

Kartik Yatra - 2019

A holy pilgrimage to Sri Vrindavan Dham

with

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Dear Devotees,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The Yatra Committee is glad to inform you that the Annual Kartik Yatra of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath congregation for the year 2019 will be to Sri Vrindavan Dham. During this yatra we will visit holy places in and around Vrindavan. Unlike previous years, there will be no part yatra at Govardhan this time. We will visit Govardhan on one of the days during our stay at Vrindavan.

Please read the following details carefully before registering for the yatra.

IMPORTANT DATES

Yatra Itinerary:

ACTIVITY	STARTS ON	ENDS ON
Arrival at Vrindavan	Sat, 26 th Oct	
Main yatra at Vrindavan	Sun, 27 th Oct	Sun, 3 rd Nov, 10pm
Departure from Vrindavan	Mon, 4 th Nov, 8am	

Registration Dates:

Online registration	1 st May, 10am IST	15 th May, 6pm IST
Last date for cancellation of registration with full refund (after deducting processing fee Rs. 300)		30 th June
Details of accommodation available on website	5 th July	
Late registration (with a late fee of Rs. 500) (subject to accommodation availability)	16 th May	31 st July
Substitution	1 st August	6 th October
Last date for settling all accounts related matters	30 th November	

Accommodation Booking Dates:

There has been some changes in the categories for accommodation bookings for this yatra. For details, please refer to the "Accommodation Booking" section on Pages 3 & 4 of this brochure.

ACTIVITY	STARTS ON	ENDS ON
Accommodation for Varishtha Vaishnavas	21 st July, 10:00 am IST	31 st July
Accommodation for Overseas devotees	23 rd July, 10:00 am IST	31 st July
Accommodation for all, except single Prabhujis	26 th July, 10:00 am IST	31 st July
Accommodation for single Prabhujis	29 th July, 10:00 am IST	31 st July

ELIGIBILITY

The minimum qualification for applying for the yatra is as follows:

1. Applicant should be chanting minimum 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily and following the four regulative principles including refrain from tea & coffee from Gaur Purnima (**20th March 2019**).
2. Applicant should be attending weekly ISKCON satsang programs on a regular basis for at least one year.
3. Applicant should follow the prescribed dress code of Dhoti-kurta for men and Sari for women during the Yatra.
4. Applicant must NOT have any objection from his/her Counselor/ Spiritual Guide/ Authority/ Guardian/ Regional Facilitator (see Appendix for list of Regional Facilitators from other centres in India & abroad, as authorized by the Yatra Committee).
5. Applicant's personal information is up-to-date in the database, particularly
 - a. Photograph (mandatory for security reasons),
 - b. Address
 - c. Mobile number (if any, for yatra updates),
 - d. Email address (if any),
 - e. Educational qualification,
 - f. Age and gender

YATRA CHARGES

- During registration for this yatra, devotees can choose if they want to avail the bus facility, being arranged by the yatra committee, for traveling to different holy places in and around Vrindavan. The yatra charges accordingly, are as follows:
 - **Kartik Yatra 2019 charges (with bus facility): Rs 4000/-**
Charges include registration, internal traveling, prasadam (breakfast & lunch only) and donations to various temples in the holy Dham. In this option, devotees can travel in the different yatra groups in yatra buses, to different holy places we will visit everyday.
 - **Kartik Yatra 2019 charges (without bus facility): Rs 2800/-**
Charges include registration, prasadam (breakfast & lunch only) and donations to various temples in the holy Dham. In this option, devotees will not be allowed to travel with the different yatra groups in the yatra buses to the different holy places we visit everyday.
- Children under 5 years of age (as on 1st October 2019) are waived of registration charges. **HOWEVER, THEY ALSO NEED TO BE REGISTERED.** Please note that they will not be eligible for a separate seat during internal bus travel etc. In case a separate seat is required, they have to pay the full yatra charges. **Accommodation charges WILL be charged for children less than 5 years of age too.**
- Yatra charges shall not be reduced in proportion to number of days you wish to attend the yatra.
- Those devotees desiring dinner prasadam will have to make their own arrangement.

REGISTRATION

- Registration is **MANDATORY** for all devotees attending the yatra **including Brahmacharis**, Kitchen Team members and children less than 5 years of age.
- Devotees can register online at www.rgmdatabase.com. Those who don't have a login id / password should get the same from their respective counselor/ regional facilitator or directly contact Yatra Helpline (+91 22 2366 5634 / +91 22 2366 5682), before yatra registration begins.
- Payment has to be made online immediately, either with a Credit / Debit card or through Internet Banking. Our payment gateway also provides EMI option for payments. Registration will be confirmed only after the payment process is complete.
- Please note that **only Debit / Credit cards issued in India are acceptable for payment**. In other words, Debit / Credit cards issued OUTSIDE India are NOT acceptable for payment.
- If registrations exceed the accommodation available, all new registrations will be put on waiting list. If yatra committee is able to arrange for additional accommodation, waiting list will get confirmed. Otherwise these devotees will have to try for substitution or cancel their yatra participation or arrange their own accommodation.
- Registration shall be strictly non-transferable, i.e. once registered you cannot interchange it with anyone else, except with prior approval of the yatra committee.
- Registration with late fee payment of Rs. 500/- will start from 16th May and will be allowed till 31st July, subject to availability of accommodation.
- The final decision in all matters will be at the sole discretion of the yatra committee.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING

- It is **MANDATORY** for every yatra participant to book his or her accommodation and **through yatra committee only**. In other words, yatra participants must not book their accommodation directly in any hotel or guesthouse in Vrindavan. However, if you have your own residential facility at Vrindavan, you are exempted from above rule.
- Families wanting to stay together, should ensure that profiles of all family members are connected in the database, before online accommodations begin.
- Devotees will need to visit www.rgmdatabase.com and choose the room where they would like to stay and with which other devotees. Once one of the available rooms is selected, payment has to be made online immediately for the room.
- For a group of devotees wanting to stay together, one of the group members can book for the whole group, provided he/she has access to profiles of all other group members. Contact Yatra Helpline (+91 22 2366 5634 / +91 22 2366 5682) for any help in this regard.
- For those devotees who are not net savvy, a counter will be available at Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir at a stipulated time, where a volunteer will register and book accommodation on the devotee's behalf (using the respective devotee's Login Id and Password). Only cash will be accepted at this counter.

Step 1: By 5th July 2019, the accommodation details of all rooms at Vrindavan will be available on rgmdatabase.com for viewing and download.

Step 2: On 21st July, 10am IST, accommodation booking will start for Varishtha Vaishnavas (VV).

Varishtha Vaishnavas (VV) are Prabhujis whose age is 60 years or more as on 1st October 2019 and Matajis whose age is 55 years or more as on 1st October 2019.

- On 21st and 22nd July, only Varishtha Vaishnavas will be allowed to choose accommodation.
- 23rd July onwards, no preference will be given to Varishtha Vaishnavas. But they can continue to book any available room.

Step 3: From 23rd July, devotees under "Overseas Category" (OC) can book accommodation as above.

"Overseas Category" refers to those devotees who are based out of India and are active part of the local congregation there. This does not refer to those devotees who may be traveling out of India for some time for any business/ personal purpose. The online registration system will check the "OC" category from the "Centre" field of their profile in www.rgmdatabase.com.

Step 4: From 26th July, all devotees, except "Single Prabhujis" can book accommodation as above.

Step 5: From 29th July till 31st July, any devotee can choose any of the available rooms and book.

SUBSTITUTION

- If any devotee, who has paid for the registration, accommodation and cannot come for the yatra, **he/ she can find a substitute**. The onus of finding a substitute lies with the devotee who is cancelling, but yatra committee can provide help.
- Once paid, the registration & accommodation charges will not be refunded. A fee of Rs 500 from the devotee who is coming and a fee of Rs 300 from the devotee who is cancelling, will be charged by the yatra committee. However, wait listed devotees will get full refund excluding the bank transaction charges. Substitutions will be allowed till 6th October.

TRAVELING

1. Traveling arrangements from one's place of residence to Vrindavan and back, have to be made by the participants on their own. Kartik Yatra Management Committee or Sri Sri Radha Gopinath (ISKCON Chowpatty) Temple Management, will not be responsible, in any way, for any losses suffered by yatra participants while booking train/air tickets for joining the yatra, either through any ISKCON congregation member or any outside agent.
2. Yatra committee will make internal bus travel arrangements for visiting various holy places during the yatra wherever required.
3. All communications regarding travel arrangements should be mailed to travel@rgyatra.com

IMPORTANT CONTACT E-MAIL IDS

Registration & Yatra Information	info@rgyatra.com
Accommodation	acco@rgyatra.com
Payment related	pay@rgyatra.com
Cancellations	cancel@rgyatra.com
Travel arrangements	travel@rgyatra.com
Complaints / feedback / suggestion	suggestions@rgyatra.com

CODE OF CONDUCT

Norms regarding conduct of the devotees during the yatra, pertaining to visiting holy places, security, dress code, shopping, regulative principles, etc. would be intimated by the yatra committee through a separate information booklet at a later stage. All the participants are expected to strictly follow the instructions of the yatra committee and other sub-committees like security, prasadam, etc. Any discrepancy will be viewed seriously and the concerned devotee may be penalized monetarily or debarred from future participation in yatras or both. Counselors of such erring devotees would also be considered responsible for any misbehaviour of their counselees violating the norms of the yatra. Observations of the vigilance committee will be taken into account for executing the disciplinary action and decision of the yatra committee would be irrevocable in this regard.

FORCE MAJEURE

If yatra needs to be cancelled due to a natural catastrophe or any unavoidable reasons, the yatra committee will refund the appropriate charges after deducting the expenses already incurred.

DISCLAIMER

Devotees attending this yatra are doing so entirely on their own risk. Under no circumstances shall the members of the yatra committee in particular or ISKCON Chowpatty in general, individually or collectively, be liable for any loss/ damage in any way due to any cause beyond your / our control.

Thanking you,

Your servants,

Sanatkumar das & Shyamananda das

(Yatra Coordinators)

APPENDIX "A": LIST OF REGIONAL FACILITATORS (INDIA)

#	Centre	Regional Facilitator	Contact Person	Email-ID	Mobile No.
1	Amritsar	Raghunath Das	Raghunath Das	rajesh@talwars.net	9876556644
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3	Bangalore	Anantha Vallabh Das	Anantha Vallabh Das	anantha.rns@gmail.com	9986424680
4	Baramati	Narayan Gauranga Das	Narayan Gauranga Das	niteen2007@rediffmail.com	9405044900 7058699179
5	Belgaum	Nagendra Das	Nagendra Das	ndas.rns@gmail.com	9243207288
			Premarasa Das	premrns.rns@gmail.com	9035330070
6	Goa	Arjuna Priya Das	Arjuna Priya Das	apd.rns@gmail.com	9823224496
7	Hadgaon	Dinanath Das	Dinanath Das	dinanathdas_rns@yahoo.com	9372458992
8	Hingoli	Dinanath Das	Dinanath Das	dinanathdas_rns@yahoo.com	9372458992
9	Kolhapur	Jayanand Das	Jayanand Das	jayanand.rns@gmail.com	9371103702
10	Kolkata	Acharya Ratna Das	Acharya Ratna Das	ard@iskconkolkata.com	9230028545
			Patita Pavana Das	ppdas.rns@gmail.com	8420002600
11	Koregaon	Ayodhyapati Das	Ayodhyapati Das	ayodhyapati_rns@yahoo.co.in	9969023213
12	Latur	Sadhananand Das	Sadhananand Das	sameershah21@rediffmail.com	9860845528 8149384428
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			Bharat Gadewar	iskconnanded@gmail.com	9422188874
14	Nasik	Sikshastakam Das	Anant Mukund Das	atulmalpani@gmail.com	9373925432
			Vrindavan Prasad Das	mishal.vivek@gmail.com	9881256288
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APPENDIX "B": LIST OF REGIONAL FACILITATORS (OVERSEAS)

S#	Country	Regional Facilitator	Email-ID
1	Australia	Suvarna Krishna Das	sandeep.jhamb@gmail.com
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4	Germany	Vrajajana Das	sridharthati@gmail.com
5	Ireland	Maharani Devi Dasi	maharanirns02@yahoo.ie
6	Malaysia	Gaurachandra Das	ksbgcd@yahoo.com
7	Russia	Mukund Murari Das	kirtanam@list.ru
8	Singapore	Narada Rsi Das	nira.singh@gmail.com
9	Sweden	Tapas Das	tapasdas.rns@gmail.com
10	Sweden	Kamala Priya Devi Dasi	kamala.priya.rns@pamho.net
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12	UK	Narottam Ananda Das	narendra108@gmail.com
13	USA	Rasasekhara Das	s.rajasekhar.rao@gmail.com
14	USA	Vraj Kishore Das	vrajkishordas.rns@gmail.com
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