

**THE CREATIVE WRITER'S WORKSHOP:  
WRITER'S RETREAT / MEMORIES INTO MEMOIR**

**on the**

**MARKREE CASTLE ESTATE**

**in**

**COLLOONEY  
COUNTY SLIGO  
IRELAND**

**with  
Irene Graham**

**Sun 21 August to Wed 24 August 2011  
Workshop Code: W118**

**Description of Writing Retreat / Memoir Writing  
Workshop Leader: Irene Graham  
Programme and Registration Details**

**The Creative Writer's Workshop: Memoir Writing  
in the Markree Castle Estate, Collooney, Co. Sligo, Ireland**

**Description of Writing  
Retreat  
Memories into Memoir  
in Markree Castle  
Collooney, Co. Sligo**

Sun 21 to Wed 24  
**August 2011**

Throughout this four day writing retreat in Markree Castle you will enjoy the magic of times gone by as you evoke your inner creativity through the medium of writing.

This is an exclusive residential Writer's Retreat limited to ten writers. The workshop is for writers that want to tap into life experience and write memoir, or to use those experiences to translate into fiction. The workshop is open to new and established writers.

**Limited to 10 Participants**

The ideal participant will be committed to the writing process and is seeking an experience and in-depth understanding of writing memoir and personal life story.

The writing workshop will evoke and enhance creativity as you draw upon your own abilities to satisfy your creative expression.

The workshop is fun, it is a time to laugh, share and explore life story both individually and collectively - as we experience all that Castle living has to offer!

Throughout The Creative Writer's Workshop – Memoir Writing – Irene will guide the participants through the elements of memoir writing while engaging the writer in right-brain/left-brain exercises and techniques – which enhance and evoke memory recall. You will discover how to use and incorporate your retrospective voice into your writing and how to develop your unique writing voice. There will be exercises and discussions on truth, theme and structure as the participant discovers how to *think* like a writer and learns how to draw upon the well of life experience to focus a creative memoir.

The workshop is a proven success with new and established writers. You will be invigorated as you relax, walk and write in this haven of old world charm...and good company.

**Be inspired...write your story in a Castle!**

Visit Markree Castle Website: [www.markreecastle.ie](http://www.markreecastle.ie)

**Irene Graham: Tutor**



**Irene Graham**, founder of **The Creative Writer's Workshop (1991)** studied many genres of writing (Screenwriting, Fiction Writing, Writing for Children, Autobiographical Writing) in the UCLA extension programme in Los Angeles in the late 1980's. Throughout this same period on the west coast Irene studied and trained in complementary methods of learning – particularly cognitive learning skills (Howard Gardner – Multi-Intelligences) and Psycho-synthesis in Education (Roberto Assagioli). Following this study period Irene founded The Creative Writer's Workshop, which is now an internationally renowned writing method and retreat for new and established writers.

In December 2009 Irene launched The Creative Writer's Workshop – Online Writing Classes – LIVE interactive writing classes which includes Story Consultancy for advanced writers. Her Online Writing Classes facilitate and enable international writers to engage in the writing process on an ongoing basis, from start to completed works of writing, in fiction and creative non-fiction.

Irene is the Author of *The Memoir Writing Workbook* and is currently writing a novel.

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**Sunday 21**

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**Arrive & Settle in**

**1pm to 2:30pm**

**Introductions & Lunch at Castle**

**2:30pm to 5:30pm**

**Writing Workshop – Part 1**

**7pm**

**Dinner at Castle**

<b>Monday 22</b>	<b>9:45am to 10:45am</b>	<b>Walk Castle Grounds</b>
	<b>11am to 1pm</b>	<b>Writing Workshop – Part 2</b>
	<b>1pm to 2:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch at Castle</b>
	<b>2:30 to 5:30pm</b>	<b>Writing Workshop – Part 3</b>
	<b>pm</b>	<b>Free to Explore</b>
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	<b>9:30am to 11:30am</b>	<b>Writing Workshop – Part 4</b>
	<b>11:30am to 12:30pm</b>	<b>Walk Castle Grounds</b>
	<b>12:30am to 2:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch at Castle</b>
	<b>2pm to 4pm</b>	<b>Writing Workshop – Part 5</b>
	<b>4pm to 8pm</b>	<b>Free to Write &amp; Explore!</b>
	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Celebration Dinner at Castle</b>
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	<b>9:30 to 11:30am</b>	<b>Writing Discussion &amp; Readings</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Departures</b>

### **Registration Details**

#### **The Creative Writer’s Workshop: Writer’s Retreat / Memories into Memoir, in Markree Castle, Collooney, Co. Sligo, Ireland**

Sun 21 August to Wed 24 August 2011

**Accommodation:** Accommodation is provided in Markree Castle, a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Castle set in the heart of W.B. Yeats countryside amidst 500 acres of secluded woodlands and gardens. Lovingly restored by its owners Markree Castle is the perfect writer’s haven offering peace, relaxation and good food. All rooms are en-suite. Each participant will have a single room.

**Costs Include:** \*The Creative Writer’s Workshop- Memories into Memoir with Irene Graham  
 \*Copy of The Memoir Writing Workbook  
 \*Single Room en Suite for each participant  
 \*3 x Lunches  
 \*2 x Dinners  
 \*Writing Journal  
 Workbooks will be distributed at start of Workshop  
 Limited to 10 Participants

**Cost:** €725 + The Memoir Writing Workbook €40  
 Total Cost: €765 euros including Single Room en suite

**Note:** **Participant Partners are welcome to share the Markree Castle experience – without partaking in the Writing Workshop.**

ie: Accommodation (sharing room with partner)

Meals as outlined  
**At a rate of:** €255 euros extra for 2<sup>nd</sup> person

**To Register:** Click on the “Registration” link on the website – under 2011 Residential Writing Retreats  
[www.TheCreativeWritersWorkshop.com](http://www.TheCreativeWritersWorkshop.com)  
or Email: [creativewriting@ireland.com](mailto:creativewriting@ireland.com)  
or Telephone: +353 (0)86 2523428

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**Date: Sun 21 August to Wed 24 August 2010**

**Payment Terms:** Deposit: €350 Euros due upon your receipt of Confirmation of Workshop Availability  
Deposit: €450 Euros if Participant is bringing Partner  
Payment Balance due by 11 July 2011  
Payment in Euros  
Confirmation/Payment Details furnished upon Receipt of Application Form  
Workshop Booking Guaranteed upon Receipt and Acceptance of Workshop Deposit

**Costs do not include:** \*Airmiles & Insurance  
\*Transport to and from Markree Castle  
\*Other meals as required

**Transport:** Transport Options & Timetables for Coach etc from Dublin/Galway & Shannon Airport to Markree Castle will be supplied upon booking. Markree Castle is easily accessible by road and airport from Dublin, Galway and Shannon.

**Workshop** €350 Euros Handling Fee will be retained  
**Cancellation:** 60 Days Notice – 60% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee  
59-30 Days Notice – 45% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee  
29-21 Days Notice – 40% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee

**Insurance:** No liability whatsoever is accepted for injury, illness or loss of personal effects or property. Please obtain your own personal insurance appropriate to your requirements prior to travel and workshop commencement.

## **The Creative Writer’s Workshop**

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