



Escape and Create

Join us for a week of magic at the Chateau de Saint Germain des Pres. Escape into the world of books and feel like the main character of your own story for at this romantic chateau nestled in the French countryside. Our Main Character Retreat will take you on a quiet adventure with your kindred spirits as we combine relaxation, gourmet meals, and content creation. Collaborate with other creatives on group shoots and take part in themed meals and activities all while soaking up the summer sunshine and staying at your own private chateau.

Day one: Arrive and decompress. Start your adventure at the chateau by greeting your fellow guests and hosts with champagne and small bites. Your story is only beginning! Afterwards we'll do a tour of the grounds to familiarize everyone with the chateau we will be calling "home" for the next week. Take time to relax in your rooms or wander at leisure and join us for our first dinner provided by the cordon bleu trained chefs.

After dinner join is for a relaxed bookish evening. We'll discuss the group novel we voted on reading together in advance of the trip. There will be wine and snacks as well as we all get a chance to talk about books and bond.

Day two: Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the chateau in your own time and spend the morning exploring the grounds on your own. Feel free to roam around and start creating as you feel inspired, but save your energy for our "princess and paupers" afternoon group photoshoot!

After lunch get dressed up in your princess or "peasant princess" finery and join us for an afternoon of fun shooting and filming around the grounds. Contribute your own ideas for the different scenes and concepts as we pour champagne from the balconies and spin in circles around the tower. Ballgowns, corsets, and whatever props you want to include are welcome within the theme. The chateau will provide the backdrop as we explore the tower and grounds with our cameras and creativity. Thomas and Stephen will be on hand to help with filming and photography for this group shoot, but you are also welcome to step behind the lens or collaborate with one another on

individual and smaller group moments throughout the afternoon. Pictures from the week will be uploaded to a shared drive for everyone to access.

Day three: Ease into the day at your own pace with breakfast provided in the dining room whenever you wake, but be ready at 11:30 for the flower crown workshop where we will weave together fresh florals into summer crowns perfect for our afternoon group shoot.

Following the flower crown workshop join us for the all white picnic. Thomas and Stephen will be on hand to assist with group photography and video at people's desire. Relax in the sun with the charcuterie while also capturing the magic of the moment. Everyone is asked to wear in all white in their own style (see our recommended packing list).

Day four: Between our meals at the chateau get a chance to soak up the local culture by living the "Belle" life by exploring a local market, with free time to wander the picturesque town and visit another local chateau. We'll travel as a group while also having enough free time if you want to explore on your own. This will be a great chance to see more of the region.

Day five: After a quiet morning join us for lunch as we organize for a "scavenger hunt" inspired creative afternoon. We'll organize into smaller groups and concepts to visit different areas around the chateau where various themes will be set up. Share your concept or goals and find kindred spirits to create with. There will be a "muse and artist" station with easel, paints, and canvasses. A few sets butterfly wings for flower fairies to don while taking in the sunshine in one of the wild fields on the chateau grounds—and so much more. Get creative with your own concepts as well and borrow props from the chateau to create as you feel inspired.

Join us after dinner for a movie night. Enjoy dessert and a movie under the stars as we lounge on blankets and pillows.

Day six: As a last goodbye to the chateau prepare for a magical night of candlelight and masks for the last supper. Dress your best for haunting the chateau or choose an all black ensemble to grieve the goodbyes that have come to soon! Masks will be provided.

Day seven: Enjoy your breakfast at the chateau before leaving on your next adventure!

Suggested packing list:

- please bring a white outfit for the all white picnic
- princess dress or peasant and cottagcore princess attire for the princess and paupers group shoot (gown rental available upon request in advance)
- formal black, white, or red attire for the masked dinner
- comfortable shoes for walking around the grounds and day trips outside of the chateau
- main character props such as swords, crowns, masks, fairy wings, etc all will help enhance your content in addition to the props we will have on hand