

Writers at Sea

Thank you so much for your booking Writers at Sea 2019! Alli and Tina are very excited to have you on board for a week of writing and inspiration.

Below is the latest schedule for the retreat but please note this may be adjusted if required.

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Monday, 4th November

Ship departs: 16:30pm	Board Radiance of the Seas® Boarding times are staggered, and you can choose which time suits you best – will be updated closer to the time.
	Safety briefing (all cruisers)
	Depart Sydney: Meet on deck facing the Opera House – Level 2 - have the camera ready as the views of Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge are incredible!
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner in the dining room - all get together and say hello and start off the cruise together. Get together afterwards in informal setting: 1. Alli will run through the ins and outs of cruising, including making the most of your time onshore. 2. Introduction of everyone - who you are, what you are writing and what you are hoping to achieve on the cruise. 3. Discussion as to any changes in the itinerary that we have done after reading everyone's work.

Tuesday, 5th November

7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
8:45am-9:00am	Official registration
9:00am-12:30pm	Workshop: Tina – Creating a 3D book. Plotting, planning or pantsing, tools to use to minimize your work load. Writers will learn the tools necessary to plan their characters and setting and enhance their book so that their characters and setting comes alive and are real to the reader.
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30pm-4:30pm	Tide Pool - Alli – Pomodoro Method – Alli will introduce you to the Pomodoro method to help your word count climb in a short amount of time. We will all work on our manuscripts using this method to achieve a plentiful wordcount.
4:30pm-7:30pm	Free time – writing or relaxing.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with group
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship's entertainment.

Wednesday, 6th November

7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
9:00am-12:30pm	Workshop: Alli – GMC - Goal. Motivation. Conflict. Whether you're writing a tagline, blurb, synopsis or completing your manuscript, goal, motivation and conflict all come into play. Alli will show how to use this system in all aspects of your work and help make it shine.
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30pm-4:30pm	Tide Pool - Writing time in group
4:30pm-7:30pm	Free time – writing or relaxing.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with group
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship's entertainment
Thursday, 7th November	
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
8:00am-5pm	Port day, Noumea, New Caledonia
3.30pm-6.30pm	One on one session (to be advised). In these sessions we go through the work you submitted, but we also work with you on anything that you are having a problem with, and specifically need some help on.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with group
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship's entertainment.
Friday, 8th November	
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
8:00am-5pm	Port day, Lifou, Loyalty Island
3:30pm-6.30pm	One on one session (to be advised). In these sessions we go through the work you submitted, but we also work with you on anything that you are having a problem with, and specifically need some help on.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with group
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship's entertainment.
Saturday, 9th November	
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
8:00am-5pm	Port day, Isle of Pines, New Caledonia
3:30pm-6.30pm	One on one session (to be advised). In these sessions we go through the work you submitted, but we also work with you on anything that you are having a problem with, and specifically need some help on.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with group
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship's entertainment.
Sunday, 10th November	
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
9:00am-12:30pm	Workshop: Alli – Delving deeper into character conflict (internal and external), themes in storytelling, crafting your elevator pitch and synopsis using GMC and writing a query letter that will have the reader begging for more.
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30pm-4:30pm	Tide Pool - Writing time in Group
4:30pm-7:30pm	Free time – writing or relaxing.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Proposed Restaurant night - Dinner with group at one of the restaurants on the ship. TBA. (NOT included in price)
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship's entertainment

Monday, 11 th November	
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
9:00am-12:30pm	Workshop: Tina – Life After The first draft – how to layer and edit your book after the ‘vomit’ first draft, to ensure you can deliver the best possible product.
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30pm-4:30pm	1. Tide Pool - Writing time in Group. 2. Any last questions.
4:30pm-7:30pm	Free time – writing or relaxing.
7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with group
9:30pm onwards	Free time to write or enjoy the ship’s entertainment
Tuesday, 12 th November	
6:30am	Arrive Sydney: It’s definitely worth getting up early to watch the sun rise over Sydney Harbour!
7:00am-08:00am	Breakfast with group in the dining room
8:00am onwards	Disembark ship