

golden jubilee



2026 India Retreat
with Gurudevi Nirmalananda



Spiritual roots

Dive inward with Gurudevi in her spiritual home, the sacred town of Ganeshpuri in Maharashtra, India. Join her in honoring her spiritual roots on her 80th birthday, which is also the 50th anniversary of her beginning teaching.

This is a meditation retreat, a quiet gathering for Svaroopis interested in deep practice. Each day begins with a morning ceremony in Nityananda's temple. The drums, chants and flames propel you deeper within, prompting the bliss of Consciousness to arise within.

Your capacity expands day by day, fueled by Guru's Grace. The roots are deep here, planted by Nityananda and brought to the West by Muktananda. Gurudevi bridges the two worlds, bringing the ancient truths to life even more powerfully in this mystical place.

Ganeshpuri is a mystical land. For me, it is the center of the universe. That's because it puts me in the center of my own Being, which is the center of the universe. I would be honored to have you join me in this glorious and gratitude-filled experience. — Gurudevi

Where? Why?

Ganeshpuri is a small village outside of Mumbai in a rural area of Maharashtra, India. Only two blocks long and three blocks wide, this pilgrimage site is visited by people from all over the world.

Why do they come? We all come for one reason, for easy access to the Divine within. This is what Baba Muktananda got from his Guru, Bhagavan Nityananda. The stone temple honoring Nityananda is a reliable doorway inward. And like Baba did, you can sit in Nityananda's house for meditation.



Gurudevi describes her experience of sitting with her Baba:

I had the incredible pleasure of sitting with my Baba in-person daily for many years. Every time, I settled into a peaceful inner expanse of pure Beingness. It was like I caught the germs of enlightenment from him, a most beneficial infection. It has gradually taken over until nothing else remains.



Our pilgrimage lets us marinate in the river of Guru's Grace, the most intimate doorway to the inner infinity.



We will be sitting in the current flowing through three generations of great Masters. Nityananda is intimately accessible in his Mahasamadhi Shrine. Meditation in Muktananda's shrine is an opportunity for deep silence and profound insights. Plus we have Gurudevi in-person! Spending time with Gurudevi in the home of our lineage is a rare and powerful opportunity. It is an invitation to experience your own Self and to be transformed by your inner experience.







About Ganeshpuri

Ganeshpuri is northeast of Mumbai. It takes 2-3 hours for the drive. It's worth it! This is why the world comes to Ganeshpuri, giving it an international feel in the midst of rural India.

The village grew up around Bhagavan Nityananda, who settled there in the 1930s. His devotees built him a home, then built hotels nearby to house the many who came for his darshan.¹ The village has continued to grow, based in Guru's Grace, serving the thousands who continue to come on pilgrimage.



Three important sites are open daily for meditation and traditional ceremonies. Pictured on the left, Gurudevi is standing in the doorway to Nityananda's house. Below is a photo of the meditation temple that houses his murti (living statue) as well as his remains. Additionally, the room in which he left his body is a meditation shrine, a crossroads between the finite and the infinite.

Each of these sacred sites is saturated with his Divine energy, giving you access to deeper inner experiences.

This is why Baba Muktananda went to sit with Nityananda. This is why Gurudevi returns regularly for personal retreats.

We are fortunate to be able to join her for this auspicious occasion.



¹ Darshan = to see the Divine

Trip Highlights

Morning meditations with Gurudevi in Nityananda's temple

Chanting and meditating with Gurudevi in Ganeshpuri's magic

A special ceremony on Gurudevi's 80th birthday

Shree Guru Gita — in Sanskrit some days, in English on others

Svaroopā[®] Yoga classes and guided meditations

Teachings and contemplations guided by *Svaroopā*[®] Vidya meditation teachers

Informal time with Gurudevi

Meeting our Ganeshpuri Yoga School teachers

Meditating in Bhagavan Nityananda's holy sites

Evening arati to Nityananda (where the priests put him to bed)

Seeing the temple priests and their respect for Gurudevi

Visiting Baba Muktananda's Mahasamadhi Shrine and the courtyard where Gurudevi sat with him every day

Free time to explore Ganeshpuri, go shopping and marinate in Guru's Grace

Doing seva (selfless service)

Good food and great company with fellow yogis



How the Retreat Works

Yoga & Meditation Hall

Across the river from Nityananda's temple, our meeting hall is at Fire Mountain Retreat Center. The dome gives us a private place for our practices, with the gardens as a lovely backdrop.

Logistics

Our ground transportation, meals and accommodations are being lovingly organized by Gurudevi's longtime friend, Iqbal Memon and his family. Iqbal is our Retreat Manager.



Accommodations

Your room will be at Fire Mountain, at the nearby Farmhouse Resort or at another of the many B&B's around the village. All rooms have ceiling fans or air-conditioning.

Your room is shared. Most rooms have two single beds though some are more like a dormitory. If you request a particular roommate, both people must request each other for us to set it up.

Accommodation is simple but comfortable. Most bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms and Western-style toilets and showers. Some have a bathroom down the hallway. All new bedding is provided, including a brand-new mattress and pillow.

Complimentary WiFi will be available in your guest house. However, WiFi connections in India can be erratic and slow. If internet access is important to you, please consider purchasing your own mobile WiFi (wireless hotspot) for improved service during the retreat, which Iqbal can manage for you.

Meals

Delicious vegetarian Indian meals are served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The spicing is appropriate for Western tongues.

Ample bottled water is provided. We recommend you do not eat or drink food from local restaurants due to sanitation concerns.



Details

Location: Ganeshpuri, Maharashtra, India.

Retreat Dates: The retreat begins with travel days: Monday November 9 2026, arriving on Tuesday November 10.

Programming begins in Ganeshpuri on Wednesday November 11, and finishes on Saturday November 21.

Duration: 10 days and 11 nights.

Enrollment Fees:

Tuition, Housing & Meals, Ground Transit

Early Member* Rate: \$4,761.00 (paid in full by September 3)

Early Non-Member Rate: \$5,241.00 (paid in full by September 3)

Standard Rate: \$5,771.00 (paid in full September 4 - October 25)

*Memberships that qualify for the discounted early rate: SATYA Membership, Monthly Donors

NOTE: Your enrollment fees do not include your airfare, visa, travel insurance and spending money. Additionally, the rate is subject to the disclaimers below.

What the fees include:

All retreat activities

Housing & meals

Unlimited bottled water, safe for drinking

New bedding (including mattress, sheets, pillow, blanket, mosquito net)

Transport to and from the Mumbai international airport for the recommended flights

Local transportation to Nityananda's temple for morning and evening programs

Flights

You book your own flights, which are an additional cost, not included in your enrollment fees. We recommend that you buy a ticket that is refundable.

We will recommend specific flights about three months before travel. Our criteria include the quality of the flights, along with the timings and the ticket rates. By traveling on this official flight, you get to travel with other Svaroopis. Your economy class ticket will likely be \$900-1,200 (US\$).

Ground Transportation

Those on the official flight will be picked up at the airport by buses/cars and whisked directly to Ganeshpuri. It's a long drive, so bottled water will be provided. If you are traveling on different flights, make separate arrangements for ground transportation with Iqbal (call +91 9821 052 248).



How to Enroll

Step 1: By October 1 2026, fill out your application [here](#).

Step 2: Allow 7 days for processing of your application.

Step 3: Once approved, enroll with our Enrollment Advisor at programs@svaroopayoga.org or 610.806.2119. A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is payable upon enrollment. This is due on or before October 10 2026.

Step 4: Your balance is payable in full by October 25. Late payments result in trip cancellation.

Enrollment Policies:

The retreat package is not subject to variation. It is not possible to participate in only part of our Ganeshpuri retreat.

Enrollment will only be accepted for the entire package, for the dates specified above. We are unfortunately unable to give discounts or scholarship rates.

We are unable to make special arrangements for yogis who arrive in India earlier than the retreat start date. This includes accommodation and transport for both arrival and return. If you wish to stay on in India after the retreat, you will need to make your own arrangements. Contact Iqbal directly on his mobile phone at +91 9821 052 248.

Information Pack

When you register an information package, available mid-May, will be sent to you with more retreat details.

We will also hold orientation meetings where we will review all the info and you can ask questions.

Choose which date you prefer and enroll 24 hours prior so you get the Zoom link.

Tuesday [June 9](#) from 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Eastern Time)

Saturday [October 17](#) from 3:00 – 4:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Important Information

Passports

You will need to travel with a valid passport. This means that your passport must have a validity of at least 6 months from date of arrival in India - at least until May 2027 (or later if you are continuing to travel in India after the retreat).

Travel Insurance

We require that everyone take out travel insurance, particularly health insurance. Please provide us with a copy of your policy by October 25 2026.

Visa

You will probably need a visa to enter India. Further information will be provided in the Travel Package once you register.

Disclaimers

Possible Change in Enrollment Fees

We would love to guarantee the rate, but several factors make it impossible. One is the international exchange rate. If it changes so that the US Dollar buys less rupees, we will have to pass that cost along to you.

The other factor is that we're going to India, so some of the costs may change at the last minute. We are working closely with our Retreat Manager to manage the many details, but ultimately we may experience last-minute changes. If these occur and add to the costs, we will let you know as soon as we know.

Trip Postponement or Cancellation

If unforeseen circumstances, such as another pandemic, necessitate the postponement or cancellation of the retreat we cannot guarantee a refund of monies paid. This is because we are making deposits for our group's needs and may not be able to get refunds from the vendors.

See You There!

Gurudevi is looking forward to this time with you, specifically to invite you deeper within. Being bathed in the Grace of Ganeshpuri makes your own Self more accessible. Even the tapas (difficulties) that come with being in India help with your inward process. We will see you there!