

ABROAD WRITERS' CONFERENCE ***SPONSORS A CRUISE FOR AUTHORS***

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ATHENS – ROME, JULY 15 – 24 TH

Join us on a fabulous cruise on Atlas Ocean Voyages to Athens, Greece; Mykonos, Greece, Santorini, Greece, Valletta, Malta Syracuse (Sicily), Italy, Lipari Island (Sicily), Italy, Capri, Italy, and Rome, Italy.

Three different restaurants are onboard —with meals and drinks covered by the cost of your stateroom. There will also be a full treatment spa and beautiful pool. A voucher will be offered to use on services.

For writers, there will be a variety of workshops. Each workshop will be priced separately with payment at booking. Atlas Ocean Voyages is giving our group a \$1,000 discount. That discount is included in the room rates listed later on in this document.

WRITER WORKSHOPS

ANN HOOD

Writing the Story That's Been Growing in Your Heart

Bestselling novelist Jennifer Weiner tells us to "Tell the story that's been growing in your heart, the characters you can't keep out of your head, the tale that wakes you up in the morning." In this workshop you will unleash that story through writing exercises, readings, and discussion of your work. We will work together as a group to get your story out of your head - and onto paper.

4 day workshop, 12 hours - **\$600**

JACQUELYN MITCHARD

- Fiction workshop
- Essay workshop

Building The Cathedral: A Book from Plan to Print

This workshop focuses on a time-tested plan for planning, structuring, beginning, ending and sustaining a work of fiction or nonfiction. Along with leading a peer critique on sample work, Jacquelyn Mitchard will share techniques for deciding if an idea is “big” enough for a book, how to create a working plan, writing an alluring beginning, a compelling scene, and a symphonic ending. Writers at any point in their manuscript can benefit from this process.

Each writer will be asked to submit three pages for critique before the workshop, to each of the other participants.

“Few have the power to illuminate human relationships with as much depth and sincerity as Mitchard ...” Washington Post

4 day workshop, 12 hours - **\$600**

Life in a Nutshell: Crafting the Personal Essay

One day workshop including 15 minute 1:1 meeting with the instructor.

A personal essay can be a great tool for self-expression, opinion, humor, and emotion but also can be a way to create and sustain a literary presence by publishing in magazines, online venues, and on literary websites. Authors are often asked for 300-word essays to support their novels and non-fiction books at publication and beyond. There are very specific techniques involved - and we will focus on those rules as each writer creates one piece of personal autobiography, start to finish.

This class will cover creation strategies, including spectacular beginnings and symphonic conclusions, seamless structure and dialogue, but also strategies for completing what you start - and submitting what you complete.

3 hour workshop - **\$300**

DR. DEIRDRE FAGAN

Writing the Intimate: A Generative Workshop

Robert Frost said, “No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader.” This advanced poetry workshop is for poets interested in deepening the creative intimacy between poet and reader in their narrative and lyric poetry. The personal discovers the universal when we write honestly and deeply into our experiences and engage in reflective revisions of diction, tone, structure, and image. In this nourishing and productive community, we will consider the work of modern and contemporary poets; write at least four new poems; and engage in revision dialogues with an eye toward thematic and publication possibilities.

4 Days, 12 hours - **\$600**

MICHAEL RUHLMAN

- **Travel & Food Writing Workshop** - *details to follow*

SAMPLE OF DAILY SCHEDULE



July 15th, Departure at 11 a.m.

Athens, Greece

11:00 a.m.

Group Party: Champagne & Hors d'Oeuvres

12:00

Lunch

2:00 - 5:00

Workshop



7:00 - 8:00
Readings and Talks

8:00
Cocktails and Dinner

July 16th, Arrive at 8:00 a.m
Mykonos, Greece

7:30 a.m.
Breakfast

8:00 - 11:00
Workshop

Mykonos has significant archaeological sites, Ftelia and Diakoftis had some of the oldest Neolithic settlements, to the Middle Ages and Modern times. The first inhabitants of the island were Cairns.

The Archaeological Museum of Mykonos is a 2 km walk from the Pier.

OUR SPECIAL GROUP PRICE

- BIGGEST SUITE \$8,999 + 450 TAX
- JUNIOR SUITE \$7,999 + 450 TAX (JUNIOR SUITE)
- A2 \$3,499 + 450 TAX (LARGE GLASS VIEWING WINDOW THAT OPENS, 270 SF)
- B1 \$3,399 + 450 TAX (OUTSIDE TERRACE, ROOM 270 SF)
- B2. \$3,199 + 450 TAX (OUTSIDE TERRACE, ROOM 270SF)
- AO \$2,799 + 450 TAX (LOWER LEVEL, WINDOW, 190 SF)

Prices listed are per person. For single rooms, there's a supplemental fee.

Airfare is not included. Nancy Gerbault, the organizer, can offer help on finding the best deal for flights. Spouses and family members are welcome and offered a discount

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