

WRITING ME-TREAT

HAARLEM, THE NETHERLANDS



22 – 25 September 2025

Haarlem is a beautiful city of well-preserved medieval architecture, cobbled streets and art galleries. St Bavo's Church dominates the skyline and its organ was once played by the young Mozart. Just half an hour from Amsterdam this is a quieter, less-hurried city with a popular Monday market, when the city bustles like a Brueghel painting. Indulge yourself in a writing retreat with a small bunch of writers of all stages who are keen, like you, to be inspired by this magical city.

Monday 22nd 16.00-19.30 Welcome with tea, class and aperitif
20.00 Dinner with wine

INSPIRED BY CANALS

Tuesday 23rd 10.00-12.00 Class with coffee
12.00-15.00 Boat trip with simple lunch
15.00-17.00 Free time
17.00-19.00 Aperitifs and sharing
Free evening

INSPIRED BY THE CITY'S SECRETS

Wednesday 24th 10.00-11.00 Class with coffee
11.00-15.00 Walk the city with simple lunch
Free time
17.00-19.00 Aperitifs and sharing

INSPIRED BY HISTORY

Thursday 25th 10.00-13.00 Visit Corrie Ten Boom House
Write in café
13.00-15.00 Lunch with wine
Close

RETREAT FEE – £550

FEE IS INCLUSIVE OF EVERYTHING MENTIONED ABOVE BETWEEN MONDAY AND THURSDAY.

LIVE IN THE NETHERLANDS? FEE CAN BE ADJUSTED IF YOU WANT TO GIVE ANY ELEMENTS A MISS.

OPTIONAL EXTRA – ONE-TO-ONE WITH JO

This can be booked in advance and take place on 25th September or via Zoom for the reduced fee of £100 instead of the usual £150 per hour. If you would like Jo to read and comment on your work prior to this one-to-one this will cost £15 per 1000 words/poem and must be received a month prior.

PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

You are welcome to bring a friend or partner who may join in the first night dinner, the canal trip, Haarlem walk with lunch, Corrie Ten Boom house and final day lunch for £300.

HOTEL

Accommodation is not included. There is plenty of accommodation available in the city centre.

TRANSPORT

The cost of airport transfers is not included in the course fee but we are happy to help you arrange yours. There are frequent direct trains from Schiphol airport to Haarlem, taking 33 minutes.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Please be available from 4pm Monday 22nd until 3pm Thursday 25th September.

DEPOSIT

A deposit of £100 will secure your place and will be payable on invoice. Fee balance payable 1st August 2025.

NO OF PLACES

A maximum of 10 places will be available.

