

1. How much does the retreat cost?

Total cost per person in a shared room (twin, queen or king bed) *: 4,050€

Total cost per person in a single room (queen or king bed): 4,785€

* Accommodation is based on double occupancy rooms. Let us know whether you'll be attending on your own or with a family member or friend.

A <u>500€ deposit</u> is required to secure your spot. This amount will be applied toward the total cost of the retreat.

2. What does the price include?

- 6 nights in a hotel room with private bath at Casa Anamaria Hotel with rural surroundings.
- Breakfast + lunch + studio break + dinner for each day.
- All encaustic workshops + 3 open studios.
- All art supplies for workshops.
- Excursions and bus transportation to Girona and Costa Brava.

3. What does the price NOT include?

Airfare

- Bus transportation from and to the airport.
- Special taxi arrangements.
- Extra food, drinks, or cocktails outside of the package meals are not included.

4. Which flight should I take to get to Barcelona on Sunday?

The ideal situation would be taking a flight that arrives in Barcelona <u>on Sunday in the morning</u>. And to depart to the US on <u>Saturday</u>, a flight that departs in the afternoon would be the best.

As soon as you purchase your flights and in order to organize the transportation, please, let us know the schedule to this email: andreaencaustic@gmail.com

5. Do I need to stay at the hotel?

Yes, all participants need to stay at Casa Anamaria hotel. Please <u>do NOT contact the hotel</u> regarding any changes or additions to your reservation. We work with a group sales manager for the package we provide, not the front desk. All reservations need to be handled directly by us.

We encourage you to extend your trip (before and/or after the retreat) to explore more of the surroundings. Contact me for recommendations.

6. I am lactose intolerant / gluten-free, etc. Can the hotel accommodate me?

Yes, please, let us know about your food-related allergies or intolerances to this email andreaencaustic@gmail.com as soon as possible. We will pass that information along to the hotel and restaurants on your behalf.

7. How many classes can I take?

8. How is the studio set up?

Work stations are shared between two students and include a table, a heated 24x14" palette, a heat gun, two butane torches, palette cups, R&F encaustic medium and

encaustic colors, and workshop-specific supplies. The Sala Tramuntana has good ventilation for our workshops. Up to 12 students will be in a workshop at one time.

9. What supplies do you provide? What supplies do I need to bring?

We provide R&F encaustic medium and paints, brushes, drawing materials, cradled and flat panels, painter's tape, tools, and any workshop-specific supplies. Additional information about supplies will be emailed in mid-2026 along with more information about the workshops.

10. Do I need to have experience with encaustic?

No. This retreat is designed for both beginners and advanced artists looking to expand their artistic repertoire. You do not need prior experience in encaustic, just the desire to explore and create.

11. What does a typical day at the retreat look like?

- Breakfast is offered at 8:00 am.
- The encaustic classes in the morning are from 9:00 am 1:00 pm, with a snack break at 11:00 am.
- Buffet-style lunch at the hotel is from 1:00 pm 2:30 pm.
- Afternoon workshops (including open studios) are from 3:00 pm 7:00 pm.
- Excursions will begin at 3:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday. Dinners are included.
- Dinner at the hotel is served at 7:30 pm.

12. Can I have a room upgrade?

Yes, you can have a room upgrade. Contact me for more information and prices. Please do NOT contact the hotel regarding any changes or additions to your reservation. We work with a group sales manager for the package we provide, and not the front desk. All reservations need to be handled directly by us.

13. Can my spouse / partner / family member / friend stay with me at the hotel?

Yes, they can and they're invited to take the encaustic workshops and experience the whole package, or they have the option to simply join us for meals and excursions. Please email us as soon as possible with that information and to determine if they're going to stay in the same room as you (andreaencaustic@gmail.com). The idea of this

retreat is to create a group of artists to meet each other and enjoy this encaustic experience together. The focus of this retreat is art with some sightseeing, not leisure tourism.

The workshops are designed for <u>adults</u>. If you want to join with someone under 21 years old, please, let us know.

14. What do I do when I am not in class?

Nearly all hours are filled with workshops, open studios, and guided excursions. You'll also have access to a swimming pool, tennis court, library, massage services, a spa, and beautiful paths and quiet roads perfect for a peaceful walk. Casa Anamaria Hotel is located in the heart of the countryside, offering a serene and secluded environment.

15. During the excursions, will we have dinner at the locations? And transportation?

Yes! On the 2 days we go on excursions (Girona and Costa Brava), we will have dinner in each location if the weather allows it. Extra food and drinks before or after dinner are not included in the excursion package. The bus will take us to the location and will bring us back to the hotel after dinner.

16. How do we depart from the hotel to the airport of Barcelona on Saturday?

We can arrange a private taxi for you to airport of Barcelona. The airport of Barcelona is about 1 hour and 45 minutes away from the hotel.

As soon as you purchase your flights and in order to organize the transportation, please, let us know the schedule to this email: andreaencaustic@gmail.com

17. What is the payment timeline?

- A 500€ deposit is required to save your spot. It is refundable if we can find someone to take your place. For paying the deposit, <u>sign up here</u> and we will email you with the payment link.
- The hotel and studio rental are due May 31, 2026.
- All the rest (encaustic workshops, art supplies, meal fees, and excursions) are due <u>July 31, 2026</u>.

All payment links will be sent directly to your email.

18. What is your cancellation policy?

Please read it here.

19. What is your Covid policy?

We do not require proof of vaccination or ask that students wear masks. If you become sick with Covid the week prior to the retreat, please notify us. Please read the cancellation policy.

20. Will I be able to take all the pieces I create back home?

Yes! For your incoming flight to Barcelona, we recommend leaving plenty of extra space and weight in your luggage to take all your work back home. We will help you to pack your pieces safely.

21. What is the weather like in September-October?

Normally during the day, you can wear a t-shirt. We recommend bringing a coat and long sleeves for the afternoons and nights. Daytime temperatures in September-October are comfortable, often between 20°C (68ºF) and 25°C (77ºF). In any case, we will email you with the weather and temperatures one week before the retreat.

22. Which language is spoken in that region?

Catalan is the official language. However, people speak Spanish and many people are English speakers. Some of the hotel staff will speak in English with you.



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