



FOREWORD RETREATS

A WRITING RETREAT

with

*David Rocklin*

Bordeaux,

France



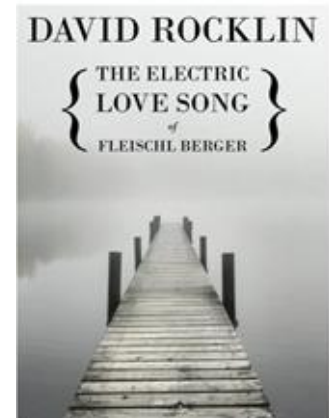
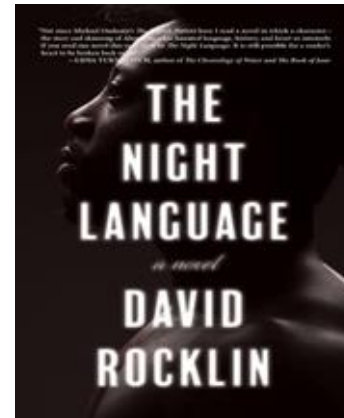
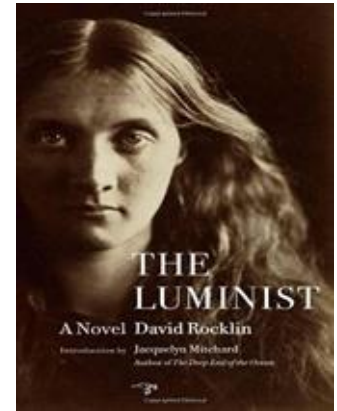
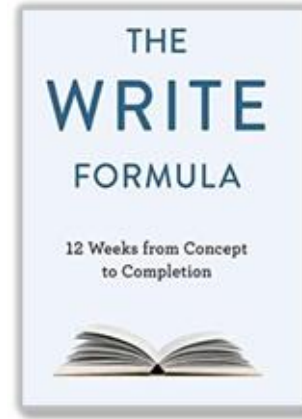
April 11-17,

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**DAVID ROCKLIN** is the author of the novels *The Luminist*, Foreword award-winning *The Night Language*, and *The Electric Love Song of Fleischl Berger*. He is also the author of *The Write Formula: 12 Weeks from Concept to Completion*, a comprehensive craft book offering guidance, inspiration and practical advice on all aspects of fiction writing, including the generation and expansion of ideas, character and plot structure, setting and POV choices, outlining and revision strategy, and navigating criticism and rejection. David leads writing retreats in France and in the US. His Los Angeles-based reading series, Roar Shack, is one of the city's longest running and is considered an inclusive hub within the L.A. literary community.

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Fiction writers of all genres are welcome to join us for  
our week-long writing retreat  
in the heart of the Bordeaux wine region of France.

## WE'LL FIND IT TOGETHER

We will spend three inspiring hours each day writing, inside or poolside. Writers looking to find their voice, start something new or deepen their current work will explore generative exercises, engage in craft talks on making their narratives vivid, and examine how context lies at the heart of character and place - whether in fiction or memoir.

We'll create a space for your voices and an atmosphere of connection and community. Writers can encounter so many seemingly impossible mountains standing in the way of realizing their dream, but the strength to make your way is already in you.



## WE SUGGEST FLYING TO BORDEAUX

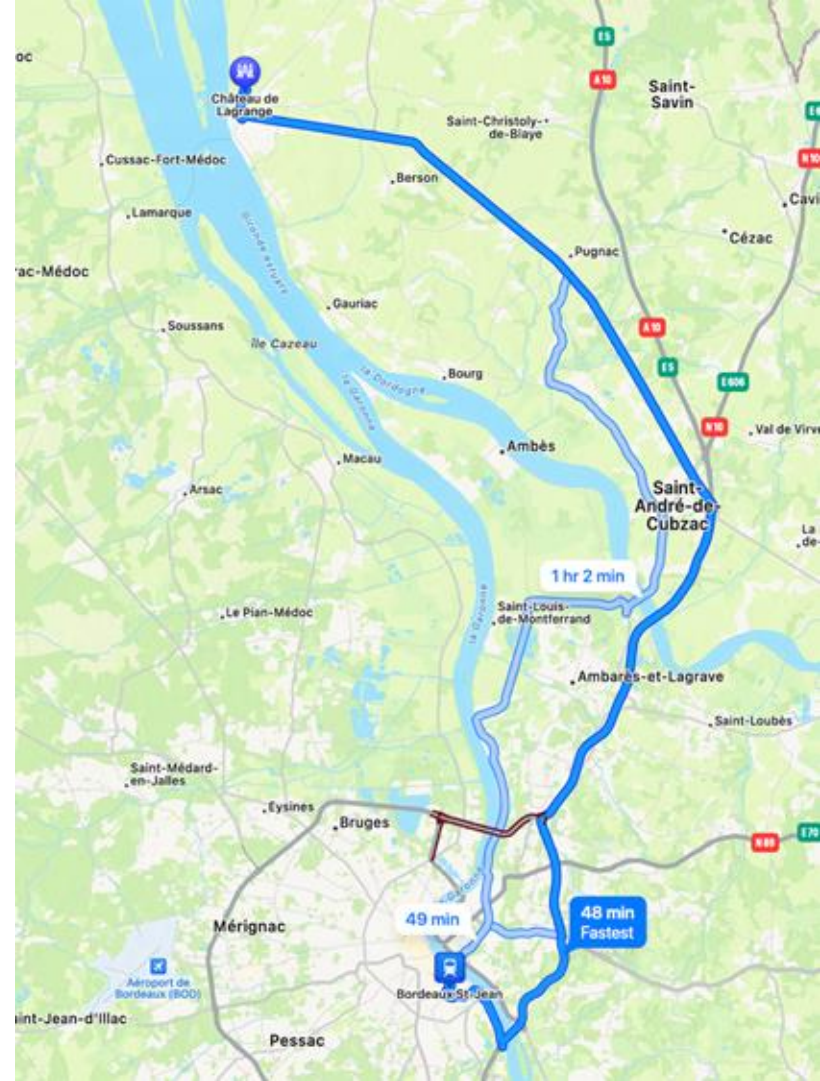
a day or two in advance to adjust to French time. Bordeaux itself is a beautiful walkable city with gorgeous architecture, a cathedral, a mirror of water, a wine museum, and a landmark called the Grosse Cloche—the Big Bell. You can fly directly to Bordeaux or take the high-speed train from Paris. Pack layers and comfortable shoes, along with your laptop.

Pickup:

**Sunday, April 11, 2027 at 4 pm**

**Bordeaux-Saint-Jean train station**

*Where you will be whisked to...*



*...this amazing château  
in the heart of the*

*Bordeaux  
wine country.*





To maximize your writing time, Breakfasts and our chef-prepared lunches are grab and go.



In the evening, our chef prepares exquisite sit-down dinners.



## **ACTIVITIES DURING YOUR RETREAT**

include an optional guided stroll through the château's vineyard and a private tasting of its wines.

Mid-week, we'll tour the Citadel of Blaye, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After seeing the fortress, we will visit the colorful farmer's market on the Allée des Soupirs – the Alley of Sighs – and enjoy lunch together at a restaurant.





*The château features eleven bedrooms, each with a private, full bathroom.*



**IN YOUR SPARE TIME**, enjoy a dip in the pool, hone your writing in cozy corners of the estate, or curl up with a great book in one of the reading rooms.



## What's included ?

6 nights in an ensuite private room

freshly prepared French meals

15 hours of workshop instruction

one-hour private critique

scheduled dining out & activities

local transportation

on-site concierge services

Please note that alcohol is not included

### THE COST:

\$6550 for a private room

\$5950 each for a shared room



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