



**Pete Monaghan**

*“Aquitaine - A Creative  
Retreat”*

**3 Day Art Workshop with UK Artist,  
Pete Monaghan**

Sunday 4th October to Thursday 8th October 2026



## We Venture to South West France

Welcome to the enchanting Aquitaine region of France, where you will discover the charming hilltop village of Pujols.

Nestled amidst picturesque landscapes of the Saint-Émilion region, this authentic village offers a delightful blend of stunning views, rich history and vibrant culture, making it a perfect destination for exploration and relaxation.

There is such a wide range of subject matter, beautiful light, and lovely historic charms for the artist. Each corner reveals something unique, providing endless opportunities for creative expression.

# AQUITAINE - It's Quick and Easy to Get to

Fly from many UK airports to either Bordeaux or Bergerac and Pujols is 50 minutes from each. Or fast train to Bordeaux from Paris. From the airport, it's a tram or taxi to the main train station then a train to Castillon, the local town. We will meet the train and whisk you the 10 minutes to the venue. Separate travel guide on request.

## Pete Monaghan as our Tutor

Pete is a renowned UK painter – a second generation Irish contemporary artist working from his studio in Aberystwyth. He holds an MA in Fine Art from Aberystwyth University. This is Pete's fourth workshop with us – he has a dedicated following from those who love his relaxed humorous delivery, his insightful tuition and the flair for sharing skills between all participants.



While sketching outside you'll have the chance to capture a landscape view of the hilltop village framed by vineyards and poplars. You can also focus on the charming details of a typical sleepy French village, including beautifully proportioned weathered sandstone houses, shuttered windows and verdant hedgerows.

You'll start your work on high quality cartridge paper, using water-soluble mediums like acrylics and crayons. As your project develops, you can transition to wood panels or canvas.

Each day will feature enjoyable exercises focusing on both line and colour, helping you explore different techniques and enhance your artistic skills.

Pete will facilitate discussions on how to develop your personal visual language, guiding you on the best ways to progress your paintings. These conversations will help you add depth and sophistication to your work, encouraging you to find your unique artistic voice.

# Beyond the Art

It's not just the study that will make this workshop memorable. The hospitality of southern France is legendary. This is of course renowned wine country, but also rich in quality ingredients for wonderful meals. Delightful markets, tempting bakeries and abundant hedgerows. We've teamed up with an old friend, Sophie of "Dame Chouette", to use her gite and renovated cottages on her estate as our base for charming and authentic accommodation ([www.damechouettepeujols.com/en](http://www.damechouettepeujols.com/en)).

Morag Young is the facilitator for the entire event and her family gite nearby (5 minute walk up the hill and through the vines) will provide additional accommodation. Morag curates 3 or 4 art courses a year and has an established reputation for organizing friendly, fun gatherings with exceptional tutors.

Sophie is a great cook and will be preparing many of our meals.

## Prices

Places for the workshops are limited to 10 participants on a first come first served basis.

The cost of the art retreat is (single occupancy):

Room with ensuite £ 1,350

Room sharing shower/toilet £ 1,200

## This includes:

Collection to/from Castillon station 4 Continental Breakfasts ; 3 days Lunches; all refreshments throughout the day; welcome aperitifs; 4 nights Dinner (with wine) & 4 nights Accommodation; All art materials required (please bring your favourite paintbrushes); local tourist taxes and fees; exclusive use of the entire property with a salt water pool and spacious converted barn used as an art studio; private gardens and terraces; good company

NOT included are flights or travel to Castillon. Allow E40 each way from Bordeaux Airport to Castillon. E60 from Bergerac (this needs a taxi from Bergerac airport to Bergerac Station).

## Non-Painting Partners Rate £450

Additional nights -£100 per night when available.

The workshop opens with a reception at 18.00 on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October and ends after breakfast on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. The group meet 10.00 to 16.30 each day, with lunch from 12.30 to 13.30. So, the 3 days of the core workshop are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5,6,7 October (10.00 to 16.30 each day).

## Book Now!

It's easy and quick to book. Please simply visit [www.myscottishartist.com](http://www.myscottishartist.com) and reserve.

Payment at time of booking, please. Refundable 100% up to 3 months before the event, then non-refundable.

# Images of Pujols and Dame Chouette

