



Lexis Retreats Reviews

"...I'm reaching out to say thank you for the beautiful retreat you created. It was so inspiring being in your home and having the time to take everything in slowly and stop to study some things more intently. Since this was the first time I was in France, I felt like there was so much that I was absorbing.

Now that I've been home a few weeks, I can feel the influences start to bubble up. I find myself moving furniture around a bit, throwing more layers over a sofa, playing with colour, etc. I especially appreciated the personal feedback I received from you and Zandra on my living room and kitchen. I'm excited to try and match the paint colour from Francesca's paints, for my kitchen. As well as working on some colour updates for my living room.

I was listening to the instagram post you put out today and resonated with the idea of gathering inspiration over time and through travel and through our interactions with different cultures. We had a great group of women that gathered for this retreat. I'm glad we have our instagram page to stay in touch and see what develops with each of us. I'm excited also, to hear how the next retreat in September unfolds. Good to know you are continuing to develop these ideas and practices for living a rich and colourful life in and outside our homes!

Looking forward to staying in touch..."

Kate Fiello

"...Thanks to our experience with Lexis Retreat last fall we have enhanced our life by having you and ALL the beautiful soulmates who made up the Lexi Retreat tribe!

Both my husband & I adored every magical experience that you, Miv curated so brilliantly. You gave us one the best experiences of how to share ones beloved home in the most authentic genuine way by sharing passions for nature, food, wine, beautiful objects & art, architecture that delivers a soulful connection to ones self.

We can't wait to share more life enhancing experiences with you and the Lexis retreat tribe in the future 🙏🌟🌟🌟🌟..."

Shelley & Harris



"...This could have easily been simply a really nice creative retreat in wonderful surroundings, with amazing food, but for me it was much much more than that..."

I apologise if I don't make much sense, though I suspect you get it perfectly; for the first time in many years, I felt like I belonged to Me again... For me it wasn't just about getting helping for a project doing up a room. I needed to have a yearning inside me seen, heard and freed...

I know you joked about Charlotte and I being the 'guinea pigs' (very willing ones!), but you provided that fertile ground that I was looking for simply by just being YOU... So that is what I really want to thank you for. By welcoming me in the most natural accepting way, you provided the space and the freedom for me to do the same for myself...

Your 'team', Philippe, Francesca, Penny are just as authentic and warm as you and the perfect guardians. What a joy to be amongst people who are so comfortable in their own skin and love what they do..."

Jilla

"...The Lexis retreat caught my eye because I have always been interested in creating and appreciating interiors and was looking for something rewarding to do when I got a break. I had been following Miv for a while, having read an article about her Australian home in a magazine, some years ago..."

The retreat was particularly appealing because it combined my interest in design with a bit of yoga (which I like) and was in France (which I love)...

Miv has a lovely studio in a converted outbuilding, where innumerable fabric swatches and reference magazines were at our disposal. Miv guided us through approaching design ideas for specific rooms in our homes. She has a wealth of experience from working and travelling on many continents which really contribute to her individual approach and style which was truly wonderful to soak up and hopefully use as inspiration in the future!

We were very well looked after, the independent accommodation was comfortable and cosy, each individual room tastefully put together with artwork and objets from Miv's travels or local brocantes....

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...Francesca Wezel introduced us to her extensive range of stunning paint colours. Some of her paints can be seen in the house and this was also very inspiring, as I feel I have a tendency to choose safe colours as a rule.

Francesca also took led our daily yoga practice which took place in a magnificent barn with a view on the garden which was a great start to the day.

We were catered for by charming French chef, Philippe, and our meals were delicious and thoughtfully prepared, starting at breakfast with fresh eggs from Miv's hens. Local rose wine flowed!

Miv had arranged access for us all to visit to local chateaux/homes of interest and to both a brocante and food market in pretty local village.

The informal nature of this retreat suited me very well, as it was also a holiday for me. I would say that we learned as much from Miv, walking and talking around the chateaux and sitting around the table in the kitchen, as in the more formal times, working in the studio. It was a happy combination of resources and I would highly recommend.

There was also excellent massage available which was much appreciated after my journey from Paris.”

Charlotte Finlay (Costume Designer)

