

## **Painting Retreat in Switzerland**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

July 8 - 15, 2023

### 1. Which is our Daily Schedule?

#### July 8, 2023 - ARRIVAL & INTRODUCTION

Check in will be organized individually, depending on your hour of arrival and transportation choice. I will send you the Airbnb information after the payment.

2pm - Lunch and a short introduction in my studio

At 19:00 - DINNER - at a Restaurant in the village.

The following schedule is for the days between July 9 and 14, 2023

Breakfast in your Airbnb or in the village (not included in the price)

#### From 9:30 to 13.30 - MORNING PAINTING SESSIONS

Practical creative exercises, painting and occasional nature explorations for creative inspiration with a short break half-way through the morning.

#### At 13.30 - LUNCH - Art Studio

It will be served and delivered by a local restaurant. <u>https://www.restaurantzurpost.com/</u> On sunny days we can have lunch outside on the terrace with a beautiful view towards the Alpstein mountains.



#### From 14:30 to 17.30 - AFTERNOON PAINTING SESSIONS

Practical creative exercises, painting and occasional nature explorations with a short break half-way through the afternoon.

At 19.00 - DINNER - at a Restaurant in the village.

After 20.30 - FREE TIME

July 15, 2023 - DEPARTURE

## **2.** How do I get to my Airbnb and your Art studio?

The Art Studio address is Sägholzstrasse 35, 9038 Rehetobel, Switzerland. The Airbnb address in Rehetobel will be sent after payment.

#### By car

Google Maps link: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ovikJRqwx6iV1jRf8">https://goo.gl/maps/ovikJRqwx6iV1jRf8</a>

## By train

For train schedules check: <u>www.sbb.ch/en</u>

The closest bus station from the Art Studio is "Rehetobel Schulhaus" the bus (#121 direction "Heiden") leaves frequently from St. Gallen main train station. From the bus station it is a short downhill walk to the studio.

## By plane

The closest and most frequented airport is Zurich Airport. The airport is connected with a train station. For train schedules check <u>www.sbb.ch/en</u>. It takes roughly 1.5h from Zurich Airport to "Rehetobel Schulhaus" by public transport.

#### 3. What's the weather like in Rehetobel?



My studio and the Airbnb's are located in Rehetobel, 12 km from St. Gallen. Rehetobel is nestled in the heart of the Appenzell hills, at approximately 1000 metres altitude. It can get a bit fresh after sunset. I advise you to bring a jumper. Although July is usually very sunny in Appenzell, be prepared for some occasional rain showers. Please check the weather forecast before you leave and pack accordingly.

Also recommended are: **comfortable pair of shoes**, **a pair of slippers** and **clothes adapted for the painting sessions** and **outdoor explorations**.

#### 4. Do I need to speak German?

You don't need to speak German. I will teach the Painting Sessions in English. I can also teach in Spanish and Italian.

#### 5. What do I have to do in order to reserve my spot?

To reserve your spot, a full amount of **2'600 CHF has to be made within 7 days** of booking to my **POST FINANCE & TWINT** bank account specified below:

#### **POST FINANCE & TWINT**

Beneficiary: Ana Maria Fociuc

IBAN: CH53 0900 0000 1582 2762 9

**BIC: POFICHBEXXX** 

Once I receive the deposit, I will confirm the receipt.

#### 6. Which is the Cancellation Policy?

The retreat investment already paid in will be fully refunded within 7 days if I have to cancel the retreat for health or business reasons. A cancellation of the retreat for business reasons or Corona limitations (less than 3 retreat participants) will be announced latest on June 1st, 2023. It is advisable to organize transportation once the retreat is confirmed (it will be confirmed as soon as 3 people have booked their place and paid). I will not be responsible for any changes made for your transportation



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Once it is confirmed, there are no refunds for this retreat unless I am able to fill your spot. If we are able to fill your spot, a 100 CHF cancellation fee will apply, and the rest of your retreat investment (deposit or total price) will be refunded. If we are not able to fill your spot, there will be no refund issued.

In case of a natural disaster, pandemia or similar unforeseen reason, I will reserve the right to make any necessary changes to the retreat or cancel it. In case of a cancellation, I will offer you a full refund and the option to book another retreat. However, in this case, I will not be responsible for any changes made to your transportation choices.

#### **7.** How do I transport my paintings back home?

**By car:** the big canvases (of 100/80cm) fit perfectly in the back of your car. As well the small ones.

**By plane:** for the big canvases (of 100/80cm) the wooden frame stretching the canvas can be taken off. The canvas can then be rolled and transported in a tube which I will provide.

I will assist you on all the packaging.

# **8.** What else can I visit in the area if I want to extend my vacation?

Here are a few links to get some inspiration: Appenzell Tourism: <u>https://www.appenzell.ch/en/home.html</u> Lake Constance Tourism: <u>https://www.bodensee.eu/en</u> Switzerland Tourism: <u>https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/</u>

For any other question you may not find the answer here, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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