

Expressive Watercolour Landscapes

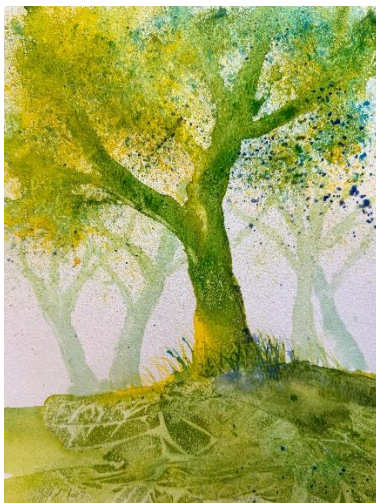
Paint the Colours of Andalusia with Ione Harrison

17-23 February 2027

Casa Surrender, C6mpeta, Andalusia, Spain



Escape the British winter and enjoy painting beneath clear blue skies in the warmth and light of southern Spain. Join professional artist and tutor Ione Harrison for a deeply inspiring week of expressive watercolour painting in the mountains of Andalusía. Surrounded by olive groves, expansive skies, whitewashed villages and dramatic mountain landscapes, this retreat offers space to slow down, reconnect creatively, and immerse yourself in painting. Through guided workshops, demonstrations, sketchbook exploration and experimental techniques, you'll develop confidence, freedom and a more expressive approach to watercolour.



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No previous experience is necessary. Whether you're picking up a brush for the first time or have been painting for years, you'll be supported to work at your own pace and develop your own creative voice. Many guests attend alone and quickly become part of a warm and supportive creative community. Only 9 painting places are available to ensure plenty of individual tuition and support.

This is more than a painting holiday — it is an opportunity to step away from everyday life, reconnect with your creativity, and rediscover the joy of creative play.

This Retreat Is Perfect For You If:

- ✓ You love landscape and nature
- ✓ You would like dedicated time to focus on your art
- ✓ You enjoy learning in a supportive, non-judgemental environment
- ✓ You feel stuck and want to loosen up your painting
- ✓ You are a beginner wanting to build confidence
- ✓ You are an experienced painter wanting fresh inspiration
- ✓ You enjoy travelling with like-minded creative people

What You'll Explore in the Painting Workshops

Across four immersive workshop days, we'll take inspiration directly from the colours, textures and atmosphere of Andalusía to create expressive watercolour landscapes full of movement, light and feeling.

You will discover:

- Expressive watercolour techniques for loose, atmospheric painting
- Using water confidently to create luminous washes and flowing effects
- Sketchbook work and intuitive visual exploration
- Experimental texture techniques including salt, scraping, lifting, layering and masking
- Dynamic mark-making using brushes, sticks, ink and found tools
- Simplifying landscapes into strong shapes and compositions
- Capturing the mood and light of mountains, trees and distant sea views
- Combining ink and watercolour for lively contemporary work
- Developing confidence, freedom and your own personal style

Each session includes demonstrations, guided exercises, individual support and time for playful experimentation as well as more developed finished pieces.

The emphasis throughout the retreat is on exploration, enjoyment and creative freedom rather than perfection.



A Creative Journey Through the Week

Day One & Two

Loosening Up & Responding to Place

We begin by exploring sketchbook work, expressive mark-making and intuitive approaches to landscape. Through observational studies and experimental exercises, you'll learn how to respond emotionally to colour, atmosphere and texture.

Day Three

Rest Day & Optional Excursions

A chance to relax by the pool, explore C3mpeta or Nerja, continue sketching independently, or simply soak up the beauty of the surroundings.

Day Four & Five

Developing Atmosphere, Texture & Personal Style

We'll move towards larger, more resolved paintings inspired by the Andalusian landscape. You'll deepen your understanding of watercolour techniques while developing your own expressive visual language and artistic confidence.



Sample Menu

All meals are freshly prepared using seasonal ingredients and enjoyed together on the terrace overlooking the Andalusian landscape.

Breakfast. Fresh fruit, yoghurt, eggs, avocado, toast, local honey, granola, jams and spreads, tea and coffee.

Lunch. Examples may include:

- Strawberry gazpacho
- Moroccan-style chickpea salad
- Roasted vegetable tart
- Fresh grapefruit and mint juice

Evening Meal. Examples may include:

- Velvety carrot, coconut and ginger soup
- Andalusian squid and prawn casserole.
- Orange and chocolate cake

Vegetarian, vegan and other dietary requirements can be catered for. Please let us know when booking.

Why Choose This Retreat?

Artist-Led Teaching

Learn from professional artist and experienced tutor Ione Harrison, known for her expressive and accessible approach to watercolour painting. With over 30 years of teaching experience, Ione creates a supportive environment where artists of all levels can develop confidence, experiment freely, and discover a more intuitive way of painting.

Small Group Experience

With a small group size, there is plenty of opportunity for individual guidance, encouragement and personalised feedback throughout the retreat.

Inspiring Natural Surroundings

The peaceful beauty of the Sierra Almirajara mountains provides endless inspiration for sketching, painting and creative reflection.

Time to Slow Down

This retreat is carefully designed to allow space for both creativity and rest — with unhurried afternoons to swim, walk, sketch, read or simply enjoy the tranquillity of Casa Surrender.



Imagine Returning Home...

After six days immersed in painting and the Andalusian landscape, you can expect to:

- ✓ Feel creatively refreshed and inspired
- ✓ Paint with greater confidence and freedom
- ✓ Develop a deeper understanding of watercolour techniques
- ✓ Fill a sketchbook with ideas, studies and visual memories
- ✓ Create expressive paintings you are proud of
- ✓ Return home motivated to continue your artistic journey



What's Included

- Four immersive painting workshop days with expert tuition
- Daily demonstrations and individual guidance
- Five evening meals
- Breakfast, lunch and non-alcoholic refreshments each day
- Six nights' accommodation at beautiful Casa Surrender
- Use of retreat spaces for sketching and painting
- All painting materials – just bring yourself

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What's not included

- Flights (nearest airport is Malaga)
- Optional excursion opportunities
- Meals out on optional excursions
- Alcoholic drinks
- Insurance
- Staff gratuities
- Transport to and from airport (this can be arranged – please enquire for details)

About Your Tutor Ione Harrison

Ione Harrison is a professional artist and art tutor with over 30 years of teaching experience. Working primarily in watercolour and ink, her paintings are inspired by landscape, atmosphere and the expressive possibilities of water and pigment.

Known for her warm, encouraging teaching style, Ione helps students build both confidence and technical understanding while embracing experimentation, play and creative freedom.

Throughout the retreat, you will be encouraged to let go of perfection, trust the process, and enjoy the wonderfully unpredictable nature of watercolour.

For more information and examples of Ione's work, please visit:

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Casa Surrender – Your Creative Sanctuary

Nestled in the hills outside the whitewashed village of Cómputa, Casa Surrender is a peaceful rural finca surrounded by pine trees, mountain views and wide open skies.

The retreat space offers:

- Beautiful outdoor areas for sketching and painting
- Comfortable rustic accommodation full of character

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- Quiet places to rest and recharge
- Fresh, nourishing meals prepared with local ingredients
- Stunning sunrise and sunset views across the Andalusian landscape
- A yoga deck with yoga equipment

Casa Surrender provides the perfect environment for creativity, stillness and inspiration.



Accommodation at Casa Surrender

This charming rustic property is full of character and countryside appeal. Please note that there are steps and some uneven or rough paths throughout the grounds, so it may not be suitable for guests with very limited mobility. More details of the house and rooms can be found [here](#).

There are seven rooms in total: six single or shared occupancy rooms with twin beds. One room with a double bed. All rooms have access to a private bathroom.

Testimonials

“What stood out most was how genuinely inclusive the retreat was. Whether completely new to watercolour painting ... or with years of experience, we all felt supported and encouraged. Teaching was sensitive and adaptable, so no one ever felt out of their depth but instead saw their confidence and creativity grow throughout.”

“The fear factor disappeared completely — I left painting more freely and confidently than ever before.”

“I would wholeheartedly recommend this experience to anyone, regardless of experience or ability, who is looking for a retreat that is inclusive, enriching, and genuinely transformative.”

“Ione’s teaching style is relaxed, inspiring and incredibly encouraging.”

“I discovered techniques and textures I’d never have dared try on my own.”

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“Everything about the workshop was beautifully managed — supportive, stimulating and creatively freeing.”



Retreat Investment

Shared Twin Room

£1195 per person

Private Single Occupancy Room

£1495 per person

Non-Participating Partner

£795

A deposit of £650 per person is required to secure your place on the retreat.

The remaining balance is due by 17 November 2026.

An Investment in Your Creativity

This retreat offers something increasingly rare: uninterrupted time to paint, explore, learn and reconnect with your creative self in a beautiful and inspiring setting.

Ready to Join Us?

To reserve your place:

1. Email Ione at ioneharrisonart@gmail.com with your preferred room option.
2. If you'd like to chat before booking, I'm happy to arrange a short informal call to answer any questions.

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3. Pay your £650 deposit to secure your place.

You will then receive confirmation, payment details and further information to help you prepare for your retreat.

Only 9 places are available and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your retreat booking:

- Cancellations made before 17 November 2026 will receive a refund of all monies paid, minus a £50 administration fee.
- Cancellations made between 18 November 2026 and 18 December 2026 will receive a 50% refund of the total retreat cost.
- Unfortunately, cancellations made after 19 December 2026 are non-refundable and the full balance remains payable.

If the retreat is cancelled by the organisers for any reason, all payments made towards the retreat will be refunded in full.

Travel Insurance

Guests are responsible for arranging appropriate travel insurance to cover cancellation, illness, injury, personal belongings and travel disruption.

Acceptance of Terms

By confirming your booking, you acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions.



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