by POPULAR REQUEST**



Painting by the Sea with Noel

Paint alongside Noel & enjoy his evening masterclasses. Royal College of Art graduate with 30 years of international exhibition & teaching experience. Bring your own materials to this one for individual tuition.

NOEL BENSTED
Painting Retreat
ISLAND of HYDRA
GREECE

12 - 20 October

NEW





The Spiceries

Indonesia

My new Spice Voyages Sea Safari is a truly spectacular, 11-day /10-nigh snorkeling/diving cruise on a luxurious 'liveaboard' Phinisi vessel, sailing amongst the world's richest reefs. This UNIQUE JOURNEY is TRUE ADVENTURE to rarely-visited islands and peoples.

**DIVE-SNORKEL
EXPLORING
HIGH ADVENTURE
sailing safari
Banda Islands
to Raja Ampat
INDONESIA**

NEW

19 - 29 November 2024



We sail from the Banda Islands - the epicentre of nutmeg production in the C.16th and C.17th - to Raja Ampat - 'the Four Kings', famed for their coral reefs, superlative snorkeling and diving.

This 500-nautical mile journey takes you into the heart of the magnificent eastern Indonesian archipelago of pristine 'castaway islands' and centuries of history that once made this region the most coveted destination on Earth ... the Moluccas - the legendary Spice Islands, or, as they were known in the Sixteenth Century, 'The Spiceries'.



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See you there!



Where is 2024 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 Fes 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. For most art retreats your materials are supplied, and in all cases detailed pre-retreat information will be sent to you when you enrol.

Ready to reserve your place?

The website has a **BOOKING PAGE** for EACH DESTINATION (Bali, Greece, Morocco) - choose your retreat/tour and reserve you place soon.

I very much look forward to travelling with you in 2024!