

DIRECTIONS FOR DOUBLE FOREIGNERS MADHUBAN SEASON 2023-2024

1. DF Teachers and BK Students need to register for their Madhuban trip via their local Centre in foreign lands (not via any Indian Centre they may be connected with), and all travel and personal details should be uploaded on the Madhuban Database at least 3 weeks before arrival in Abu by the Travel Coordinator.
2. Pilgrims who book their tickets within 3-5 days of travel are requested to inform their DF Centre Coordinator who will arrange to have the details uploaded onto the Madhuban Database. In addition, CCs are requested to send an email to Shashiben's Office at shashi@bkivv.org.
3. Double Foreigners may plan their visit for one of the Meetings within the group dates. Please adhere to the Group Dates mentioned for each Meeting as far as possible.

If any NC, NCT member or Senior Teacher is required to be present for two meetings anytime during the season, then as usual they need to take permission from their RC and Shashiben.

4. Centres and Travel Coordinators should remind pilgrims to carry Govt Form C, and 3 photocopies of 1) passport ID page and 2) OCI/Tourist/E-Tourist Visa pages. Please ensure that these documents are submitted at the Overseas Coordinating Office in Gyan Sarovar (Vishnupuri) or the Accommodation Department in Shantivan promptly on arrival.
5. It is essential for Shashiben's Office to keep a record of all double foreigner arrivals and departures, and so apart from registration on arrival (see above), everyone should give their accurate departure details to the Vishnupuri Overseas Coordinating Office, Shantivan Accommodation Department or Shashiben's Office on the day of departure.
6. Those reaching Abu immediately after a Guest Retreat (Peace of Mind, Inner Peace Inner Power) or the Integrated Retreat (NC/NCT, CC & Board members) should be aware that cleaning may still be taking place when you arrive, and so you are requested to adjust with the available accommodation.

November (Diwali) and March (Holi) are primary festival months, and so the maids are usually on holiday for many days which can impact the cleaning of rooms etc.

7. If any treatment at Global Hospital is required, please check with Shashiben's Office regarding accommodation before booking any appointments or tickets to Abu.

In general, patients/those requiring treatment at GHRC should avoid 15 October, 31 December, 18 January, 16 February, and 7 March meetings due to it being the full season time, and the cold weather.

8. During the 16 February or 7 March 2024 meetings, it will be very difficult to provide small rooms for families or couples or patients, so they are requested not to book their visits during 16 February or 7 March 2024 meetings.
9. The elderly pilgrims or those with medical conditions should always travel to Madhuban with at least one DF companion from their Centre/country, who can attend to their physical needs throughout their stay.
10. Accommodation will be primarily in Gyan Sarovar. If anyone needs to stay in Shantivan for any reason, the request needs to come to Shashiben's Office via the Madhuban Database or email at least 3 weeks in advance.

Please note that Shantivan is also full during the Avyakt Meetings' Season, and so it is best to limit the stay in Shantivan to 4-5 days.