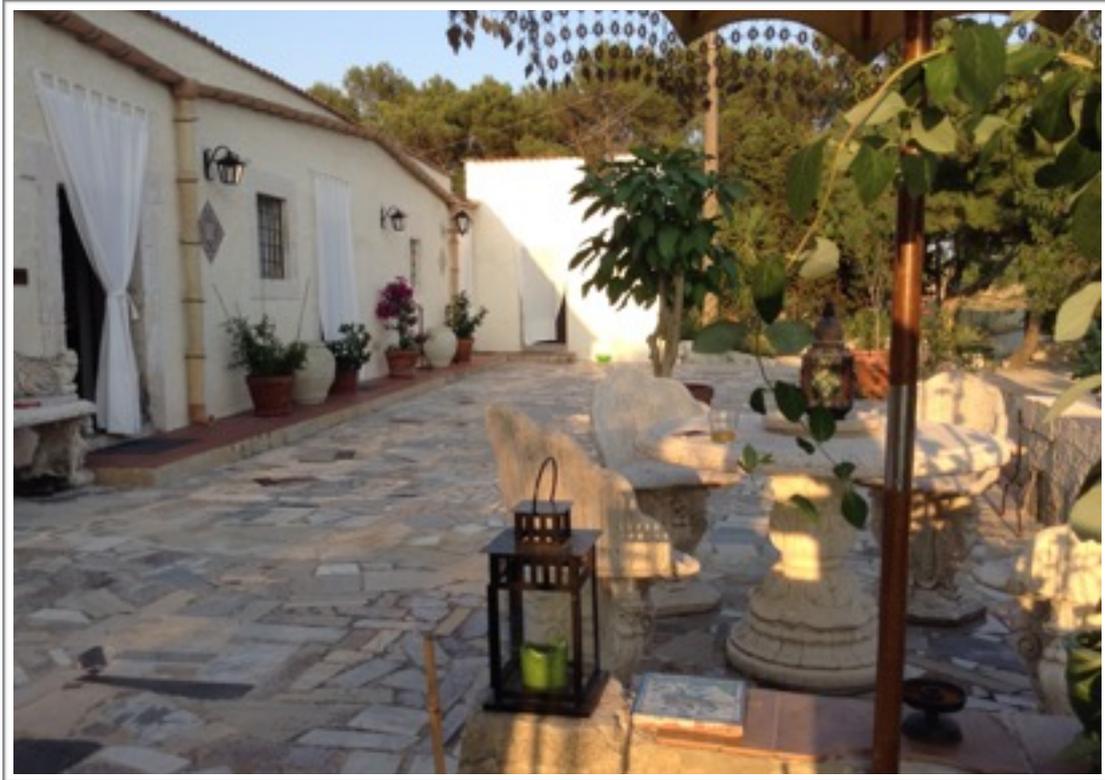


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# BOOKBINDING IN SICILY



Casa Khalesa is a small traditional Sicilian farmhouse on the edge of the village of Testa dell'Acqua, in the hills above Noto. The house overlooks unspoilt views over rolling countryside down to the shores of the Ionian Sea.

There is a large paved terrace in the front of the house, where we usually take lunch.

The garden is planted with a variety of olive and fruit trees, as well as plants and flowers indigenous to this part of Sicily which provide splashes of exotic colour.

## THE STUDIO

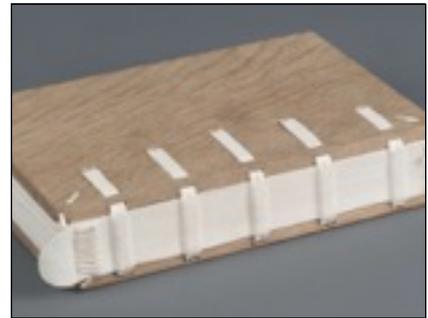
Our studio, purpose built last year, lies only a few yards from the house. Shaded by an old Carob tree, the studio has been fully fitted out and equipped for professional book binding and conservation projects.



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## COURSES FOR 2016

We have some very exciting workshops set for 2016. As there are only 6 places per unit we advise early booking. The tutors are from the very best institutions in UK and Europe. The cost of these courses start at €500 per week (approx. £400) with a small addition for materials where necessary. An alfresco lunch will be provided daily as well as afternoon tea with traditional Sicilian cakes. Both are included in the course fee.



18th - 22nd APRIL 2016

Edel Hopkin will be the instructor for this week.

MAY 2016 AND OCTOBER 2016

(exact dates to be confirmed)

Techniques of Islamic Binding

12<sup>th</sup>C English Limp Tawed Skin Binding

Recreating an Early Gothic Book Structure

Romanesque Book Structure circa 1100 - 1250

'Mudejar' Binding from Christian Spain 14<sup>th</sup>C - 16<sup>th</sup>C

Ethiopian Codex Binding

Byzantium Headbands



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## INFORMATION

### Flights

Easy Jet flies from London Luton and Gatwick to Catania. The earlier you book the cheaper the flights! [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)

### Accommodation

The best place to stay is Noto about 30 min drive to Casa Khalesa. There are also B&B's in our ares Testa dell'Acqua,, Rosolini, Antica Noto and Palazzolo Acreide. There is also a Monastery 'Monastero di San Benedetto' in Noto which charges a very economical price. Prices range from €20 per person/night including breakfast. Details can all be found at; [www.bookings.com](http://www.bookings.com) and [www.airbandb.com](http://www.airbandb.com)

I'd be happy to check out places if you require help in booking.

### Car Hire

All airlines have there own car hire agents.

[www.rentalcars.com](http://www.rentalcars.com) is a comparison site with excellent rates. I always use this site.

Please make sure you have a valid licence and a credit card. Most of these car rental companies have an office at Catania Airport (Fontanarossa) and all speak good English.



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