

**GURU PURNIMA RETREAT 2026
with SHREE SHIVKRUPANAND SWAMI
Sauerland Stern Hotel, Willingen (Germany)**

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION (GTC)

1. Organizer and Nature of the Event

The organizer is:
Samarpan Meditation Deutschland e.V.
Waldschulstraße 50
63628 Bad Soden-Salmünster
Germany
Email: info@samarpan-meditation.de

Samarpan Meditation Deutschland e.V. is a non-profit association.

The Guru Purnima Retreat 2026 is a spiritual event dedicated to meditation and inner reflection. The retreat is conducted voluntarily and free of charge by SHREE SHIVKRUPANAND SWAMI and does not pursue any commercial purposes.

The contributions paid by participants serve exclusively to proportionally cover the actual costs of organization, accommodation, catering, technical equipment, and implementation (cost-sharing principle).

2. Registration and Conclusion of Contract

Registration is exclusively carried out through the organizer's official booking system.

By submitting the booking, the participant makes a binding offer to participate.

The contract is concluded only upon full receipt of the participation fee and confirmation by the organizer.

A binding right to participate exists only after payment has been received and confirmation has been issued.

The number of participants is limited. Registrations will be considered in the order in which payments are received.

3. Participation Fee and Payment

The participation fee must be paid in full within the specified period.

Participation is only bindingly confirmed and the participant's place secured upon full receipt of payment.

The fee serves exclusively to cover the costs arising from the organization and implementation of the retreat.

Travel expenses, visas, insurance, or personal expenses are not included unless explicitly stated otherwise.

4. Cancellation / Transfer of Participation

We understand that personal circumstances may change.

As the organization of the retreat is based on fixed organizational costs as well as contractually bound hotel contingents and the association operates on a non-profit basis, the portion of the participation fee attributable to organization, infrastructure, technical equipment, administration, and other implementation costs is generally non-refundable.

For the hotel cost portion included in the participation fee, the following flat-rate cancellation fees apply – depending on the time of cancellation. These are based on the cancellation costs that are charged to the organizer by the contracted hotel.

- in case of cancellation between 111 and 31 days before the start of the event: 70% of the allocated hotel costs,
- in case of cancellation between 30 and 5 days before the start of the event: 90% of the allocated hotel costs,
- in case of cancellation between 4 and 0 days before the start of the event or in case of no-show: 100% of the allocated hotel costs.

The participant remains entitled to prove that the organizer incurred no costs or significantly lower costs.

The transfer of a participation place to another person is only possible with the prior written consent of the organizer. The details of the replacement participant must be communicated in due time.

We recommend taking out travel cancellation insurance and international health insurance.

5. Changes or Cancellation by the Organizer

The organizer reserves the right to make organizational changes to the schedule, program, timetable, or venue, provided that the overall character of the event remains unchanged.

Should the retreat be unable to take place for important reasons (e.g., force majeure, official orders, security risks, or unforeseen events), the organizer will endeavor to find a fair solution.

In such cases, participation fees already paid will, where possible, be refunded proportionally or in full. However, there is no legal entitlement to a full refund if non-recoverable costs have already been incurred.

Any further claims (e.g., travel, flight, or hotel expenses) are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

6. Force Majeure

Events of force majeure (e.g., natural disasters, pandemics, governmental restrictions, strikes, or similar events) release the organizer from the obligation to hold the event.

In such cases, the organizer will endeavor to find fair solutions (e.g., alternative dates or proportional arrangements), but accepts no liability for resulting costs or damages.

7. Health and Personal Responsibility

Participation is voluntary and at the participant's own responsibility.

Participants are themselves responsible for ensuring that they are physically and mentally fit to participate.

The retreat is a spiritual event and does not constitute medical, therapeutic, or psychological treatment, nor does it replace medical or therapeutic care.

8. Liability

Participation in the retreat is voluntary and at the participant's own responsibility.

The organizer shall be liable within the framework of statutory provisions for damages arising from injury to life, body, or health.

No liability is assumed for participants' personal belongings, valuables, or luggage.

In all other respects, liability is excluded to the extent permitted by law.

9. Conduct During the Event

Participants undertake to behave respectfully, peacefully, and mindfully toward all persons and the event environment.

The organizer reserves the right to exclude participants from the event in cases of serious disruptive behavior. In such cases, no entitlement to a refund exists.

10. Fundraising and Information Booths

During the event, information and sales booths offering items related to Himalaya Samarpan Meditation may be available.

Sales are conducted without profit-making intention. Any proceeds serve exclusively charitable purposes, particularly the support and financing of spiritual and charitable projects, including the construction of a new meditation hall.

11. Photo, Video, Audio Recordings and Live Broadcasts

During the event, photo, video, and audio recordings may be made.

These may be used by the organizer and affiliated organizations for documentation, informational, and public relations purposes (e.g., website, newsletter, social media).

In addition, discourses, meditations, or program elements involving the spiritual teacher may be transmitted live via YouTube to meditation centers and members of the worldwide Himalaya Samarpan Meditation community.

It cannot be excluded that participants may be recognizable in image or audio recordings.

Participants who do not wish to be recorded or published may notify the organizer in writing before the beginning of the event. The organizer will endeavor to accommodate such requests organizationally as far as reasonably possible; however, especially in larger group recordings or live broadcasts, complete avoidance cannot be guaranteed.

12. Data Protection

Personal data will be processed exclusively in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The data will be used solely for the organization, implementation, and internal communication related to the retreat.

Data will only be shared where necessary for the implementation of the event or where legally required.

Participants have the right at any time to access, rectify, erase, restrict processing of, and transfer their personal data.

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13. Visas and Entry Requirements

Participants are themselves responsible for obtaining any visas required for entry into Germany and for complying with the applicable entry regulations.

Upon request, the organizer may issue invitation letters for visa applications. However, this does not create any entitlement to a visa.

14. Applicable Law

The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply.

Mandatory consumer protection rights of the participant's country of residence remain unaffected insofar as they are applicable.

The place of jurisdiction, insofar as legally permissible, shall be the organizer's registered office.

15. Severability Clause

Should any individual provisions of these Terms and Conditions be or become invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected.

16. Venue

Sauerland Stern Hotel
Kneippweg 1
34508 Willingen
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