



WRITE YOUR TRAVEL STORIES

WITH CYNTHIA MORRIS

Syllabus

Lessons and activities show up on Monday through Friday.

Bring your questions to our forum on Mondays.

Our private online classroom (not FB!) is available to you 24/7. You can do the lessons and writing at your own pace. As a bonus, all the lessons will be gathered for you in a lovely PDF you get upon graduation.

This is not a critique workshop. We do not share and critique our writing. This is not a workshop to learn the profession of travel writing.

Our compass is pointed toward fun, making the most of our travel experiences, and finding joy in travel from home through our creativity.

Here is an overview of our lessons. Our itinerary is subject to change.



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WEEK ONE: PREPARE FOR THE ADVENTURE

LESSON: Welcome to our writing salon

- How our salon works
- Guidelines for participating
- Graduation Reading
- Reciting
- Group take-off call

LESSON: Pack for the adventure

- Gather your materials in your Adventure Stories Kit
 - Materials list

LESSON: Gather your stories

- Draft Your Adventure Resume
- Future tripping
- Abecedarian

LESSON: Welcoming your writer

- What stories to write?
- Daily free-writing
- Postcards: word sketching
- Pattern hunting



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WEEK TWO: STORY CONTAINERS

LESSON: Poetry

- Instructional poem
- List poem
- Lyrics

LESSON: More Poetry

- Haiku & Haibun
- Renga - collaborative poetry
- Ode

LESSON: Fiction

- Short story
- Flash fiction

LESSON: Non-Fiction

- Personal essay
- Researched essay

LESSON: More Non-Fiction

- Roundup article
- How-to/ informational



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WEEK THREE: BASICS OF STORY CRAFT

LESSON: Setting

The telling detail

LESSON: Character

Stake

Emotional theme

LESSON: Dramatic tension/conflict

LESSON: Voice

LESSON: Resolution

WEEK FOUR: JOURNEY OF THE SENSES

LESSON: Sight

- Visual storytelling
- Photo essays
- Sketchbooks
- Ephemera: postcards, envelopes, ticket stubs, shrine materials, souvenirs, pamphlets, and brochures, etc.

LESSON: Taste

LESSON: Touch

LESSON: Sound



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LESSON: Smell

LESSON: Sixth sense

WEEK FIVE: FINISHING & SHARING YOUR TRAVEL STORIES

LESSON: A satisfying conclusion

LESSON: Spoken word and recitation

LESSON: Where, why, and how to share your writing (*not* about 'travel writing' as a profession.)

LESSON: Share a piece from this class in our private online salon

Questions? Contact your guide, Cynthia Morris at cynthia@originalimpulse.com

[Overview of Write Your Travel Stories here.](#) Send friends to join the fun!