

TERMS OF SERVICE & RETREAT BOOKING POLICY

“Women’s Autumn Creative Reset: Return to Nature”

Event Dates: 6 – 8 November 2026

Venue: Slieve Aughty Centre, Kylebrack West, Ballyargadaun, Co. Galway (H62 DX77)

Organizers: Kasia Forest & Karolina Di Duca / Digital Lotus

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE

Making a booking, paying a deposit/advance fee (e.g., via Eventbrite, Stripe, bank transfer, or invoice), or submitting the full event fee constitutes a legally binding declaration that you have read, understood, and fully accepted these Terms & Conditions, Booking Policy, and Liability Waiver. No physical signature is required to form a legally binding contract.

1. BOOKING, PAYMENTS & FORMATION OF CONTRACT

- **1.1. Implied Acceptance:** Payment of the non-refundable deposit (€50) or the full registration fee constitutes full and unreserved legal acceptance of all provisions set out in this Policy.
- **1.2. Package Inclusions & Exclusions:**
 - **The package includes:** 2 nights of accommodation at the Slieve Aughty Centre (Co. Galway), full board on-site (certified organic meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner, teas, and snacks), full supply of professional art materials (clay, tools, natural fibers, pigments), and the complete workshop, guided nature walks, and facilitation program led by Kasia Forest and Karolina Di Duca.
 - **The package excludes:** Travel to and from Slieve Aughty Centre, transfers, personal travel and medical insurance, individual discretionary expenses, and off-site expenditures.
- **1.3. Pricing & Payment Schedule:**
 - **Shared Room Tier:** Early Bird €288 | Regular Rate €320
 - **Single Room Tier:** Early Bird €350 | Regular Rate €380
 - A space is provisionally reserved upon receipt of a non-refundable booking deposit of **€50**.
 - The remaining balance corresponding to the chosen room tier and pricing window must be settled by the deadline specified in your booking confirmation invoice or written communication from the Organizers.
 - Failure to pay the outstanding balance by the designated deadline constitutes a material breach of contract, entitling the Organizers to cancel the reservation, retain the non-refundable deposit, and release the reservation to the waitlist.

- **1.4. Prohibition of Unauthorized Payment Disputes (Chargebacks):** The Participant warrants that all funds utilized for payments originate from legitimate sources and explicitly agrees not to initiate unjustified chargebacks, retractions, or dispute procedures through banking institutions, credit card providers, or payment gateways (e.g., Stripe, PayPal, Eventbrite).

2. CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

- **2.1. Strict No-Refund Policy:** Because non-recoverable financial commitments are incurred immediately upon confirmation (including exclusive facility hire, private catering orders, and procurement of specialized artistic materials), all fees and deposits paid are **strictly non-refundable**.
- **2.2. Discretionary Exceptions:** Any partial credits, vouchers, or compassionate adjustments are granted solely at the absolute discretion of the Organizers. Where an exceptional refund is approved, it will be subject to deductions for merchant processing fees, administrative costs, and committed non-recoverable outlays.
- **2.3. Ticket & Registration Transfers:** If unable to attend, the Participant may transfer their place to another eligible woman. Any proposed transfer must be submitted in writing and formally approved by the Organizers (via email to kasiaforest@gmail.com or via WhatsApp) no later than **7 calendar days** prior to the retreat start date (by 30 October 2026).

3. MANDATORY INSURANCE RECOMMENDATION

- **3.1. Travel & Medical Coverage:** Participants are strongly advised to secure comprehensive travel and personal accident insurance covering emergency medical expenses, personal liability, and personal property.
- **3.2. Cancellation Insurance (CFAR):** It is strongly recommended that Participants obtain an insurance policy featuring "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) coverage to protect against unforeseen personal emergencies, sudden illness, or transit disruptions.
- **3.3. Limitation of Financial Recourse:** In the event of transit cancellations, adverse weather delays, or personal circumstances preventing attendance, the Participant's financial remedy rests solely with their third-party insurer. The Organizers accept no liability for transit delays, missed connections, or vehicle breakdowns.

4. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS & FORCE MAJEURE

- **4.1. Operational Adjustments:** The Organizers reserve the right to modify the sequence of the daily schedule, facilitators' specific workshop slots, or outdoor activity routes in the event of adverse weather conditions, logistical requirements, or unexpected circumstances. Such operational adjustments do not entitle the Participant to a refund or price reduction.
- **4.2. Force Majeure:** If the retreat is canceled, postponed, or curtailed due to causes beyond reasonable control (including acts of God, severe weather warnings issued by Met Éireann, road closures, facility infrastructure failure, or government restrictions), all paid funds will be converted into a credit voucher valid for 12 months

toward future events organized by Kasia Forest / Digital Lotus. Cash refunds will not be issued under Force Majeure circumstances.

5. ASSUMPTION OF RISK & PARTICIPANT HEALTH

- **5.1. Voluntary Assumption of Risk:** Participation in all elements of the retreat—including guided forest foraging walks, botanical clay casting, sculptural textile/fiber work, open-air bonfire circles, and sharing circles—is entirely voluntary. The Participant assumes full responsibility for their own physical, emotional, and psychological well-being throughout the event.
- **5.2. Equestrian & Countryside Precautions:** Slieve Aughty Centre is a working equestrian and eco-tourism sanctuary home to horses, ponies, and donkeys. The Participant covenants to adhere strictly to all posted farm safety rules, barn notices, and country codes, refraining from entering unauthorized animal paddocks or stables without explicit venue permission.
- **5.3. Health & Dietary Disclosures:** The Participant warrants that their physical and emotional condition allows safe participation. Any medical conditions, severe allergies, or dietary requirements must be formally communicated to the Organizers upon registration.
- **5.4. Limitation of Liability:** To the maximum extent permitted by applicable Irish law, the Organizers, Digital Lotus, workshop leaders, and property staff disclaim all liability for personal injury, aggravation of pre-existing health conditions, emotional distress, or damage/loss to personal belongings sustained on the property or during woodland activities.

6. RETREAT ETHOS, SAFETY & COMMUNITY STANDARDS

- **6.1. Confidentiality & Mutual Respect:** The retreat operates as a dedicated, emotionally safe space for women. All conversations and vulnerable reflections shared inside the circles must remain completely confidential and may not be disclosed outside the retreat.
- **6.2. Alcohol & Substance-Free Policy:** To support emotional presence, deep rest, and mental clarity, the retreat is strictly an alcohol-free and drug-free event.
- **6.3. Right of Dismissal:** The Organizers reserve the absolute right to terminate the stay of any participant exhibiting abusive, hostile, persistently disruptive, or unsafe behavior, or who breaches the substance-free policy.
- **6.4. Consequences of Dismissal:** In the event of disciplinary dismissal under Section 6.3, no refunds or credits will be issued, and the dismissed participant shall bear sole financial responsibility for their early departure and return travel.

7. PRIVACY & MEDIA CONSENT

- **7.1. Documentary Media:** High-quality photographs and short video clips documenting the atmosphere, artistic creations, and nature walks may be captured during the weekend. By attending, the Participant grants permission for their likeness to be featured respectfully in educational, archival, and promotional content across the Organizers' official websites and social channels without financial compensation.

- **7.2. Privacy Opt-Out:** Any participant who prefers not to appear in public-facing promotional media must notify the Organizers in writing at **kasiaforest@gmail.com** prior to the start of the retreat on 6 November 2026.

8. GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION

These Terms & Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with the **Laws of Ireland**. Any disputes arising in connection with this agreement shall be settled amicably, and where that is not possible, submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Ireland.