

# DESCANSO CREATIVES 2021 WIMBERLEY, TEXAS RETREAT

September 20th – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Payment Process and Timetable, Accommodations, and Travel

### DEPOSIT AND REFUND POLICY AND TIMETABLE:

Your place with Descanso Creatives Writers' 2021 Wimberley, Texas Retreat is secure with receipt of **your payment and application by August 16th, 2021**. **Retreat spots are limited to a maximum of 15 and will be reserved on a first come basis.**

Please send your payment of **\$675.00** by personal check **made out to "Descanso Creatives"** with "Wimberley 2021 Retreat" in the Memo line, along with the signed registration form to:

**Eileen S. Morgan, Ph.D.**  
**Director of Programs**  
**9000 Water Park Road**  
**Wimberley, TX 78676**

For credit card deposits and fees, a 4% processing fee will be applied. Please email Chick Morgan (chick@thevortexas.com) to arrange payment by credit card. Because of non-refundable commitments to our site vendors, payments are not refundable after **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. **Before then, the payment is refundable minus a \$100 processing fee.**

***Final Payment is due by check or credit card August 16th, 2021***

### Payment Summary/Recap:

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 : Payment and application due (\$675)  
Up to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 : Payment refundable (minus \$100 processing fee)

### AIR TRAVEL TO DESTINATION

**Why don't we book your air travel?** We do not book your air travel for a variety of reasons:

- Our retreats attract experienced travelers who prefer to book their own travel for a variety of reasons:
  - Participants may want to add pre-retreat or post-retreat personal travel and figure out their own itinerary
  - Participants often like to use their own frequent flyer miles or other premium programs
  - Participants have various travel sites or discount travel companies they prefer to use and are comfortable with
- Wimberley is served by two airports:
  - Austin Bergstrom is about 45 minutes from Wimberley served by several major airlines, both national and international
  - San Antonio International Airport is about 60 minutes from

Wimberley and also served by major airlines.

- If arriving from out of town by air, consider renting a car as Wimberley is not served by the usual Uber and Lyft operators (although check with your provider about costs from the airports themselves.) There are some private airport transportation folks who can be booked in advance.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you are attending the retreat and need accommodations, the venue, Vintage Oaks Farm, has several charming cabins and a guest suite right on the beautiful grounds. You can literally wake up with the chickens in the Rooster House, (well not *with* the chickens but they are very close by!) enjoy a view from your own balcony in the guest suite in the main house, or enjoy the quiet and beautiful custom redwood ambience and small private deck of the Hunters Cabin.

The Rooster House has two beds: a queen in the bedroom and a comfortable stylish murphy bed in the living room for those who would wish to share accommodations

***\$189/night for 4 nights*** : ***\$756.00***

The Hunters Cabin has a queen bed. **BOOKED**

The Lookout Suite has a king bed and a private balcony

***\$159/night for 4 nights*** : ***\$618.00***

These are available on a first come basis. Please let Chick Morgan know and I'll send you the pricing list, as we have reserved these rooms for your convenience.

Rooms are reserved for arrival on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and departure on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and booked for four nights. If you wish to come earlier and/or stay longer, please let Chick Morgan know and I'll check on availability.

Payment for the Vintage Oaks Farm cabins and rooms will be required when payment is made for the Retreat.

If you would like a list of various types of accommodation in the Wimberley area, please let me know and I'll send it to you. We have lots of lovely inns, B&B's, and cabins, but they book up pretty quickly.

## **TRIP FORMS, OBLIGATIONS, AND RISKS:**

Please understand that to keep costs down, and because it may be unobtainable in any event, Descanso Creatives has no protection coverage beyond the basic package included in the retreat price to protect itself, the retreat staff, or other participants, and that group members intentionally assume the many risks inherent in non-US travel. Therefore, ***all participants are required to sign and return a Release and Waiver Agreement prior to the beginning of the retreat.*** Any pre-existing physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention or treatment must be reported when completing the Descanso application/registration form..

## **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

On a scale of 1-5 with 5 being strenuously active, this retreat ranges from 1-3. Easy to moderate hiking/walking may be required for those who wish to participate walking around villages or vineyards.

**SMOKING:**

No smoking is permitted in the Retreat center, or during group meals. If smoking outside, please remain a respectful distance from others.

**DESCANSO MUSIC**

A hallmark of Descanso Creatives Retreats is our Musician-in-Residence, Dirje Childs, who gifts us with her artful and beautiful Cellosong Meditation each morning before breakfast and most evenings before dinner for our traditional evening Cellsong and Prosecco.

We have discovered over the years that many Descanso Creatives who are attracted to our Retreats are often musicians as well. If you'd like to bring an instrument, we often have impromptu song circles after our evening sessions conclude for those who wish to participate. We do prefer to contain them to "after hours."