



MAS DE LA
SERRA
WILDERNESS RETREAT

Painting in Wild Spain

7 Nights at the *Mas de la Serra Wilderness Retreat*
with Artist & Tutor Penelope Anstice
28th September - 5th October 2023



The Location

Join artist tutor Penelope Anstice in “Spain’s Tuscany” for a unique painting holiday. This wild area in Aragon, maintains its traditional way of life with agricultural communities nestled around medieval villages on the edge of the stunning Els Ports Natural Park.



It was the dramatic backdrop of limestone mountains and glorious flower meadows that inspired a young Pablo Picasso and influenced his early works.



For this all inclusive holiday you will be based for 7 nights
at the Mas de la Serra Wilderness Retreat: a stunning location on the
edge of the coastal mountains boasting some of the finest views in Spain
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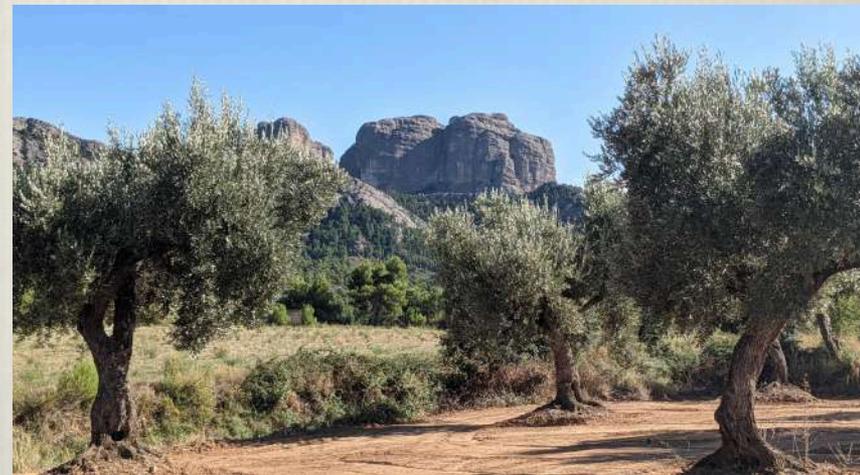
'A rustic château set in landscape so grand and rugged you might almost be reminded of Scotland, if it weren't for the fields of almonds in soft baize green unfurling away from the house.' **Financial Times .**



“The surroundings were extraordinary. Food amazing.”

“Alasdair and Gayle were so welcoming, and such good food by kind permission of Jenny. A really great week to remember. What an amazing part of the world that is.”

Recent testimonial



In addition to painting sessions based at the masia, there will be excursions to some of the local villages and surrounding countryside and the masia's manager Luis, will be in charge of activities for non - painters







Penelope
Anstice

Penelope was born in Scotland and studied at Edinburgh College of Art. Her early work was inspired by trips to Morocco, India and SE Asia. She lived in London and Amsterdam before returning to Scotland in 2007.



Penelope mainly paints landscape but returns, when she can, to exotic climes for a different kind of inspiration. She teaches at the Heatherley School of Art in London and for private groups in Scotland, France and Spain.

www.penelopeanstice.com

During the week there will be opportunities to capture Penelope's love of landscapes and villages. There will also be a visit to the wonderful Picasso museum in Horta de St Joan.



We have put together a programme for both painters and non painting partners. Painting sessions will generally be in the mornings and early evenings with plenty of time to relax in the masia grounds and visit the surrounding area.

Day 1	Arrive at Barcelona airport (joining point) - transfer to Mas De La Serra. Welcome dinner and drinks.
Day 2	Painting session based at the masia. Non-painters optional guided visit to the medieval town of Valderrobres. Masia restoration tour and presentation by the owner Lunch & dinner prepared by our Peruvian cook Jenny.
Day 3	Continuation of painting session at the masia. Non-Painters optional guided walk to the Picoso viewpoint Lunch & evening BBQ at the masia prepared by our Peruvian cook Jenny.
Day 4	Optional early morning visit to watch the vultures spectacle. Painting session in one of the many beautiful local villages. Non-Painters optional guided walk in the surrounding countryside Lunch at the masia. Dinner in a local restaurant.
Day 5	All day painting remote dramatic villages Picnic Lunch. Dinner prepared by our Peruvian cook Jenny
Day 6	Painting excursion into the mountains. Non- Painters optional guided walk in the mountains. Evening meal – roast lamb cooked in our outside bread oven prepared by our Peruvian cook Jenny.
Day 7	Relaxing day at the masia for all – painters will have plenty of time to finish their works. Late afternoon Paella prepared by our Peruvian cook Jenny
Day 8	Transfer to Barcelona airport



'I paint in both oil and watercolour. My aim when teaching is to show people as much technique as possible; with sound knowledge of technique, students can begin to find the confidence to put their own stamp on their work. I do quite a lot of demonstrating, often this is the easiest way to explain the process in practice. I concentrate on the fundamental and key elements of painting, namely composition, drawing, colour mixing, tonal contrast and mark making. I do not leave the students just to 'express themselves in paint'; without the necessary basics this can lead to frustration and despondency. Self expression is something an individual develops over time as their confidence and understanding grows and they are able to move away from the purely representative.' – Penelope Anstice'

All inclusive full board, transfers, tuition & activities.

**Early booking rate: £2350 / person in a private room .
£1950 / person sharing. (book by 1st January 2023)**

**Full Rate: £2650 / person in private room £2250 / person
in shared double.**

Joining Point: Barcelona Airport

The price does not include flights & insurance. We will advise on flights after the booking is confirmed

Further details on Mas de la Serra www.masdelaserra.com

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