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“Writers’ Boot Camp”

Retreat in Tuscany

Daily Itinerary

Workshop topics will be flexible and reflect the needs of the group.

Ann and Linda will be available throughout the day for individual conversations, in addition to the formally scheduled consultations.

Day 1

- 9:00-11:00 Arrive Rome airport (approximate)
- 11:00 Travel to Spannocchia via chartered bus
- 1:00 Lunch on the road or at Spannocchia, depending on arrival time in Rome
- 3:00 Check in at Spannocchia
- 4:00 Free afternoon to rest, swim, walk or enjoy the garden
- 6:30 Brief gathering in Library for introductions and overview
- 7:00 Wine on the terrace
- 7:30 Dinner

Day 2

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:15-11:15 Historical Tour of Tenuta di Spannocchia
- 11:30-1:00 Workshop
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00-3:00 Free time
- 3:00-4:30 Workshop
- 5:00-6:30 Writing time/Individual meetings with Linda and Ann
- 7:00 Wine on the terrace
- 7:30 Dinner
- 9:00-10:00 Gathering in Library for individual readings

Day 3

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Depart for Florence
10:30-12:00 Guided walking tour
12:00-1:30 Lunch on your own
1:30-7:00 Free time to explore and shop
7:00 Dinner together
9:00 Depart for Spannocchia
10:30 Arrive at Spannocchia

Day 4

8:00 Breakfast
9:15-10:45 Workshop
11:00-1:00 Writing time/Individual meetings with Linda and Ann
1:00 Lunch
2:00-3:00 Free time
3:00-4:30 Workshop
5:00-6:30 Writing time
7:00 Wine on the terrace
7:30 Dinner
9:00-10:00 Gathering in Library for individual readings

Day 5

7:30 T'ai Chi
8:30 Breakfast
9:00-2:30 Cooking class (includes lunch)
2:30-3:30 Free time
3:30-5:00 Workshop
5:30-6:30 Writing time/Individual meetings with Linda and Ann
7:00 Wine on the terrace
7:30 Dinner
9:00-10:00 Gathering in Library for individual readings

Day 6

7:30	T'ai Chi
8:30	Breakfast
9:15-10:45	Workshop
11:00-1:00	Writing time/Individual meetings with Linda and Ann
1:00	Lunch
2:00-3:00	Free time
3:00-4:30	Workshop
5:00-6:30	Writing time
7:00	Wine on the terrace
7:30	Dinner
9:00-10:00	Gathering in Library for individual readings

Day 7

7:30	T'ai Chi
8:30	Breakfast
9:15-10:45	Workshop
11:00-1:00	Writing time/Individual meetings with Linda and Ann
1:00	Lunch
2:00-3:00	Free time
3:00-4:30	Workshop
5:30-7:30	Farewell Reception and Readings
7:30	Dinner

Day 8

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Departure for Rome via chartered bus

Potential Workshop Topics

The Writing Process: Tools and Techniques for Developing Discipline as a Writer

Building Strong, Vibrant Characters

Story Form and Plotting

Finding Your Writer's Voice

Setting—Creating a Fictional Time and Place

Language—the Importance of the Telling Detail

Turning Fact into Fiction—Writing Memoir and Historical Fiction

Revising