Retreats@CasaAna

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FAQS 2024 WRITING RETREATS

Dates 2024

27 January – 6 February

27 April – 7 May

20 – 30 July

2 – 12 November

NB. Each retreat lasts 10 nights

Included in the writing retreat programme

**Group reading and feedback sessions**

There are three reading/feedback group sessions during the retreat, led by the resident mentor. They are optional and the cost is included in the price of the retreat.

**Prompt sessions**

There are three of these and they take place for half an hour after lunch – a fun way to remove any writers’ blocks. Attendance optional.

**Mentoring**

A professional mentor will be resident throughout the retreat, offering optional 1-1 mentoring sessions. Price currently €55 for one session, €155 for three (please check in case of price increases).

Terms and conditions 2024 retreats

**During the retreat you will have your own room with writing table and private bathroom (unless you opt to share a room or bathroom).**

Prices:

Single room: €1475

Standard room: €1675

Large room: €1775

Garden room (large room): €1875

SPECIAL OFFERS

**RETURNING WRITERS:** €100 off these prices if you have attended a creative writing retreat run by Casa Ana in the past five years.

**SHARING A ROOM WITH A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER:** Discount of €100 per person, large rooms only

**THERE IS ALSO A DISCOUNT** of **€50** on the single and standard room prices if you are willing to **share a bathroom** with one other person (subject to availability)

**Prices include:**

Room, 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, tea and coffee, 7 dinners, three group reading and feedback sessions, three afternoon prompt sessions, use of Casa Ana’s facilities including the guest kitchen, WIFI, garden and terraces.

**Prices do not include:**

One-to-one mentoring sessions, 3 dinners, flights, airport transfers, drinks apart from tea and coffee

**NB. These writing retreats form part of the Retreats@CasaAna series of events. They are being promoted and managed at Casa Ana by Tinca Leahy, ID Y2333887E, of Calle Santisima Trinidad Chite 23, Chite, 18656 Lecrin, Granada. Any queries or problems will be addressed by Tinca.**

**Payment schedule**

Payments as follows:

€250 deposit at the time of booking;

The balance minus €100 to be paid two months before arrival;

The remaining €100 to be paid in cash on arrival at Casa Ana

**Making your payment:**

1. **If you are paying in a currency other than euros:**

**EITHER** use the transfer company we recommend, Wise <https://wise.com/>,. Wise offer good exchange rates, and charge minimal commission, and the procedure is straightforward and reliable.

**OR**

Pay by credit/debit card. Please email us your card number and expiry date and we will charge your card as payments become due. If you prefer you can send the information by text to Tinca Leahy (promoter of **Reatreats@CasaAna)** on +34 616 151 041. We request that you pay an additional 1% to cover bank charges on credit/debit card payments. We take Visa and Mastercard (not Amex).

1. **If you are paying in euros:**

Pay by bank transfer or use Wise or pay by credit/debit card (see above for instructions on paying by Wise or with a card).

If you pay by bank transfer, please make payments to our euro client account (details below). Please ensure that you cover the cost of all bank transfer fees or other bank charges or commissions (whether incurred in your country or in Spain). At the time of booking please also send us your credit/debit card number and expiry date, to secure your reservation.

**Please note we cannot accept payments via Paypal.**

**Bank account for Retreats@CasaAna events:**

**Bank name:** Caixa Bank

**Branch:** Calle Perez Carillo 4, 18650 Durcal, Granada

**Account name:** Victoria Tinca Leahy

**IBAN no:** ES39 2100 0922 2202 0020 8906

**BIC:** CAIXESBBXXX

**Tinca Leahy’s address:** Calle Santisima Trinidad Chite 23, Chite, 18656 Lecrin, Granada.

**Cancellations**

Please note your deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. If you

cancel with 60 days’ notice before your arrival date, or under 60 days, your entire fee will be retained. Since refunds cannot be given we strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance.

**However… Covid-19: we will give refunds under certain circumstances if you are prevented from coming to Casa Ana due to Covid-19. Please see the attached Covid-19 cancellation policy document.**

**Covid travel Requirements**

Please regularly check with the government website in your country of residence and your airline to be sure that you keep up to date with the latest travel regulations. The Spanish government website is also useful: <https://www.spth.gob.es/>

**Getting to Casa Ana**

**Flights:** We recommend that you fly into Malaga airport, a 2-hour drive from Casa Ana. Many airlines fly to Malaga including Easyjet, Ryanair, BA, Iberia, Norwegian and more.

**Airport transfers arranged by us from Malaga Airport:**

A minibus will pick up guests at 16.00 on the first day of the holiday. The journey to Casa Ana takes just over 2 hours. On the departure day, the minibus will leave Casa Ana at 09.00, arriving at Malaga airport at around 11.15.

Price: €50 per person each way, payable to in cash on arrival at Casa Ana.

If you wish to make alternative arrangements, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please see our website for map: <http://www.casa-ana.com/>

**Travel Insurance**

It is a condition of your booking that you obtain travel insurance with

medical cover, and provide us with your policy number and insurance company. Alternatively, for UK writers, your EHIC or GHIC card is valid in Spain.

**About the house**

When you come to Casa Ana you’ll have your own room with a writing desk either in your room or in another room near your bedroom (unless you have opted to share a room with a friend or family member). Most of the rooms are en suite (see Terms & Conditions section above).

There is also a large sitting room with armchairs, writing table, coffee tables, bookshelves and a wood-burning stove. Mentoring and group critiquing sessions take place here.

Outside, there are terraces and a garden, furnished with tables and

chairs, ideal for quiet pondering or writing, even in the winter months.

The house is located on the edge of the village of Ferreirola (pop. around

28).

When you need a break from writing, there are long walks in the

mountains (and 20-minute walks to the bar) from the front door.

In summer Casa Ana guests can cool off in the pool at the hotel in the next village (price approx. €8 for the whole day, 25 minutes’ walk).

If you enjoy walking, bring sensible walking shoes/hiking boots.

**Housekeeping**

Soap and towels are provided. Shampoo and hairdryers are not provided.

We normally change towels and do a light clean half way through the retreat.

The guest kitchen has a fridge where you can keep snacks and drinks

(see “Meals”).

In summer: there are cooling fans in the bedrooms where required and in the sitting room and dining room.

In winter: there is underfloor central heating in all the rooms (including the bathrooms!) and extra blankets are provided. The log-burning stove in the sitting room adds extra cosiness.

FREE wi-fi is available in the sitting room, the dining room, the terrace and the bedrooms.

Printing and photocopying (small runs only) can be done for a charge of

40c per sheet.

We offer a laundry service on request for €8 per load.

There is a mobile phone signal at the house.

**Meals**

Breakfast will be provided each day at 9.00 (and 8.00 on the final day of the retreat). Breakfasts are included in the retreat price.

Lunch is provided each day at 1.30. Lunches are included in the retreat

price.

Dinners: we provide 7 dinners, at 7.30 pm, also included in the price.

Meals out: on evenings when dinner is not provided at Casa Ana you’ll

find some decent restaurants within walking distance of the house (20 minutes) including a pizza bar, a vegetarian restaurant and a traditional Alpujarra-style bar-restaurant.

Tea/coffee: always available in the guest kitchen, just help yourself. Biscuits too…

Other drinks: you can buy beer, wines, juices etc at Casa Ana and we

operate an honesty bar system for drinks.

Food allergies: It’s important that you let us know in advance if you are

a vegetarian or have any food allergies (please fill in the relevant details on the application form).

**The weather**

The weather in the Alpujarra is pleasant, with sunny days (usually hot in July and August), little rainfall, balmy summer evenings and magnificent winter sunsets. Winter average daytime temperatures: normally no lower than 10C.

Early summer average daytime temperatures: normally no higher than

28C. Mid-summer average daytime temperatures: 32C and above.

**What to wear - winter**

Long sleeve shirts or t-shirts

A couple of sweaters

Warm jacket

Hat, scarf, gloves

Sunglasses

Good walking boots if you’re interested in getting out into the

countryside

Rain jacket and umbrella, just in case

**What to wear – summer**

Short sleeve t-shirts

Linens

Shorts

Sun-tan lotion

Sun hat

Sunglasses

Light jacket or scarf for evenings

Sandals

Good summer walking shoes if you’re interested in getting out into the

countryside

Swimming things (Please bring your own bathing towel as we do not provide these.)

**What to bring**

Your own laptop

UK-Europe (or US-Europe) adaptor for your laptop, mobile charger etc

A mobile or flashlight if you’re planning to go out for the evenings

Your travel insurance policy (required)

Any Covid-related documentation as may be required (eg. vaccination certificate)

Masks (these are not currently required in Spain, but please check Spanish government requirements before coming to Casa Ana).

At least one Lateral Flow Test.

Cash euros (nb. there is no cashpoint in Ferreirola. The nearest is in the nearby village of Pitres).

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