



Herm Art Retreat

9th – 16th September, 2026

(all abilities welcome)

About Herm

Just three miles from Guernsey, Herm is a world apart. A tiny, car-free island where wild coastal paths, soft white-sand beaches and sweeping sea vistas create an atmosphere of deep peace and unhurried simplicity.



With its dramatic cliffs, ever-changing tides and luminous light, Herm offers artists a rare chance to step away from daily life and immerse themselves fully in the natural world. For painters, the island is a dream: endless viewpoints, clear horizons, shifting colours and charming details at every turn. Whether capturing rugged coastline, soft dunes, thriving flora or Herm's abundant birdlife and wildlife, the island's landscapes, from wildflower-strewn paths to the expanse of open sea, provide pure inspiration in every direction.

About Your Tutor – Richard John Nichols

Discover the calm, creative rhythm of island life with a five-night artistic escape led by esteemed tutor Richard John Nichols. Known as “The Around Britain Artist,” Richard brings decades of professional creative experience, from publishing and design leadership to international art tutoring, to craft inspiring, supportive, and deeply enriching art retreats. With his warm, encouraging style and a lifetime spent painting coastlines and islands, Richard offers guests an unforgettable opportunity to develop their artistic voice while capturing the unique beauty of Herm.



7-Day all-inclusive Itinerary

£1575 per person

(Second person sharing a room charged at standard B&B tariff; additional meals to pay)

Your Retreat Includes

- Full board with dining in The White House Hotel's Conservatory Restaurant
- Return travel between Guernsey Harbour and Herm
- Full professional tuition with Richard John Nichols
- *Travel to Guernsey not included — our team is happy to help you find the best options*



- ❖ All breakfasts and evening meals are served in The White House Hotel Conservatory Restaurant.
- ❖ Good walking shoes are essential throughout.
- ❖ Herm boasts some of the best sunsets in the world - a spectacular wash of colour across the sky, ideal for capturing before dinner.

Day 1 – Arrival

Arrive and settle in.

6:30pm: Meet in hotel lounge for a welcome introduction before dinner.

Day 2 – Harbour & Common

9:30am: After breakfast meet in Hotel Garden Room (which will be the base meeting point for the group). Walk through Harbour Village past The Herm Shop and Mermaid Tavern along the path bordering Fisherman's Bay with views to Guernsey, Hermetier and Herm's oyster beds. Continue to Herm Common and onwards to Oyster Point and the Pierre Aux Rats obelisk for sketching and painting.

12:30pm: Packed lunch delivered.

3pm: Return to hotel for free time.

From 7pm: Dinner served (optional pre-dinner sunset painting)



Day 3 – Puffin Bay Cliffs

9:30am: Meet and climb Rosaire steps, tracing the cliff path above Puffin Bay with sweeping views towards Jethou, Sark, Brecqhou, Jersey and the French coast with opportunities to see the southernmost puffin colony in Europe nesting here.

12:30pm: Packed lunch delivered.

3pm: Return to hotel for free time.

From 7pm: Dinner served (optional pre-dinner sunset painting)



Day 4 – Moulin Huet, Guernsey

6am: An early breakfast before taking the 7:50am Herm Travel Trident ferry to Guernsey where you will spend the day painting at Moulin Huet Bay, where Renoir famously created works including *La Baie du Moulin Huet* (1883), *Children on the Beach at Guernsey*, and *Rocks at Guernsey*.

Packed lunch provided.

5:15pm: Return ferry to Herm.

From 7pm: Dinner served (optional pre-dinner sunset painting)



Day 5 – Free Painting Day

A relaxed day to continue painting, revisit a favourite location, or explore Herm at your own pace. Richard will be available for assistance.

Lunch in The Conservatory Restaurant or a packed lunch.

From 7pm: Dinner served with the option to capture the evening colours.



Day 6 – Harbour Hill, St Tugual's & Manor Village

9:30am: Meet and walk up Harbour Hill, passing the Zen Garden in Valley Panto, created during Herm's covid lockdown to provide a tranquil, quiet space. Carry on to the viewing platform with views across to Guernsey or continue to the beautiful 11th Century St Tugual's Chapel and Manor Village - peaceful, characterful locations ideal for both landscape and architectural work.

12:30pm: Packed lunch delivered.

3pm: Return to hotel for free time.

From 7pm: Dinner served with sunset painting possible.



Day 7 – Belvoir Bay

9:30am: Meet and walk up Harbour Hill, via St Tugual's Chapel and down through a wooded valley towards Belvoir Bay. Paint from the viewpoint or beach, with vistas towards Sark, Brecqhou and, on clear days, the French coast.

12:30pm: Packed lunch delivered.

Return via Shell Beach around 3pm.

From 7pm: Dinner served with a final opportunity for sunset studies.



Day 8 – Departure

Farewells and departure from Herm.

