



**IMAGINE**  
**GREECE RETREATS**  
Literary & Wellness Retreats – Greece, Italy & Beyond  
**MEDIA KIT 2026**





# About Imagine Greece Retreats

Imagine Greece Retreats was founded by Jonas Saul – international bestselling author of 60+ novels, international speaker, film festival jury member, and writing teacher – and Rania Stone, Greek entrepreneur, thriller writer, film festival jury member, and hospitality expert. What began as a single retreat on Amorgos in 2023 has grown by over 300% year on year – making it one of the fastest growing literary retreat companies in Europe.

We host reading retreats with internationally bestselling authors, including JD Barker, Clare Mackintosh, Mark Edwards, Robyn Harding, Liz Nugent, and Ruth Ware. We run writing masterclasses led by Jonas Saul, wellness and yoga retreats, and custom retreats for leaders who want a trusted operational team on the ground.

Greece is where we are deepest – but we also operate in Italy, France, and beyond, always in handpicked venues where the setting becomes part of the experience.

We operate under the official patronage of the Greek National Tourism Organization (EOT / Visit Greece) and under the auspices of the Municipality of Nafplio. We have been featured in The New York Post and Rolling Stone.

Join us in Greece – and you'll leave with more than photos. You'll leave with stories.

**300%+**

Year-on-year growth  
since launch

**14**

Retreats in 2026

**6,000+**

Website visitors in 2026  
– readers, writers &  
wellness seekers

**New York Post  
Rolling Stone**  
As seen in



# Founder & Retreat Leader Jonas Saul

Jonas Saul is the author of more than 60 novels – thrillers, mysteries, and genre-defining fiction that has earned him a global readership and over two million copies sold. His bestselling Sarah Roberts Series, spanning 40+ books, has been optioned by MadRiver Pictures and is currently in development. He has regularly outranked Stephen King and Dean Koontz on Amazon.

An international speaker, film festival jury member, and writing teacher, Jonas is regularly invited to present at writing conferences and film festivals worldwide. He leads every retreat at Imagine Greece Retreats himself – teaching participants from around the world about tension, emotion, voice, and the business of writing. When you join a retreat with Jonas, you are spending a week learning from someone who has lived the creative life at the highest level.

He is also the founder of Imagine Press – a boutique thriller publishing house and book club curating atmospheric, high-stakes fiction for a global community of readers. Visit [imaginepress.org](http://imaginepress.org) to explore the collection.

Jonas now lives in Greece, which means when he talks about the light, the pace, and the particular inspiration of the Aegean, he is speaking from experience, not a brochure.

Go [here](#) for Jonas's full bio



# Co-founder & Operations Director Rania Stone

Rania Stone is Greek, which means she didn't just research the best venues, ferry routes, and local restaurants. She grew up with them. An entrepreneur who has built and run multiple businesses, she brings operational precision and genuine local knowledge to every retreat Imagine Greece Retreats creates.

She is the author of eight books — thrillers and children's fiction, several of which have been translated — including *The Truth Is A Lie*, *A Wife In Ruins*, *What He Didn't Know*, *The Lives Between Us*, and *Zero Trust* (pre-order, September 2026). She has also co-written *There Will Be Blood* and *The Soulless* with Jonas Saul, making them one of the rare founding teams in the retreat world where both partners are working, published authors.

Rania teaches social media marketing to authors, helping writers build genuine connections with their readers. She serves as a jury member at international film festivals and leads two thriving communities — *Travel to Greece: Read, Write & Retreat* and *Thriller Book Retreat* — that connect thousands of readers and writers worldwide.

Bringing people to Greece is, for Rania, like inviting them into her home. Every guest leaves feeling the warmth, comfort, and generosity of true Greek hospitality — because that's not a service standard. It's who she is.

Go [here](#) for Rania's full bio

# Retreat Highlights

## Reading Retreats with Bestselling Authors

- 📅 Various dates
- 📍 Greece & beyond

We bring international bestselling authors to Greece for intimate reading and literary retreats. Past and upcoming authors include JD Barker, Clare Mackintosh, Mark Edwards, Robyn Harding, Liz Nugent, and Ruth Ware.

## Writing Masterclass with Jonas Saul

- 📅 JUL 17 Multiple dates annually
- 📍 Greece, Italy, France

Led by Jonas Saul — author of 60+ novels and international speaker. Every session focuses on tension, emotion, voice, and the business of writing. Participants leave with practical skills and a deeper understanding of their craft. (word of mouth).

## Custom Retreat Planning

- 📍 Greece, Italy, France, and beyond

We manage the full operational side for retreat leaders — venue selection, logistics, coordination, and on-the-ground support. You focus on your group and your teaching.

We take care of everything else.

# What Makes Us Different

## We're Greek insiders

One of our founders was born here. We don't just know Greece — we grew up in it. No tourist traps, no generic itineraries. Just the real thing.

## Two published authors

Jonas and Rania are both working authors. We understand the creative process from the inside — which is why our retreats feel different from anything else on offer.

## Tailored to your vision

Whether it's yoga, writing, wellness, or something entirely your own — we listen and design every retreat around what your group actually needs.

## We host, not just plan

We don't hand you a venue and disappear. We are on the ground with your group — every day, every detail, every moment that matters.

## Officially recognised

We operate under the patronage of the Greek National Tourism Organization (EOT) and the Municipality of Nafplio — one of a very small number of retreat operators to hold this distinction.

## Community & Connection

Our retreats create real friendships. It's not just a week in Greece — it's a circle you'll want to return to.



# Testimonials

"Wow! The folks at Imagine Greece Retreats know how to throw a party! From the guided tours to the incredible food, every second of this trip was perfectly executed."

— JD Barker, New York Times & international bestselling author

"I can't imagine a better way to spend a week, or a more beautiful place in which to spend it."

— Clare Mackintosh, New York Times bestselling author

"Jonas, Rania, and the entire team at Lakki Village went above and beyond. Anyone looking to combine the beauty of Greece with an inspiring writing experience will be in the right place."

— Andrea B, retreat guest

"Beautiful location, generous hosts, brilliant mentoring, and overall a lovely experience."

-By Kira Z

I'm on my way home from their first reading retreat and it was amazing! Met so many great people and Jonas and Rania were wonderful hosts. Can't wait for next year.

-By Courney M

We went to a reading retreat with Imagine Greece Retreats. It was the best trip! Jonas and Rania were so accommodating and made us feel like we were family. They took care of so many excursions and ensured that if we were in need of anything they assisted quickly. I loved being a part of this retreat!

-By Jamie S

# GET IN TOUCH

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