

11 Day Watercolour Workshop with Cheryl Bruce

Haven on the Hill - Lalandusse, France

10 nights accommodation, 11 days including 7 days watercolour tuition
and local day trip excursions

Thursday 24th August to Sun 3rd September 2023



Workshop location:

Haven on the Hill, Gaubide, Lalandusse, 47330 , Lot et Garonne, France.

During this watercolour retreat we will paint in various locations plein air around the retreat, in the local towns as well as using the retreat's studio which is a beautifully converted barn.

Workshop inclusions:

7 days tuition (spread across the 10 days) in watercolour with Australian artist Cheryl Bruce.

Twin & Triple Share accommodation at Haven on the Hill. For more information about the retreat itself go to www.havenonthehill.org.

10 nights' accommodation, daily breakfast, lunches and 8 dinners included and some day trip adventures together to paint and explore the local area.

Transfers from Bergerac airport or train station are included. Please note if you change your travel plans at short notice or need transfers to or from a different train/airport these may not be included.

What's not included - flights, art materials, personal expenditure on day trips, travel insurance, alcohol, 2 dinners, 1 lunch.

Check in is from around lunch time on Thursday 24th and departure is Sunday 3rd September. There will be no formal painting tuition on the arrival or departure dates. Retreat commences with a welcome dinner. If you arrive around lunch time on Thursday you will have time to explore Haven on the Hill, swim or relax by the pool or get your sketchbook out and get started taking in the inspiration.



Photo courtesy Pilates In A Van

Cost and booking process:

Full cost: 1530 Euro per person.

To confirm your position in the workshop a deposit 200 Euro is to be paid via direct bank transfer, and return of the booking form. The balance of workshop payment (1130 Euro) is required by 8 weeks prior to the start date of the workshop (1 July 2023).

Early bird special of 1330 Euro if booked by 31 December 2022 with a 50% deposit.

About Haven on the Hill:

Haven on the Hill is a retreat venue set in Lalandusse in the district of Lot et Garonne, approx 20 km from Bergerac airport, where the tranquil surroundings will ease away the stress, while we nourish you inside and out with wholesome, home cooked food sourced locally and from our vegetable garden.

Our stone barn dated 1816 has been lovingly brought back to life to create a vast open space that is our studio. It has great energy and light flowing through which we hope you will experience and love too! The studio has new oak flooring and we've restored the original oak beams from which our vintage chandeliers hang.



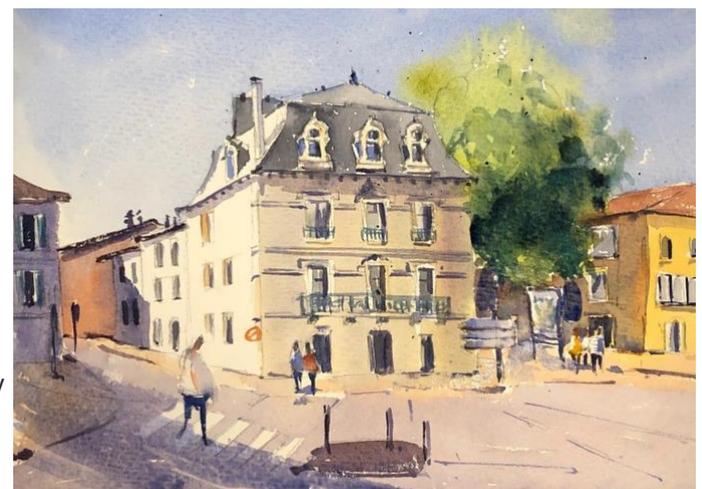
Workshop Description:

This workshop is perfect for those wanting to build their confidence working wet in wet with various subject matter. Exercises and step-by-step demonstrations will show how to simplify scenes to create an interesting and dynamic painting. Subject matter may include landscape, street scenes, seascapes and figurative, which will be demonstrated in a manner that is representational and impressionistic.

The workshop will cover fundamentals including washes, wet in wet, getting the best out of your materials, composition and tone. The topics covered in this workshop include: the importance of tonal value studies, understanding tonal values and colours without feeling fear of the darks, along with a variety of techniques in paint application and brush handling. We will also practice our urban and travel sketching to create a sketchbook filled with lasting memories of a trip or your day to day life. There will be plenty of one-on-one guidance and a question-and-answer opportunities on a daily basis.



We will have some day excursions to paint or sketch on site at local attractions. This trip may include a visit and sketching at Latour-Marliac – a plant nursery in Le Temple-sur-Lot. With 3 hectares of gardens and ponds specializing in waterlilies, lotus and other aquatic plants, the nursery dates back to the 19th century and classified as 'Remarquable' by the French Ministry of Culture. It is said to have inspired Claude Monet to include waterlilies in his garden at Giverny and is the nursery he ordered his lilies from.



Chateau De Biron is another possible plein air location. These day trips will be confirmed closer to the workshop dates.

It's a Painting Holiday:

Some ½ days will be your own to relax and enjoy the pool at Haven on the Hill, or venture into the local towns Eymet or Villereal, where there are local markets. Bergerac is one of the biggest towns in the region of the north of the Dordogne, where you can enjoy the old part of town with the Place Pelissiere which is a square situated in the old part edged by cafe's, restaurants and always flowers. The morning market is a typical French market with fruit and vegetables, basketware, through to clothes. You can sit in a café/bar by the river watching the world go by or sketch if you are keen. A visit to the local Bastide of Eymet is a must, just a 15 min drive away in the Dordogne, again a beautiful square surrounded by cafes and restaurants. We may dine in Eymet for one of our optional dinners out.

Workshop Information Recommended Experience:

Beginner to Intermediate (basic knowledge & some previous experiences of drawing and watercolor painting recommended to benefit from this workshop).

To experience Cheryl's teaching style check out her You Tube Channel – Cheryl Bruce Creativ, or join up for an online zoom class block.

Cheryl is a well known artist and tutor from Terrigal, on the Central Coast NSW Australia. Cheryl teaches regular weekly classes, along with workshops with local and interstate art societies. Her students often say how much they learn in her classes. Self taught through workshops with great artists such as Keiko Tanabe (USA), Chan Dissanayake, Herman Pekel, and Ross Paterson, Cheryl focusses on a loose and impressionistic style in watercolour and covers a wide variety of subject matter from still life, to seascape, landscape, boats, horses and portraits. Her passion for art and materials, and gift for sharing makes her a popular tutor.



For more about Cheryl Bruce and to view more works: www.cherylbrucecreativ.com

Follow her on facebook or instagram - <https://www.facebook.com/cherylbrucecreativ> and

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Cancellation Policy:

Due to limited class size, payment is non-refundable. If you register for the workshop and are unable to attend, if there is a waiting list of students that has formed and we can fill the position, you will receive a refund (less a 100Euro administration fee). If you are unable to attend and there is no waiting list, we will unfortunately be unable to provide refunds.

If the organiser finds it necessary to cancel the workshop due to low enrolment, or government lockdowns, registered students will be contacted and be refunded the full course tuition paid.

Please ensure you have travel insurance to cover you if you are unable to travel due to Covid-19, or any other reason.

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Some photos from the 2019 workshop.



