

SOLA-BUSCA

THE MAGICIAN'S SKETCHBOOK – DECODING THE SOLA BUSCA TAROT



Immerse yourself in the enigmatic world of the Sola Busca Tarot with our exclusive four-day intensive course, "The Magician's Sketchbook". Set in stunning Turin countryside, this unique programme offers an unprecedented exploration of one of history's most influential and mysterious tarot decks. From day one, you'll delve deep into Renaissance culture, examining the grotesque artistry and libertine philosophy that shaped this remarkable deck. Through hands-on creative sessions, expert-led discussions, and practical applications, you'll gain intimate knowledge of the deck's profound symbolism and ritual significance.

The journey continues with immersive study of alchemical processes and ritual sequences, culminating in a specially arranged visit to an acclaimed artisanal tarot workshop. The course concludes with an exploration of the Draconian current and the tradition of the Watchers, connecting ancient wisdom to contemporary practice. Each day features practical activities, creative exercises, and guided discussions, complemented by elegant refreshment breaks in our atmospheric gardens.



Day One: Introduction, grotesques and libertinism

10am Introductions and welcome
The Origins and context of the Sola Busca - meeting the renaissance elite, the Sola Busca designers and artist,

Lunch

13.00 Creating your own Sola Busca inspired image
The Grotesquerie: Pleasure, Power and Mortality: A closer look and understanding of the images what lies behind

Coffee break

15.15 Libertinism, reflecting on pleasure and virtue
Including a creative writing on transformation, knowledge and human nature.
17.15 Aperitivo in the moon and dark moon garden.

Day Two: Rituals

10 am Rituals – the alchemical processes: creation and sacrifice of the homunculus

Lunch

13.00 The ritual sequence of invocation and discussions on practical application and working.

Coffee break

15.15 Practical activities and the six card sequence.

Day Three Study tour - Milan

An opportunity to visit a world renown handmade tarot card and workshop and bookshop

Day Four: The Draconian current and the watchers

10am Image making and reflections from the study tour

Lunch

13.00 The tradition of the Watchers
An exploration of the Elite bloodline and what that means today

Coffee break

15.00 Disciplines required when working with the Draconian current

Dates:

31st August -

3rd September 2025

Early Bird Rate:

£275

