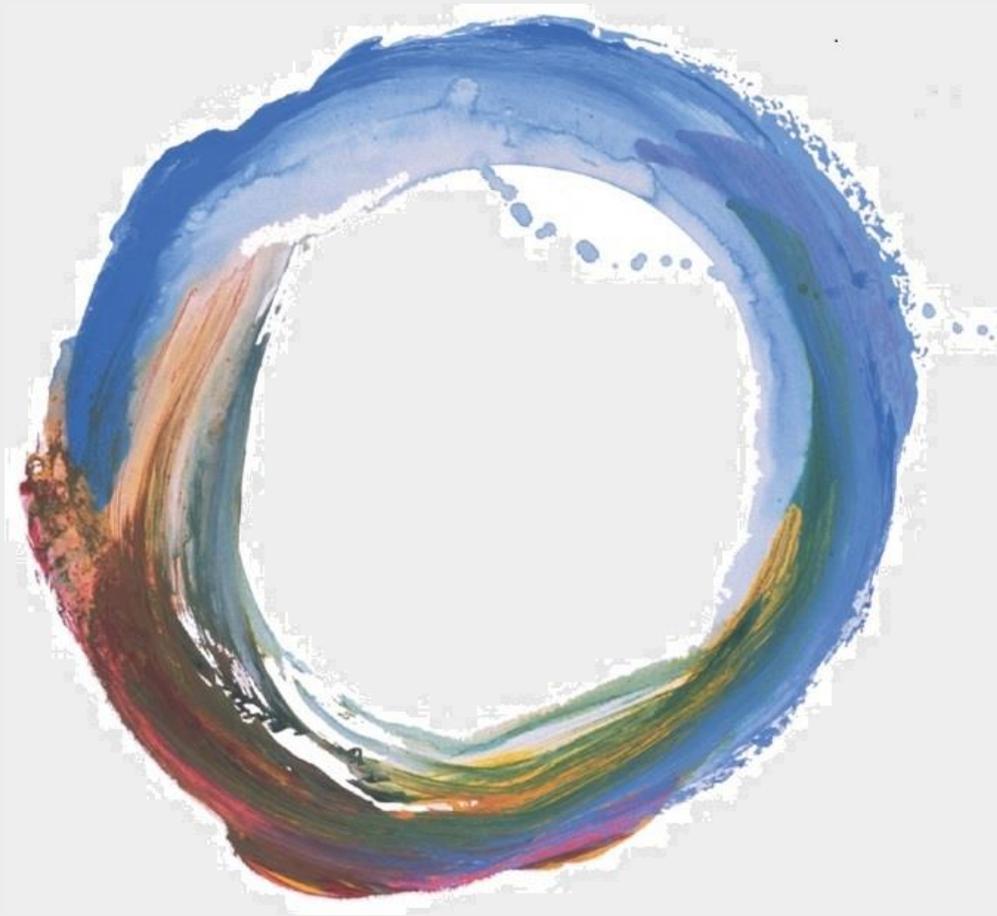


CEANGAL PAINTING RETREAT

COGNAC, FRANCE

16TH – 20TH JUNE 2020



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Come away to The Painted House and explore your painting skills in a relaxed supportive environment. Situated in a beautiful and historic French town on the banks of the Charente river surrounded by rolling vineyards, this is an invitation to relax into your art. Whether you are a beginner or a more experienced painter, this retreat offers you the space and time to enjoy a very special experience...

About the Programme

The retreat will focus on 'plein air' drawing and painting in the beautiful landscapes of Cognac. Painting locations include the rolling vineyards of Chateauneuf, the winding Charente river and the scenic and serene villages of St Simon, St Simeaux and Bassac. These locations have been chosen for their unique beauty and the different painting possibilities they offer.

Through one-to-one attention and shared knowledge, participants will explore and develop their observational painting skills in a relaxed supportive environment. The programme is suitable for the beginner and the more experienced painter.

The programme also includes visits to some very special local cultural attractions including Aubeterre sur Dronne - home of the largest underground church in Europe, Chateau de Villebois Lavalette and a wine tasting trip to the local vineyard Le Maine Giraud.



About the Tutor

Michelle Boyle is a professional full time painter working from her studio base in Ireland. She travels and exhibits internationally and recently received the 2019 Watercolour Society of Ireland President's Award.



Michelle is an experienced art tutor particularly in plein air painting and works with many cultural institutions including The National Gallery of Ireland. Her work is in international collections including the UN Paris, the Next Generation Self Portrait Collection London, Price Waterhouse, The Irish State, Microsoft International, The Drawing Institute Italy, the Irish Banking Federation, Tartu Print And Paper Museum Estonia. (www.michelleboyle-artist.com)

About your Hosts

Olive & Charlie are your hosts for the retreat and will look after you from the

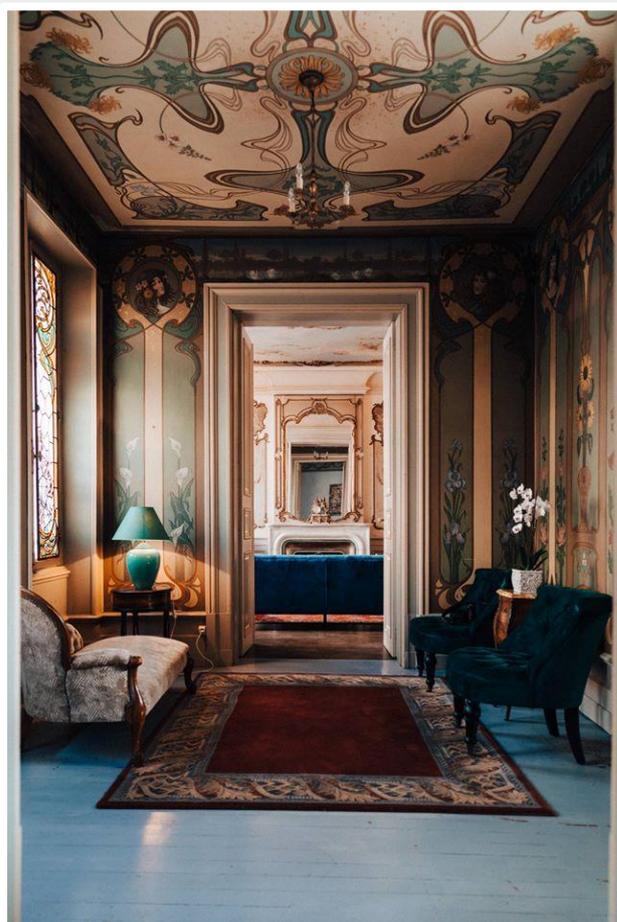


moment you arrive until the moment you leave – refreshed, relaxed and ready to go...their passion is creating well-being programmes in beautiful settings which offer the space for a very special experience. Quality instruction is complemented by an

authentic French experience, from the local food and wine you will enjoy, to the visits to some very special local attractions.

About your Accommodation

Built in the nineteenth century, this large townhouse became the residence of renowned local artist Paul Rousseau at the turn of the 20th century. Rousseau used the house as a gallery to display his talents as both an artist and interior designer. His décor dates from ca 1909 and has been curated and carefully protected down through the decades. The current owners continue to bring to life each painted room with care and sensitivity to the unique style they each convey. The Painted House is situated just 2 minutes from the heart of Chateaufort sur Charente – a quiet rambling French town on the banks of the Charente river, with a special charm of its own.



About the Food

As well as its famous Cognac, this region of France produces a wonderful array of fruit and vegetables, with small artisan producers, and large ones, showing extraordinary dedication and skill. During your time at The Painted

House, enjoy a taste of this area with healthy, nutritious dishes inspired by the seasonal local produce and developed by our qualified chef. We cater for all dietary requirements so just let us know your needs and we will meet them...

About the Cost

The all-inclusive cost of this Art Retreat is EUR699 per person sharing. The cost covers all tuition, accommodation, food & wine, guided outings and airport transfers associated with recommended flight times. If you wish to reserve your own room, you may do so at an additional cost of EUR10 per night. Please be aware this is subject to availability so please make known your preferences known when reserving your place.



A deposit of 50% is requested to reserve your place with the balance to be paid in cash on arrival. Please note that this exclusive Weekend is open to 12 participants. Please do not make travel arrangements until we confirm to you that our reservations are secured. We

will confirm no later than four weeks before the Weekend. Non-painting partners are welcome. Please contact us for further details.

About Art Materials

Michelle is an experienced tutor in both oils and watercolours and so participants can bring their preferred painting and drawing mediums. The best advice for plein air painting is to travel light – so do get in touch for a list of recommended materials to bring. There is a studio available at the house for those who want to develop their work further.

Getting here

The Painted House is located in the town of Chateaufort sur Charente, an hour from Bordeaux and 20 minutes from Cognac. Flight costs are not included in the cost of the Weekend but if you travel Ryanair Dublin-Bordeaux on Tuesday 16th June and Ryanair Bordeaux-Dublin Saturday 20th June transport to and from the airport will be provided at no extra cost.



Visit www.ceangal.eu to reserve your place

