

PPHS Writing Retreat

May 26-28, 2025

Note: Schedule and details are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated by email.

Location: Domaine du Hirtz, 68700 Wattwiller, France

Goal: To make significant progress on manuscripts, proposals, protocols, and other writing deliverables across 16 writing blocks over 3 days.

Monday, May 26

9:15am – 9:30am	Load onto the bus at Basel SBB
9:30am – 10:30am	Departure, travel to Domaine du Hirtz
10:30am – 11:00am	Arrival, Settle in, Domaine du Hirtz Hall
11:00am – 11:20am	Guidelines, goal setting, planning, writing warm up
11:20am – 12:05pm	Writing block #1
12:05pm – 2:00pm	Free time, check in, and lunch
2:00pm – 2:45pm	Writing block #2
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Writing progress sharing/discussion
3:15pm – 4:00pm	Writing block #3
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Movement break
4:30pm – 5:15pm	Writing block #4
5:15pm – 5:30pm	Wrap up (review daily progress, take-aways)
5:30pm – 7:15pm	Free time ☺
7:15pm – 8:30pm	Dinner

Tuesday May 27

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am – 9:15am	Goals for the day and writing warm up
9:15am – 10:00am	Writing block #5
10:00am – 10:15am	Break
10:15am – 11:00pm	Writing block #6
11:00am– 11:15am	Break
11:15am – 12:00pm	Writing block #7
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Writing progress sharing/discussion
12:15pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Progress review/goal setting afternoon
2:15pm – 3:00pm	Writing block #8
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 4:00pm	Writing block #9
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Movement break
5:00pm – 5:45pm	Writing block #10
5:45pm – 6:00pm	Wrap up (review daily progress, take-aways)
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Free time ☺
7:00pm – 8:15pm	Dinner

Wednesday May 28

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast, packing up
9:00am – 9:15am	Goals for the day and writing warm up

9:15am – 10:00am	Writing block #11
10:00am – 10:15am	Check out, move luggage to Domaine du Hirtz Hall
10:15am – 11:00am	Writing block #12
11:00am – 11:15am	Break
11:15am – 12:00pm	Writing block #13
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Writing block #14
2:15pm – 2:30pm	Break
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Writing block #15
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Movement break
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Writing block #16
4:30pm – 4:50pm	Wrap up (review entire retreat progress, take-aways, future retreats)
4:50pm – 5:00pm	Load on the bus
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Depart Domaine du Hirtz, Return to Basel
6:00pm – 6:15pm	Arrive at Basel SBB

Additional Details

Pick-up and Drop-off: A mini-bus will pick us up and drop us off at Basel Bahnhof SBB (Meret Oppenheim-Strasse, Busparkplatz, 4053 Basel, Switzerland). This is located in the back of the station, on the Gündeli side.

Meals: The lodge will provide meals at scheduled meal times. So that the lodge may prepare our meals, the menu for lunch and dinner will be given in advance, and you must select your meals prior to arrival. We will send a poll with the options. Please take note of your selection, as the restaurant will prepare exactly the number of each meal that we have chosen. Please notify us in advance of dietary restrictions. Breakfast will be a buffet.

Commitment: This retreat is for those that wish to work collectively on independent writing projects to achieve progress. To make the most of the retreat and the funding provided, we ask that attendees participate in all writing blocks and clear their schedule of other commitments during this time.