

Painting Courses Pontrique 2020



This year Isabel Cator and Auriol Innes are offering two courses at Pontrique in May and September and very much hope that you might be interested in joining them. Pontrique is a traditional Gascon farmhouse set in 5 acres of pasture and is surrounded by vineyards with views of the Pyrenees to the south and picturesque hilltop villages to the north. The house has 6 double rooms and sleeps 10 comfortably, there is plenty of space both indoors and out. (Brochure attached.)

Auriol is the artist in residence and is happy to teach oils, acrylics, gouache, chalk pastel, pen & ink and drawing techniques. Isabel is your resident chef, cooking lunch and dinner as well as looking after you during your stay. Please let her know if you have any special dietary requirements.

May is a lovely time of year with long hours of daylight and plenty of scope for a productive few days. In September the light is softer which makes painting in the middle of the day easier and therefore the timetable will be slightly different. There will be opportunities to paint in and around the house, in the surrounding landscape and to visit and draw in a local town on market day. Weather permitting, we will also do a painting day at local beauty spot with a picnic.

You will need to bring: painting surfaces, paints and mediums, brushes and drawing materials but easels and any solvents will be provided. Auriol will be sending out an information sheet on artists materials.

2020 Course Price is £550 which includes tuition and full board including wine. The fee is payable eight weeks before commencement of the course.

May course: Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May

8-9am breakfast

9.30 – 12.30 painting/drawing

1-4pm lunch/siesta or time out

4-7pm painting/drawing

7.30pm – drinks and dinner

Arrival time is Monday early evening in time for dinner. This gives you time to prepare your painting/drawing materials and to be relaxed and ready for the following day. The course will start on the Tuesday morning and end at lunchtime on the Friday.

Recommended flights:

EASYJET 18/05/20 Gatwick 11.15 arrives Toulouse 14.05
22/05/20 Toulouse 17.15 arrives Gatwick 18.05

RYANAIR 18/05/20 Stansted 14.10 arrives Lourdes 17.10
22/05/20 Lourdes 17.40 arrives Stansted 18.35

You can also travel by train from St Pancras to Agen and there are hire car facilities opposite the station. This applies to May and September.

September Course: Thursday 17th September – Monday 21st September

8-9am Breakfast

9.30 – 12.30 painting/drawing

1-3pm lunch/siesta or time out

3-6pm painting/drawing

7.30pm – drinks and dinner

Arrival time is Thursday early evening or in time for dinner. This gives you time to prepare your painting/drawing materials and to be relaxed and ready for the next day. The course will start on the Friday morning and end at lunchtime on the Monday

Recommended flights:

RYANAIR 17/09/20 Stansted 13.35 arrives Biarritz 16.30
21/09/20 Biarritz 17.35 arrives Stansted 18.30

BA 17/09/20 Heathrow 14.00 arrives Toulouse 16.50
21/09/20 Toulouse 17.30 arrives Heathrow 18.20

Auriol Innes

Auriol is an experienced painter who has lived and worked in Norfolk since 1995 and has travelled extensively to paint in South America, India, Europe and the Hebrides. This is Auriol's second year tutoring our courses at Pontrique and for the last five years she has regularly tutored a life drawing class in London with Susannah Fiennes. Her third show with the Piers Feetham Gallery in London opens on March 12th, 2020 and she exhibits regularly in group shows including Cley and Open East. She has undertaken both portrait and landscape commissions both in the UK, USA and Bulgaria.



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