Memoir Writing with Kim Hope

October 11 - 16, 2026

Kim Hope returns to Maison Quaker with a retreat specially focused on memoir writing. For experienced and inexperienced writers alike, bring your story with you to Maison Quaker. The program will feature ample time to work on your writing, allowing you to settle into your words in our lovely valley located between the Cévennes Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

Kim is an experienced workshop facilitator. She has had a ‘portfolio career’ in journalism, public relations, education, writing and theatre. She will use her extensive experience to help bring your work alive, and to encourage your voice to appear on the page.

Each day, guests will begin either with a group activity, one on one time with Kim, or with writing time. After lunch, the rest of the day is blocked for focused writing with time before dinner to share your work and writing experience with the other guests. Each day starts with a meeting for worship guests are welcome to attend.

Our guests often come before the retreat or stay on to continue making art or to walk, cycle or go sightseeing.

Accommodations: Our accommodations are simple and comfortable. Some rooms are en-suite, some share bathroom facilities. We have rooms available on the ground floor to ensure ease of access for guests with mobility problems and we have a shower room adapted for guests with disabilities. The meeting room has a piano which guests are welcome to play. We have a large attractive garden with many sunny and shady spaces.

The Food: We offer a buffet breakfast each morning from 8h30. At lunchtime the lunches generally consist of a salad, a quiche or other savoury dish, a dessert, fresh fruit and drink. In the evening there is a three-course meal with wine. Throughout the day there are a selection of teas and coffee available as well as biscuits and fruit. We can accommodate vegetarian and gluten free diets upon request.

The Cost: Facilitated Programme: 5 nights - 795€ private / 650€ shared accommodation, includes all meals, transport to local sites, accommodation.

Additional Days: 140-150€ per day private / 130€ per day shared accommodation includes accommodation, transport to local sites, breakfasts and evening meals.

Deposit Information: Please send your 200€ deposit via bank transfer in euro or we can take a check in your own currency and we will hold it and exchange it for euro cash when you arrive. You can use Wise for an easy and inexpensive way to send your dollars or pounds to us in euro:

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We will email out further information on transportation and the schedule in a follow up email, or please see our website.

We hope you can join us!

Miranda Coble et Elijah Snow-Rackley, amis-résidents

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