



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

### **BOOKING INFORMATION (as of 16 July 2026)**

We are very pleased to announce that the meditation master Shree Shivkrupanand Swami (Swamiji) and his wife Guruma will be coming to Europe in summer 2026.

With great joy, we can announce that **this year's Guru Purnima festival with Swamiji and Guruma** will be celebrated in Germany as part of their Europe tour.

One of their wishes is to support the final financing for the construction of our non-profit Meditation Hall (Gurushaktidham Europe), to which this retreat is also intended to contribute.

As the large Guru Purnima celebration with Swamiji usually takes place in India, this is a very special and unique gift for us here in the West.

Guru Purnima is an important Indian festival celebrated every year on the full moon in July.

Both meditators and non-meditators are warmly invited to experience this special festival live together with Swamiji in Germany.

**On Sunday, June 7, 2026, an information session about this retreat were held in English via Zoom.** You are welcome to request the recording link via email to [welcome@samarpan-meditation.de](mailto:welcome@samarpan-meditation.de).

The discourses are expected to be held with English translation.

**We are very much looking forward to welcoming you on this very special occasion!**

## Date and Venue

The retreat will take place at the Sauerland Stern Hotel in Germany (North Hesse).

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| <b>28–30 July 2026</b><br>(Tuesday to Thursday) | <b>Sauerland Stern Hotel,<br/>Willingen (Germany)</b> | <b>with English translation</b> |
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Participation and booking are only **possible for the entire duration**, not for individual days.

The Sauerland Stern Hotel requests that all accommodation bookings be made **exclusively via the booking portal of our association** and not via the hotel or any online portal (see below).



## Check-in and end of the retreat

Check-in takes place on Tuesday, 28 July 2026 no later than 3:00 PM German time (UTC+2).

Earlier check-in may be possible; this will be confirmed in the week before the retreat begins.

The program ends on Thursday, 30 July 2026 after lunch.

## How to reach the retreat venue

The hotel is located in the idyllic Sauerland region and is easily accessible by public transport and by car.

**Address:** Sauerland Stern Hotel, Kneippweg 1, 34508 Willingen, Germany

The nearest **train station** is Willingen (500 m from the venue).

The nearest **international airport** is Frankfurt Airport. From there it takes approx. 2.5 hours by car to the hotel (190 km).

There are also closer airports in Paderborn-Lippstadt (70 km), Kassel, and Dortmund.

The hotel is surrounded by beautiful nature and offers various leisure activities (<https://www.willingen.de/>).



#### Bus transfer between Frankfurt Airport and the retreat venue

In the booking portal, it is possible to register for a bus transfer from Frankfurt Airport to the Guru Purnima venue and back.

Payment for this service will be made on site on the bus or at the retreat venue.

#### **Bus Transfer Times between Frankfurt Airport and the retreat venue (booking via the booking portal or by email):**

The bus journey takes approximately 3 hours.

- **28 July 2026:** Bus transfers from Frankfurt Airport to the hotel at 10:00 am and 11:00 am CEST.
- **30 July 2026:** Bus transfers from the hotel to Frankfurt Airport at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm CEST.

**Bus Transfer Times between Dhyanthali Europe and the retreat venue (booking via email):**

- **28 July 2026:** Minibus transfer from Dhyanthali Europe to the retreat venue at 10:00 am CEST.
- **30 July 2026:** Bus transfer from the retreat venue to Dhyanthali Europe at 4:00 pm CEST.

**Visit to the Samarpan Centre Europe before or after Guru Purnima**

You are warmly invited to take the opportunity to visit the Samarpan Centre Europe (Dhyanthali Europe) in Bad Soden-Salmünster (Hesse) **before or after the retreat.**

The Samarpan Centre Europe, where our Meditation Hall (Gurushaktidham) is currently being built, is located approximately a 1-hour drive from Frankfurt Airport and around a 3-hour drive from the Guru Purnima retreat venue.

If there is sufficient interest, a bus transfer can be arranged **from the Dhyanthali Europe to the retreat location** and, after the retreat, **from the hotel to the Dhyanthali.** If you would like to use this service, please register via the form [by June 27, 2026](#). You can ask for the link to this form via email to [welcome@samarpan-meditation.de](mailto:welcome@samarpan-meditation.de).

Information about staying at the Samarpan Centre Europe can be found here on our website: <https://samarpanmeditation.de/aufenthalt-am-ort-der-meditation/>

## **Accommodation during the retreat**

Accommodation during the retreat is **exclusively at the Sauerland Stern Hotel**. Staying in campers or external accommodation is not possible.

**Room bookings for the retreat days must be made exclusively via our booking portal.**

There is also the option of staying overnight at the Sauerland Stern Hotel before or after the retreat – bookings for these nights can **also be made via our booking portal!**

Please note that dogs cannot be brought to the retreat.

Throughout the retreat, all participants consciously refrain from using cell phones.

Accessible rooms are available for wheelchair users.

Couples and families may share a room; otherwise, gender separation applies.

## Rooms and prices at the Sauerland Stern Hotel

The program is non-commercial and is conducted free of charge by Shree Shivkrupanand Swami.

The costs cover all expenses incurred during the Guru Purnima retreat, including full board accommodation, tourist tax, room rental, technology, flowers, and materials.

Depending on availability, shared single and double rooms can be booked.

**Room upgrades (e.g. from a double room to a double or single room) can only be requested via a separate form.** To receive the link to the form, please send us a short email to [welcome@samarpan-meditation.de](mailto:welcome@samarpan-meditation.de).



Total retreat costs including accommodation and full board

- with **Single room accommodation**: €460 per person (15 years and older)

## CHILDREN

- **6–14 years:** €175 when booked with two full-paying adults
- **0–5 years:** free when booked with two full-paying adults

Overnight stays at the Sauerland Stern Hotel before or after the retreat

If you would like to stay at the Sauerland Stern Hotel for a few **days before or after the retreat**, please book these additional nights outside the retreat period directly through our booking portal and not through the hotel or an online portal.

This makes it possible to stay in the same room for the entire duration of your stay.

The additional nights outside the Guru Purnima retreat include breakfast and are paid for directly at the hotel.

Numerous restaurants and dining options are available in the hotel and in the town center of Willingen for lunch and dinner.

The price for the nights before and after the retreat always depends on the actual number of people staying in the room on that particular day.

Example: If a double room is used during the retreat, but only one person stays in it the night before, the single room price will be charged for that night.

**Prices for overnight stays with breakfast before or after the retreat per person (15 years and older) and per night are as follows:**

- Single room: €114 per night and person plus tourist tax of €3
- Double room: €84.50 per night and person plus tourist tax of €3
- Triple room: €64.50 per night and person plus tourist tax of €3

## Booking options

There are two booking options in the portal: individual booking and family booking.

### Individual booking

Individual booking is for persons aged 15 and over in single or double rooms.

Gender segregation applies, with the following exceptions: couples may share a double room; parents with children aged 15 and above can share a double room (subject to availability), regardless of gender.

In the booking portal you can indicate who you would like to share a room with. Please coordinate this **in advance** and ensure that the first and last name matches exactly as registered by the other person.

Each person books and pays individually.

It is also possible to book without a preferred roommate. In this case, room allocation is done by the hotel.

### Family booking

Family booking is exclusively for families with children aged 0–14 years.

According to hotel regulations, **two adults** must stay in the room, each paying the double room rate.

A maximum of five people per family room is allowed (2 adults and up to 3 children).

For single parents or individuals travelling with children, there is the option to share a family room with another adult.

If you are looking for someone, please email us at [welcome@samarpan-meditation.de](mailto:welcome@samarpan-meditation.de). A WhatsApp group will be created to connect families and help form suitable room arrangements.

The booking of the family room is made collectively by one person.

### Meals

Meals during the retreat are full board, vegetarian (without eggs), from Tuesday evening to Thursday lunch.

Allergies and intolerances can also be specified during booking.

## Booking and payment

**Please register by Tuesday, June 30, 2026** – places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please read our **terms and conditions including cancellation policies** carefully, as you agree to them upon booking.

100% of the total amount is due at the time of booking.

A retreat booking is only confirmed once payment has been received in the bank account of Samarpan Meditation Deutschland e.V.

During booking, you will be automatically redirected to online payment and donation options.

To keep fees as low as possible, we recommend **payment via SEPA**.

### **IMPORTANT: Your registration consists of two parts!**

1. Registration/booking/payment for accommodation including a fixed cost contribution covering organisational expenses and full board during the retreat
2. Afterwards, you can make the **donation for the construction of the Meditation Hall (Gurushaktidham Europe)**

Kindly note that the prices shown during retreat registration / accommodation booking do **NOT** yet include the donation.

## Warm invitation to support our non-profit project

At the Samarpan Centre Europe (Dhyansthal) near Frankfurt, a very special Meditation Hall (Gurushaktidham) is currently being built. It is intended to be a peaceful place where people can find rest and connect with their inner source of strength.

The Meditation Hall will be open to all people across Europe and beyond.

To make this wonderful construction project possible and to inaugurate it, the meditation master Shree Shivkrupanand Swami (Swamiji) will travel from India together with his wife Guruma this year.



**It is Swamiji's great wish** that donations for the Meditation Hall in Europe are collected during the Guru Purnima retreat so that the first construction phase can be fully financed.

**It would be wonderful if you support this wish and take the minimum recommendation into consideration when making your donation.**

If you feel inspired to donate beyond the recommended amount, this helps us collectively carry the remaining open amount of approximately €500,000.

**Perhaps we can see it this way:**

At the Guru Purnima Retreat 2026, many participants will not need to undertake the long journey to India, including flight costs, as the program takes place in Europe — a beautiful opportunity to take this aspect into account in one's personal decision.

**The recommended donation is €250 per adult person — though of course there is no upper limit ❤️**

All important information will be provided via email and WhatsApp

**All participants will be kept informed about further retreat details via email.**

This includes information on what to bring, travel and accommodation, current updates on the program schedule, as well as other organisational information.

In the further course, you will also receive a link to our WhatsApp community "Guru Purnima 2026 \* Participants".

This group serves as an additional channel for sharing up-to-date information leading up to the retreat in both German and English.

Within this community, additional groups will also be created to help participants find carpooling and shared travel options, as well as for exchange and questions.

If you have any questions, you can contact our registration team at [welcome@samarpan-meditation.de](mailto:welcome@samarpan-meditation.de).

**We wish you a wonderful retreat from the bottom  
of our hearts and are very much looking forward to  
seeing you!**