

Botanical watercolour Workshop

With Úrsula Romero
At Rignana Estate

13th to 20th June 2026



About the workshop



Your instructor

Úrsula Romero



Úrsula Romero is an internationally recognised British painter whose emotionally charged and botanically symbolic works bring us closer to the mystical, the metaphysical and the sublime. Around her creative axis spin ideas about longing and desire, being lost or trapped, dreams, destiny, fertility and loss. As a flower painter, Úrsula explores divergent approaches to botanical observation in order to challenge the efficacy of our existing visual language, ultimately inviting audiences to think beyond their own interactions with plants and their deeper meaning.

Having studied botany to Masters level and being self taught in painting, Úrsula offers stirring visual metaphors for complex scientific and spiritual ideas. Her paintings are meditations on nature and the mysteries of us passing through space and time. She uses flowers and leaves as her muse to tell her own autobiography. She describes all of her works as self portraits.

In recent years, her work has diversified as she continues to explore the invisible and hidden. In a sudden turn of events, Úrsula eventually decided to bury her alter ego Inky Leaves in 2022 alongside her true identity as Jessica Rosemary Shepherd, creating a Meta Tomb on Instagram entitled 'Requiem for a Flower Painter'.

RETREAT

Botanical Watercolour Painting

This 5 day retreat takes painters on a transformative journey into their creative expression within the field of flower painting and the botanical arts. Through live demonstrations and thoughtful guidance you will learn to create show-stopper pieces. On this course you will start working on one or several large, detailed painting/s and gain the expertise to complete them at home.

You'll learn and relax in the idyllic Rignana Estate - a sanctuary for painters, where time slows, presence expands and creativity blossoms.

This course is suitable for all levels and includes all paper. We advise you bring your own paints and brushes.



Retreat Timetable

Saturday 13th

16:00 Check in & estate tour

19:00 Welcome dinner at Rignana

Sunday 14th

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

10:00–12:00 Short Presentation & Introduction by Úrsula. Followed by a walk of the estate.

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 We organise the leaves, fruits and flowers that were chosen by you during the walk-in gardens and we will set up our botanical stages.

Drawing starts.

18:00 Wine Aperitivo

19:00 Dinner

Monday 15th

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

10:00–12:00 Drawing continues and the watercolour paper is prepared for painting

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Demonstration of painting by Úrsula and painting begins

18:00 Wine Aperitivo followed by dinner

Tuesday 16th

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

10:00–12:00 Painting on your chosen subject continues. Úrsula talks about colours and demonstrates her own painting techniques.

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Painting on your chosen leaf continues. Úrsula talks about burnishing and glazing.

18:00 Wine Aperitivo followed by dinner

Retreat Timetable

Wednesday 17th – Rest Day

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

Possible day trip to Florence for those interested, or you can spend the day relaxing by the pool.
(lunch not included)

6pm Optional dinner at La Cantinetta Di Rignana (not included in the price)

Thursday 18th

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

10:00–12:00 Painting on your chosen subject continues or you can choose a new subject and composition. Úrsula talks about black backgrounds.

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Painting continues or you can start a new painting

18:00 Wine Aperitivo followed by dinner

Friday 19th

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

10:00–12:00 Painting continues or you can choose a new subject

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Painting Continues

18:00 Exhibition & aperitif style dinner

Saturday 20th

8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Checkout

Accommodation



THE ESTATE

In the Heart of Tuscany

We would be delighted to welcome you to our home, an 150-acre estate surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, where alpacas and horses graze freely. Our retreats are an immersive experience where you can cultivate your creativity with like minded people, connect with the natural world and taste the flavours of Tuscany through our farm-to-table meals paired with wine from our vineyards.



A Sanctuary for Artists

Develop your technique in our Renaissance Church and amongst the Tuscan Countryside.





FACILITIES

Tennis Court

An astroturf tennis court with a view, providing the perfect opportunity for both recreational and competitive play. Sit on the stone wall and watch a tennis tournament.



FACILITIES

Infinity Pool

The 18x8m marble pool with large spaces to sunbathe or practice yoga, a vine pergola that provides ample shade. By the pool, a Tiki bar offers a relaxed setting for refreshments.





Accommodation Rates

June 13th - 20th 2026 (7 nights)

Suite (Master bedroom, Living room, mezzanine bedroom & bathroom):

Two people: €4,390

Extra person: €1,000 each

Superior bedroom with ensuite:

Single occupancy: €2,890

Shared occupancy: €3,890 for two people

Bedroom with ensuite:

Single occupancy: €2,590

Shared occupancy: €3,590 for two people

Bedroom with shared bathroom:

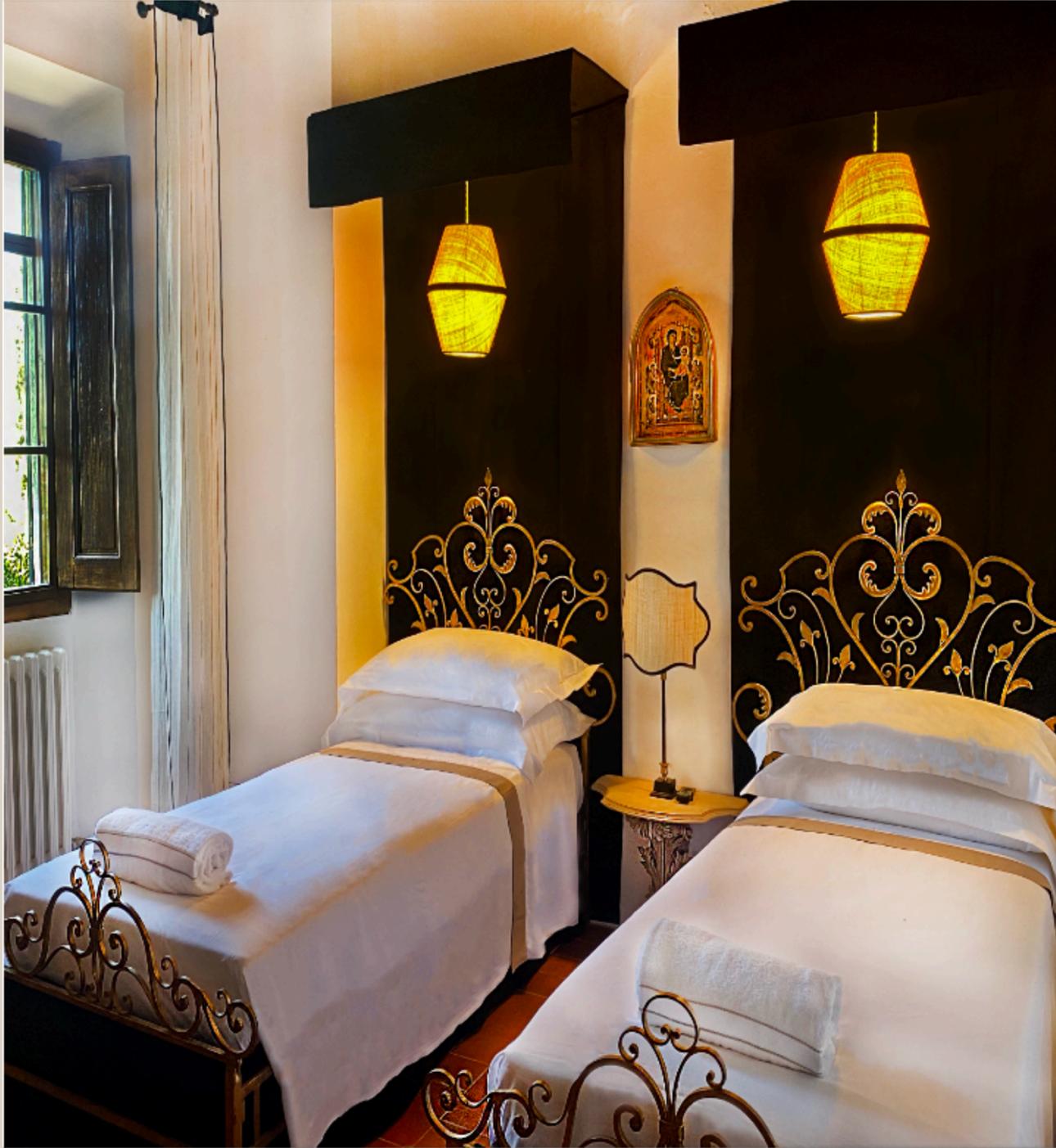
Single occupancy: €2,295

Shared occupancy: €3,295 for two people

Tuition fee: €450

Important Note: The accommodation fee and the tuition fee are separate.

ACCOMODATION



What's included

- 7 nights accomodation
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches and. 6 dinners with wine
- Pizza making experience
- Daily Aperitivo
- Transfers
- Paper
- Towels & linens (one towel change per stay)
- Infinity pool
- Tennis court
- Wifi
- Laundry facilities
- VAT tax



What's not included

- We advise you bring your own paint and brushes.
- Wine Tours
- Massage
- City tax (€2.50 per person per day to be paid in cash on arrival)

Practical Information

Dates

13 – 20 June 2026

Check-in and check-out

On 13 June you are very welcome at Rignana Estate from 16:00.
Check-out on 20 June is before 10:00.

Address

Rignana Estate, Rignana 8, Greve, in Chianti
Toscana, Italy 50022 Firenze

Travel

You organise your own journey. When traveling from Florence we encourage you to travel by taxi or carpool with other participants. Before the trip, you will receive a travel coordination schedule to help you align your plans with your fellow participants.



How to get to Rignana Estate

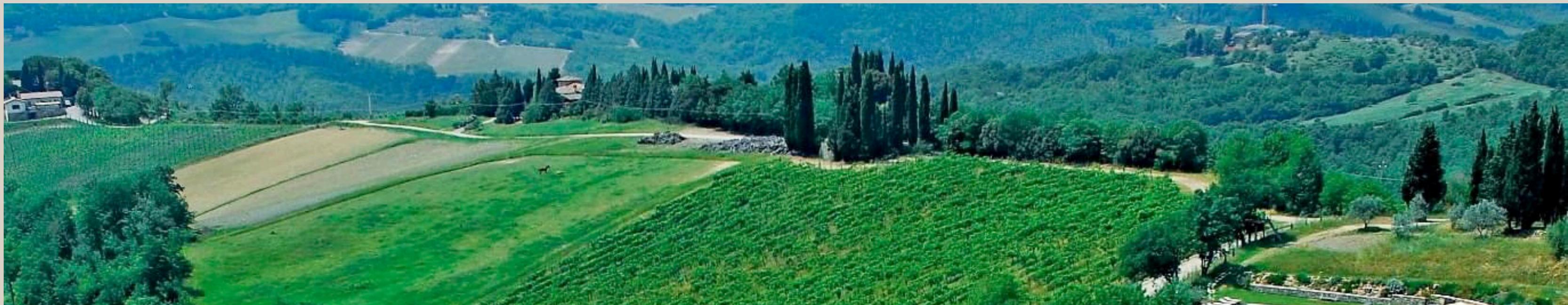
Travel to Italy

- **By Air to Florence:** Florence Airport (Peretola) is the closest airport to Rignana Estate. The estate is a 50minute drive from Florence airport
- **By Air to Pisa:** Alternatively, you can fly into Pisa International Airport. From Pisa, you can connect to Florence by bus, train, or taxi.

From Florence to Rignana Estate

By Car: Renting a car is the most convenient way to reach Rignana Estate. From Florence, it's an approximately 40-minute drive to the Estate.

Alternatively, we can search for the most convenient price for a taxi or minibus taxi service for you.



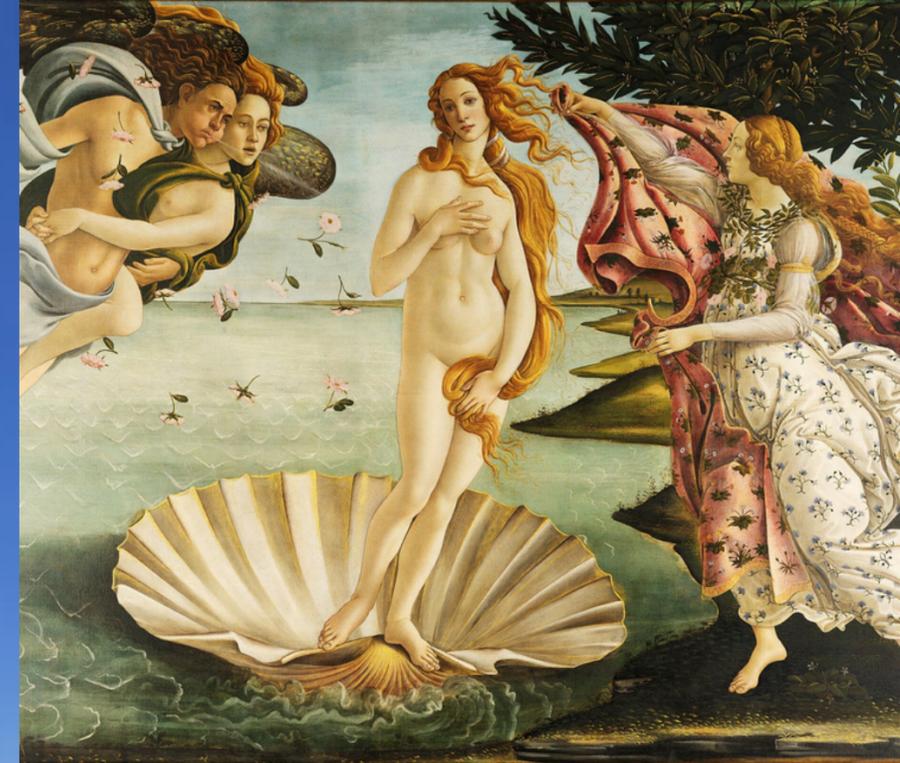
Prime Location Highlights

Just 40 minutes from Florence, Rignana Estate offers the perfect balance of tranquility and accessibility.

Nearby, charming villages like Greve and Panzano invite exploration, while world-class wineries such as Antinori nel Chianti Classico provide unforgettable tasting experiences.

We highly recommend a visit to the monastery of Badia A Passignano, home to Ghirlandaio's Last Supper. A tour with one of the monks is a must!

Walking and cycling is popular in the area. The primary walking route passing through the Rignana area is the historic Via Sanese, a leg of the ancient pilgrimage route leading to the Via Francigena, offering hilly treks through vineyards and olive groves.



Contact us

Any questions please get in touch!

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We hope to welcome you soon

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