

THE COCHENILLE FASHION, CRAFT AND FOOD RETREAT

VERONA, ITALY, OCTOBER 9TH - 19TH, 2025

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REGISTRATION FORM

COSTS:

Tuition: \$1750.00

Payment may be made by credit card, Zelle, Venmo, or check. Credit cards can be taken via phone or a Shopify link (to be provided). Use susan@cochenille.com for Zelle and Venmo. We can take the deposit via credit card but prefer the balance to be by check, or electronic means due to the high credit card fee.

Checks would be payable to:

Cochenille Design Studio P.O. Box 235604, Encinitas, CA 92023-5604

Please email your registration form to susan@cochenille.com, and initial, sign, and **physically mail** all pages so we have a hard copy with original signature.

Please reserve a space for me on the Italy Fashion, Craft, and Food Retreat, 2025

_____ \$500 - Deposit, due upon registration,

_____ \$1250 - Balance due by July 15, 2025, or you may pay in full with your deposit.

_____ Total at time of registration.

Please complete the following and email it to susan@cochenille.com. Then, mail your copy with an original signature to Cochenille. Payment can be made by Zelle, Venmo, online via our Shopify store or by check. Use susan@cochenille.com for Zelle or Venmo.

- Cochenille reserves the right to adjust the agenda as there is a reliance on many parties for this activity and schedules change.
- If the Euro rate changes substantially between February 2025 and the retreat dates, some agenda items may be modified.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of Participant: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home telephone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ Date of Birth _____

Please make a copy of this completed form for your records.

Method of Payment (Deposit of \$500; Balance of \$1250 is due July 15, 2025)

___ Zelle ___ Venmo ___ check ___ I will pay with Shopify link

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

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- Four to five hands-on, half-day workshops related to fiber/textiles, including materials
- Day Trip to Abilmente (The Salon of Creativity) event in Vicenze, Italy
- Day Trip to Venice, Italy with assorted activities
- Visits to Verona stores/boutiques/businesses related to fashion/art
- Visits with Designers
- Visit to a Knitting Factory
- Wine-Tasting activity
- Two Cooking Classes; one with a family, one with a chef (meals included)
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Walking Tour of Verona
- Bus Fare while in Verona
- Train Fares to activities outside of Verona

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Housing (but we will assist in coordinating).
- Airfare, transportation to and from airport
- Meals not specified above
- Taxis opted for by choice in lieu of walking/bus

Cancellation/Refund Policy

- If you cancel and your space can be filled, there will be a full refund less \$35.00.
- If you cancel prior to 120 days out from the start of the Retreat, and your space cannot be filled Cochenille will retain \$250.00.
- If you cancel between 119 and 60 days, and your space cannot be filled, Cochenille will retain \$400, as it will be difficult to solicit people at that point, due to airfare costs on short notice.
- If you cancel within 59 - 15 days, and your space cannot be filled, Cochenille will retain 75% of the entire amount.
- If you cancel within 14 days of the retreat, no refund will be given.
- Cochenille will always make an attempt to fill your spot, and will assist you as much as possible
- Trip Insurance is recommended.
- There are no refunds on any service/activity during trip which client does not use.
- During the retreat, Cochenille reserves the right to exclude participation from any person whose practices of courtesy and etiquette hinder the overall experience of the group. No refund will be given.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Design Areas/Interests

_____ Sewer _____ Knitter _____ Other.. please specify _____
_____ Textile Artist (Please specify area of interests) _____

FOOD/EATING RESTRICTIONS

Since some food activities are included in the Retreat, please tell us if you have any food restrictions. Please list below.

HEALTH

Are there any health issues we should be aware of?

HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Please check, as applicable:

- I am traveling as a single
- I would like to share housing, please assist me in finding me a room-mate
- I am sharing a room with _____ who is also registering.
- I am sharing a room with _____ who is not registering (e.g.. husband).
- If you are asking for a room-mate, please share if you have any sleeping problems

Please email or call Susan to discuss housing. She will work with you to find the best solution to your wishes. susan@cochenille.com

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Please do not book your air until we know that we have our minimum of five people. Once the retreat is declared a 'go' and you book flights, we will ask you to send us the arrival and departure times of your flights. If you decide to arrive by train, this information is also helpful. You can fly directly into Verona on various major airlines using their local partners, or other airlines (e.g.. Ryan Air). OR.. You can fly into Milan, Venice, Florence, or Rome and take the train to Verona.

QUESTIONS?

Cochenille Office: 858-259-1698

Email: susan@cochenille.com

Mailing Address:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING

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Everyone **must** read, check, initial pages, and sign the following to confirm your understanding of this Retreat _____ and the conditions and responsibilities.

_____ I have read and accept the policy of Deposits, Cancellations, and Refunds and the Statements of Conditions and Responsibilities below

_____ I have read and understand what is included and is not included in the Tuition of the course.

_____ I have been advised by Cochenille to purchase personal/medical, trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation insurance.

_____ I have no medical issues that will preclude me from participating as a positive member of the group or will impact how the group works as a unit.

_____ I understand that I, as a member of the group, must conduct myself in a manner demonstrating courtesy and social etiquette.

Signature _____ Date _____

Conditions and Responsibilities For Cochenille Design Studio

Please retain a copy for your information.

Susan Lazear and Cochenille Design Studio/Cochenille Computer Knit Products, Inc. (otherwise known as COCHENILLE) organizes, promotes, and sells travel programs and services that it purchases from other suppliers. The suppliers are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of COCHENILLE. They supply services that include, but are not limited to, transportation, accommodations, meals, and excursions using local guides. While we endeavor to make travel arrangements with reputable suppliers, COCHENILLE is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers, their employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure or inadequate delivery of services. All travel and arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers, air carriers and/or applicable governing laws. COCHENILLE and the suppliers providing transportation or any service can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to but not limited to delay, inconvenience, changes to or cancellation of itinerary, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, terrorism, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, any act, omission, negligence or other causes beyond their control. All such losses or expenses will be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. COCHENILLE is not responsible for expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the trip (i.e. air tickets, visa/passport fees, equipment, medical expenses, individual transfers, etc.).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

I am voluntarily participating in the Retreat/trip with knowledge that it involves some inherent risks and danger including, but not limited to, forces of nature, terrorism, civil unrest, strikes, theft, cancellation or changes in itinerary, negligent action of others or their agencies, or means of conveyance or accommodation which may not be operated nor maintained to standards common in the United States. This includes health-related issues, and I am aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during all or part of my trip. This includes emergency medical care, presence of physicians, and adequate medication. It is the participant's responsibility to judge the appropriateness of the travel activities to their own physical capabilities. The participant certifies they agree with these terms and conditions and that they do not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create hazard for them or other participants. COCHENILLE and its suppliers take no responsibility for special arrangements or problems incurred by participant unable to participate in the planned activities. The right is reserved to decline any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time.

INSURANCE:

You must be covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas. We strongly recommend that you obtain travel insurance as well, including coverage for trip cancellation, loss and theft of baggage, and emergency evacuation. COCHENILLE cannot be responsible for these expenses. Please check with your credit card providers or AAA, as often these companies provide such services. You can consult www.insuremytrip.com to view information.

CHANGES IN SERVICESRates: Rates are based on tariffs, U.S. exchange rates and supplier fees in effect at the time of printing. We reserve the right to alter our prices. Individual transfers for those traveling independently are not included in the land cost unless otherwise stated. If the group falls below the minimum paying passenger requirement, the expedition is subject to cancellation or re-pricing.

ITINERARY CHANGES

COCHENILLE reserves the right to cancel or make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in its judgment, conditions warrant, without consulting the participants. Participants have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of these itinerary changes. COCHENILLE reserves the right to cancel any tour before departure, in which case a full refund of all amounts paid to COCHENILLE will be made.

The above conditions and responsibilities also apply in full to the supplier(s), COCHENILLE and their representatives.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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ARBITRATION

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the performance thereunder, including without limitation any claim related to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall be settled by binding arbitration in California, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association and CA law. This agreement to arbitrate does not waive or modify the liability relates contained in the foregoing paragraph.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

As a condition of acceptance each participant understands and has agreed to all information above and the following release of liability. I/We have carefully read the schedule of activities, requirements, the "Conditions and Responsibilities" provided by the brochure, and I/we are aware that the tour involves the risk of personal injury, death or loss (damage) to property. In consideration of the benefits derived by the trip, I/we voluntarily recognize and accept all risks thereof. I/we understand and agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, executors, and assigns, to release and hold harmless COCHENILLE and any of its officers, employees, agents, or representatives, from any and all claims, including but not limited to liability for delays, monetary damages, illness, injuries, death, or for the loss of or damage to property resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions. I/we agree to abide by the conditions set forth under the "Conditions and Responsibilities" and other sections as stated herein or elsewhere published. I/we affirm that I/we are covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas. I/we affirm that I/we have not relied on any additional oral or written representation of Cochenille or their suppliers for executing this release. I/we further acknowledge receipt of this release and I/we understand and accept its terms and conditions. Any questions I/we had concerning this release have been answered to my full satisfaction.