

Creative holidays

Whether you love painting, writing or pretty much anything else under the sun, you can indulge your passion in Italy with a **special interest holiday**



THE RETREAT

We run residential painting holidays and creative workshops for all levels of ability from our studio and guesthouse. The Retreat is nestled in stunning countryside in the heart of Le Marche, known as "all of Italy in one region". With a great variety of courses ranging from landscapes, sketching and photography to walking, printmaking and truffle hunting, there is something for anyone who loves Italian art, food and culture. John is a professional artist and art tutor and will encourage you to try new media, new techniques and a range of methods from traditional to modern. Week-long courses run from early April to November and include accommodation, full board, excursions and materials.

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Creative holidays in small groups in superb surroundings, designed for all levels of ability.

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The Retreat is truly an inspiring place to be. You are immediately confronted by a tremendous panoramic view, which sweeps from the snow-capped Sibillini Mountains across a selection of charming hilltop villages through to the glittering Adriatic – marvellous! It is a unique and very beautiful place to stay. The food is excellent, the company stimulating and Le Marche still retains something of the undiscovered and unexplored – and there is definitely plenty to discover and explore in the region.

Certainly, there are few tourists and you'll find a wonderful variety of interesting and charming Italian cultural experiences to be enjoyed here. A good number of delightful towns and villages are within easy reach of The Retreat and these offer a range of unforgettable experiences as well as providing excellent subject matter for artists of all abilities.

Options include landscape painting & drawing, still-life & floral painting, photography & print-making, tempera painting, truffle hunting and various other courses.

"John is an excellent and inspirational painting and drawing tutor, so leave space in your luggage to enable you to carry your work home! You'll love it – highly recommended!"

M. CHATFIELD, UK, 2009

