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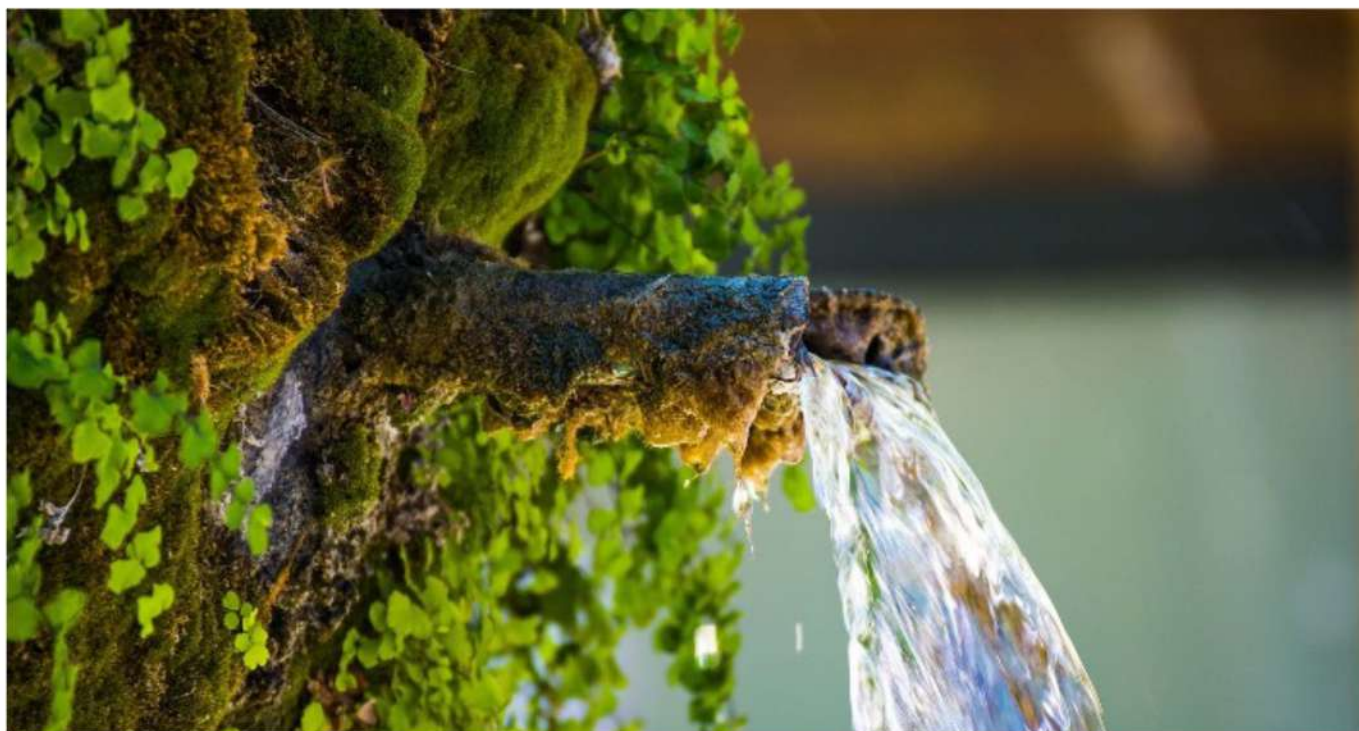
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A Sense Of : travel writing retreats

Alliance travel writers Mark Eveleigh and Narina Exelby will be running a series of writing retreats under the title : *A Sense Of* .



These start in November with *A Sense of Bali*, at a retreat in relatively remote and unknown West Bali, Indonesia.

Others will follow in a range of locations.

The five-night retreats are limited to eight people and designed to immersive experiences geared to leave participants 'inspired, connected, and with a deeper understanding of the travel-writing craft'.

They will cover everything from the basics of travel writing and how to conquer writers' block, to the tips, tools and tricks that will help someone thrive as a travel writer.

Mark and Narina are professional travel writers who, between them, have been contributing to international titles for almost 50 years.

They recently published *How to Become a Professional Travel Writer*, which is listed among Wanderlust magazine's 11 'best travel books of 2022'.

This led them to being hired by National Geographic to teach a module of their travel writing course, with the feedback leading to the current series of retreats.

Mark is currently on an 800-mile hike across Spain tomorrow for another book.



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Palazzo Ducale Venturi, Puglia

Italy

Puglia is known for its whitewashed hill towns, centuries-old farmland and 800 kilometers of Mediterranean coastline.



Capital Bari is a vibrant port and university town, while Lecce is known as Florence of the South for its baroque architecture. The five-star Palazzo Ducale Venturi, located in the borgo town of Minervino di Lecce, is a 20 bedroomed luxury boutique hotel housed in an authentic 16th century palace.

The hotel offers guests a series of day trips, from exploring the UNESCO cultural landscape of Matera and its dramatic ravine, to taking a catamaran to discover some of Puglia's Ionian and Adriatic coastline.

There's also the chance to walk the ravine to the historic town of Matera on the slopes of the ravine.

The hotels Food Safari focuses on the Itria Valley or Salento to taste fresh mozzarella and homemade pastas.

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