



BONFIRE
2026 Nomadic Art Retreats

The **BONFIRE** Nomadic Art Retreats are born from a desire to share our gaze and our deep connection to specific territories around the world. Landscapes, cultures, and energies that have transformed our lives and our artistic practice, and that we now wish to experience with you.

Each edition is curated with attention and unfolds in a carefully chosen location, inviting a small group of creators into a slow, generous, and respectful way of relating to both the human and the more-than-human.

Our retreats moves you toward the local, the subtle, and the layers of truth that exist beyond global narratives. They open a space to encounter what is often overlooked, to listen differently, and to engage with place in a more conscious and embodied way.

Iceland

Winter Edition

The 2026 Nomadic Art Retreats take place in Iceland, our home base and a profound source of inspiration for over a decade. This land has shaped our lives and our work, and it feels natural and exciting to hold part of the program here: in person, on the land, in the wind.

The winter edition opens an intimate and inward path. It offers a space of suspension: to surrender, to interbe, to listen to other voices, to step outside habitual rhythms, and enter another field of awareness.

A direct encounter with the elemental forces of the Nordic winter and the raw beauty it holds.

There is a before and after to inhabiting this island. We know it deeply. And now, we want to share it with you.



Location

Laugarvatn

Laugarvatn lies in the heart of the Golden Circle, a region of geysers, waterfalls and rift valleys. Just 70 km from Reykjavík, it offers a gateway to some of Iceland's most iconic natural wonders.

The village has long been a quiet magnet for Icelandic artists. Before it became part of the Golden Circle route, it was already known as a creative refuge. Writers, musicians, and visual artists have found inspiration here for generations, drawn to its geothermal energy and the threshold of the lake.

It's no coincidence that Halldór Laxness, Iceland's Nobel Prize-winning writer, came here to reflect and reset. Today, Laugarvatn remains a powerful place for pause and creative return.



Our base

Héraðsskólinn

For this retreat, we'll stay at Héraðsskólinn, a historic 1920s schoolhouse turned soulful guesthouse, designed by Icelandic architect Guðjón Samúelsson (best known for Reykjavík's famous church Hallgrímskirkja).

With lake views, vintage wood interiors, and generous light, it's an authentic space, welcoming and ideal to spend our days.





You'll find cozy and spacious shared spaces that invite both rest and exchange: a small library, an in house bistro and bar, and quiet corners to gather or work.

Each participant will have a private room with views towards the lake or surrounding mountains. Bathrooms are shared, in alignment with the building's historic layout.

A delicious continental breakfast is included each morning throughout the stay.

BONFIRE will also have access to a private apartment within the main building. This space includes three participant rooms, along with a private kitchen and living area, offering an intimate setting for cooking, in-between moments, and informal gatherings.













LÁ Art Museum (Listasafn Árnesinga) Hveragerði

From us



We are Pat Lemos (Spain) and Lukas Lehmann (Germany), visual artists and members of the artist duo LEMOS + LEHMANN, based in Iceland, a landscape that has deeply shaped our cosmology over the years.

Our process-led practice moves between spirituality, ecology, and culture, drawing from fieldwork and situated creation.

Discover more at lemosandlehmann.com

With over fifteen years of experience across artistic-pedagogical projects, artist residencies, and cultural initiatives, we are passionate about accompanying artists at different stages of their practice. Through an open and attentive approach, we guide you in expanding your practice and broadening your creative horizons.

Interdisciplinary practitioners from around the globe!

Whether your practice moves through visual arts, sound, performance, writing, filmmaking, spatial thinking, or other forms of creation and research, we invite you to apply.

We welcome artists, thinkers, and professionals whose work is rooted in curiosity, perception, and a desire to engage more deeply with the world.

No specific project needs to be developed, and no outcomes are expected. This retreat is about what shifts quietly inside, the moment you touch the water, not the waves that follow.

To you



Iceland is choosing the ones to come.
This call is for you if you are:

- Ready to get lost
- Ready to find yourself
- Drawn to Nordic atmospheres
- Dreaming of Iceland for a long time
- Seeking meaningful inspiration
- Longing for time and space to reconnect
- Curious about working with intimacy, slowness, and spirituality
- Seeking reflective dialogue and personal guidance
- Open to thoughtful, grounded feedback that expands your perspective
- Willing to listen deeply

If you're ready to co-create the unknown,
this is your invitation.

1 When → Winter 2026

Dates: November 19-28

Duration: 10 days / 9 nights

Group: Limited to 7 participants —
an intimate circle for shared exploration

Meeting point:

Morning of November 19 in Reykjavík

Farewell:

Evening of November 28 in Reykjavík

2 Where → Iceland

Base Location: Laugarvatn

Guidance: Fully curated and guided by BONFIRE directors Pat Lemos and Lukas Lehmann who live and work in the region year-round, offering deep local insight and close artistic accompaniment throughout the retreat.

Retreat fee

Applications are free of charge and can be submitted until June 30th directly through [this link](#).

Individual
use room
3.100 €

Payment available in three installments.

***Special offer for BONFIRE community members!**

Direct application process, no portfolio or interview required.

Package includes:

- Private transportation throughout the retreat
- Welcome breakfast and farewell dinner in Reykjavík
- 9 nights at Héraðsskólinn
- Daily continental breakfast
- Guided visits and access to selected museums, geothermal baths, and unique experiences, like lava tunnels
- Excursions into the natural wonders of Iceland
- A 10 day program curated and hosted by Lemos + Lehmann, including artistic proposals, personal guidance sessions, and collective dynamics
- And, what matters most: something that stays with you, long after

Full of discoveries and revelations.

Liza Shkirando

Transformational

Brianna Millis

Enlightening

Fadi Houmani

A milestone in my creative journey.
The retreat experience was so profound. So intense. So humbling. I'm different now.

Bob Landström

A journey of trust in the unknown, in others and in myself.

Montserrat Serra

A guide toward perception and deep listening. A reconnection with the forgotten experience of feeling, inhabiting, and contemplating the landscape.

Paula Fraile

Expanding

Ayala Braidman

Shapeshifting

Katharina Langer

A gift to my soul

Carla Taylor

Every detail, every shared moment, and every gesture of generosity reflected deep care and intention. I'm profoundly grateful for the seeds we planted together, each one inspiring confidence in my artistic path. I return with a clearer vision, a fuller heart, and a luminous sense of purpose ahead.

Rachel Tanugui



BONFIRE Community

BONFIRE is an Art Platform dedicated to accompanying and sustaining contemporary artistic practices.

A fireplace for artists, cultural agents and plural thinkers, sparking reflection, listening and meaningful connections.

Through personalized mentoring, immersive online residencies and nomadic art retreats, we offer guidance and tools to cultivate confidence, coherence and leadership, while building a diverse and powerful community.

Designed by artists for artists, our programs are generous, thoughtfully curated and crafted to transmit our vital energy and expertise. They are transformative experiences, evolving every year, ready to foster synergies between different disciplines, backgrounds and cultures from around the globe.

At BONFIRE, we are committed to care: a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment that encourages growth, cross-pollination, and mutual support. An ecosystem where lasting relationships are built, and new possibilities emerge continuously.

Any kind of art is about the power to connect.

