THE WANDERING ARTIST ADVENTURES

An Exclusive Creative Immersion in Italy

Seven Days of Art, Culture, Mentoring & Italian Living

27 April – 3 May 2027
Olivola, Monferrato, Piemonte, Italy
An intimate retreat limited to just 6–8 guests

A Week to Create, Explore & Be Inspired

Hello, my fellow adventurers,

I invite you to join me for a very special week in the beautiful hills of Piemonte, Italy — a week dedicated to creativity, discovery, meaningful conversations, wonderful food and the simple pleasures of Italian life.

Creative Mentoring — An Experience Tailored to You

At the heart of this retreat is the opportunity to spend meaningful, uninterrupted time developing your creative practice. With over three decades of experience as an international public sculptor, exhibiting artist and educator, I bring a wealth of practical knowledge, artistic insight and professional mentoring experience. Throughout the week, I will work individually with each participant, offering guidance tailored to their interests, experience and ambitions.

Whether your practice involves painting, drawing, sculpture, photography or writing, our sessions may include:

- Individual creative mentoring and professional guidance
- Developing concepts, ideas and new directions
- Experimenting with materials, techniques and processes
- Constructive critique and meaningful creative dialogue
- Exploring personal artistic language and expression
- Time for independent practice, reflection and research

For established practitioners, this may be an opportunity to develop a new body of work or explore an entirely different direction.

For emerging artists, it offers valuable professional insight, encouragement and the confidence to take the next step.

For writers, photographers and creative travellers, the landscapes, history and atmosphere of Piemonte provide endless inspiration.

The emphasis is on exploration rather than expectation.

You are welcome to work intensively, experiment freely or simply allow yourself the time to think, observe and reconnect with your creativity.

Your Creative Home — La Libellule, Olivola

Our retreat is based at La Libellule, a beautifully restored private villa in the enchanting hilltop village of Olivola, nestled among the vineyards and rolling landscapes of Monferrato in northern Italy. Olivola is one of Italy's smallest municipalities, a place where life unfolds at a gentler pace and where centuries of history, architecture and rural traditions remain wonderfully present.

Mornings begin with espresso in the village piazza, afternoons invite exploration of the surrounding countryside, and evenings are spent sharing delicious food, local wines and lively conversation. The village and surrounding region offer exceptional restaurants, including I Due Buoi and Ristorante La Magione, as well as celebrated vineyards, local markets and a rich cultural heritage. La Libellule will be our creative home throughout the week — a welcoming place to gather, work, share meals and relax. For guests who prefer additional privacy, a limited selection of private accommodation nearby may also be available.

The retreat is designed to offer the intimacy of a small group while allowing everyone the freedom to find their own rhythm.

Milan — Art, History & The Last Supper

Our Italian adventure also takes us to Milan, one of Europe's great centres of art, architecture and design. Here, we will experience Leonardo da Vinci's extraordinary masterpiece, *The Last Supper*, housed within the historic complex of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Our curated visit will include a guided viewing and a specialist creative workshop, offering an opportunity to explore the work through the lens of artistic practice, history and contemporary interpretation.

This is a rare chance to engage with one of the most influential works in Western art in a thoughtful and inspiring way.

The guided experience and workshop, valued at £200 per person, are included in your retreat fee.

The visit is subject to advance ticket and workshop confirmation.

Discovering Piemonte — The Art of Italian Living

Creativity is not confined to the studio.

Throughout the week, we will explore the beautiful Monferrato region, discovering the places, people and traditions that make this part of Italy so special. Our adventures may include visits to local galleries, historic towns, village markets, vineyards and artisan producers.

Spring is a particularly beautiful time to visit Piemonte, with fresh green hills, blossoming countryside and the landscape awakening after winter.

There will also be plenty of unstructured time to wander, photograph, sketch, write, read or simply enjoy the surroundings.

Some of the most memorable creative discoveries happen when we give ourselves permission to do very little at all.

Beautiful Food, Wonderful Company

Food and conversation are an essential part of The Wandering Artist Adventures.

Our days will be punctuated by delicious breakfasts, relaxed lunches, beautifully prepared home-cooked meals and opportunities to discover the exceptional regional cuisine of Piemonte. Shared meals are a chance to exchange ideas, reflect on the day's discoveries and enjoy the company of fellow adventurers.

Previous retreats have created lasting friendships and creative connections between people from across the world. It is this combination of artistic exploration, cultural discovery and genuine human connection that makes these experiences so special.

Who Is This Retreat For?

This experience is designed for people who value creativity, curiosity, culture and meaningful travel. You might be an established artist seeking a fresh direction, an emerging practitioner looking for professional guidance, a writer in need of inspiration or someone who simply wants to make more room for creativity in their life.

All creative disciplines and levels of experience are welcome.

You do not need to arrive with a finished project or a particular goal. You simply need an open mind, a sense of curiosity and a willingness to explore. Non-participating partners are also welcome, subject to accommodation availability. They can enjoy the cultural programme, wonderful food and beautiful surroundings while their partners take part in creative mentoring.

With only six to eight guests, everyone will receive individual attention while enjoying the warmth and energy of a small, supportive group.

What's Included

Your seven-day creative immersion includes:

- Six nights' boutique accommodation in Olivola
- Daily breakfast and lunch
- Beautifully prepared shared meals
- Daily creative tuition and individual mentoring with Dominique Sutton
- Guided visit to Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper* and specialist workshop
- Curated cultural excursions and regional visits

- Wine and olive oil tasting experiences
- Group transfers to and from Milan at scheduled times
- Local transport for organised retreat activities
- A welcoming, intimate creative environment limited to just eight guests

Optional yoga and massage sessions can be arranged at additional cost.

Flights, personal travel insurance and personal purchases are not included.

Your Host — Dominique Sutton

I am an internationally recognised sculptor and artist with more than 30 years of experience creating and exhibiting work across Australia, Europe and Asia. My practice spans monumental public sculpture, contemporary figurative work and, more recently, an intimate exploration of marble carving, identity and the human experience. Alongside my professional practice, I have spent over 25 years teaching, mentoring and facilitating creative workshops and retreats. I am passionate about encouraging people to discover their individual artistic voice, challenge familiar ways of thinking and approach their work with curiosity and confidence.

My approach to mentoring is personal, supportive and responsive to each participant. I believe that creativity flourishes through conversation, experimentation, cultural exchange and the freedom to explore without fear of failure. The Wandering Artist Adventures grew from my love of art, travel, culture and the extraordinary connections that happen when creative people come together.

I look forward to sharing this beautiful corner of Italy with you.

Your Investment

27 April – 3 May 2027
Six nights / Seven days
Limited to 6–8 guests

Early Booking Offer — £3,495 per person
Available for the first two confirmed bookings, based on shared accommodation.

Standard Retreat — £3,750 per person
Includes the complete creative mentoring and cultural programme, with shared accommodation.

Private Room — From £3,950 per person
Subject to availability at La Libellule or in selected nearby accommodation.

Non-Participating Partner — From £2,750
Sharing accommodation with a participating guest, including meals, excursions and cultural experiences but excluding creative tuition.

A **£695 deposit** secures your place, with the remaining balance payable in instalments.

The retreat is subject to a minimum number of confirmed participants. Full booking terms and cancellation conditions will be provided before payment.

A Week Just for You

Imagine seven days without the usual demands of everyday life.

Time to create without interruption. To discover new places, share ideas, challenge yourself, laugh, learn and enjoy the beauty of Italy.

An opportunity to invest in your creativity, expand your horizons and return home with fresh inspiration, new friendships and a renewed sense of possibility.

Come for the art, stay for the adventure.

I would love you to join me.

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