

Brahmacari Convention 2010 at Bhaktivedanta Manor UK

Dear Prabhus,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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1. Introduction

Last year's first UK and European Brahmacari Convention held at Bhaktivedanta Manor www.krishnatemple.com was a complete success.

We've not seen so much saffron clad devotees this side of the globe for a long time, it was very inspiring to see that the 'Brahmacaris' are not an endangered species.

All of us were so enthused to be with each other. We know for sure everyone is fired up and excited about this next conference **18th June to Saturday 23rd June**. At the end of last year's conference, brahmacaris presented seminar themes they would like included for this year.

With their blessings and for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha & Gokulanada Sri Sri Sita, Rama Laxman, Hanuman, Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, we again look forward to being graced by the company of all who participated last year.

This is an invitation to all the brahmacaris in the UK and Europe. We will be very pleased to be your hosts, event organizers and fellow participants. We know every brahmacari is invaluable and can contribute so much. We have extended this invitation now to a 120 brahmacaris to attend. And we've fulfilled the brahmacaris wishes with what can only now be an even greater convention to coincide with the Rathayatra Festival in Trafalgar Square, London www.rathayatra.co.uk as the perfect day for celebration and getting to know each other better. We are for sure going to set London alight with the fire of saffron, and in all splendor, Lord Jagannatha, Baladev and Subhadra leading the way in their magnificent chariots.

Last Year most brahmacaris came from the UK and Northern Europe. We understand flights may have been possibly too expensive; however I'm sure you will agree we have tried our best to put on this event at a minimum cost to you because we wanted this event to be available to all brahmacaris from the UK

and Europe. We really so much want you all to come, association doesn't get any better than this and we promise you, it will be worth it. Please allow us to serve and look after you.

2. The Brahmacari Convention Dates – 18th June to Saturday 23rd June

Conference Days – This is how it looks

..... Thursday 17th - Arrivals

10am - 6pm – Friday 18th - Conference begins 1st Day – Tour & Association 4pm – 6pm & Free time
Thereafter

10am - 6pm - Saturday 19th - Conference 2nd day

10.30am – 6pm – Sunday 20th Rathayatra Festival in Trafalgar Square, London

10am - 6pm – Monday 21st - Conference 3rd day

10am – 6pm – Tuesday 22nd Conference 4th day

10am – 6pm - Wednesday 23rd – Conference 5th day

..... - Thursday 24th - Departures

Ecstatic kirtans led by the Maharaj's every night in the temple room together with the congregation.

3. Speakers & Facilitators

Cast those renounced eyes of yours at the great speakers we have so able and keen to serve you with some amazing seminars.

HH Prahladananda Maharaj,

HH Sacinandana Maharaj

HH Candramauli Maharaj

HH Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,

HH Janananda Goswami Maharaj

HH Yadunandana Maharaj

HH Jayadvaita Maharaj ???

HH Bhakti Vijnana Maharaj ???

HG Krsna Ksetra Prabhu

HG Kripamoya Prabhu

There will be a lot of expertise, knowledge and experience presented within the seminars and the Brahmacari Convention schedule will be sent to you soon.

4. Conference Themes

Here are the themes our speakers will be focusing on.

1) Practical

- a) Stages of life
- b) Loving exchanges
- c) Etiquette
- d) Confidential topics
- e) Sexuality

2) How To Go Deeper In Sadhana

- a) Japa Workshop & Challenges
- b) Sastric Study & Challenges
- c) A Deeper Look & Meditation on the Morning Programme
- d) Maintaining the Taste for Renunciation - Staying Brahmacari – Tips and Advice.

The classes and sessions look to be enlivening too as quite a number will involve your interactive participation.

5. UK and European Brahmachari Convention – Further Details

Things to bring

Notepad & Pen

All participants should bring a Sleeping Bag & Yoga Mat

Please note we have only 10 beds and 12 foam mattresses. Others will use their yoga mat & sleeping bag.

(Those with back problems etc, please notify us on the booking confirmation reply). We will then give these persons first priority to use our bed & foam mattresses)

Other Health Issues

If there is anything concerning health and medical issues of any participants attending and you think it would help for us to know i.e. a person has epilepsy or mobility needs, please let us know of the details so that we can make suitable arrangements.

Attendance Capacity 120 Brahmacharis

Conference Fees

£6.00 per person per night – 6 nights – You will be staying for 7 nights with us though you'll be pleased to know we have arranged FREE accommodation for Rathayatra night.

We will be arranging a **FREE** coach for all the Brahmacharis to attend Rathayatra in London.

Total Fees per person: £36.00

Location & Accommodation Arrangements

Sleeping arrangements will be in the guest house & various other rooms. All will have access to toilets & showers, though some will be less than a minutes' walk to the showers & toilets.

IMPORTANT

As mentioned earlier, before booking your tickets you will need to let us know the number of persons coming from your temple. We will then get back to you as soon as we hear from all the temples which will give us the total number wishing to attend. If the response total is beyond 120 persons who wish to attend, we may unfortunately have to reduce the larger party numbers coming from one temple. We will then inform you of the maximum number we can accept from each temple.

Following this confirmation from us - PLEASE **BOOK YOUR TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND INFORM US OF YOUR ARRIVAL TIMES & DEPARTURE TIMES**. We require your attendance confirmation by the **15th MAY** and no later. We will then be able to make suitable facility and transport arrangements.

WE REGRET WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY PICK UP ARRANGEMENT'S FOR YOUR ARRIVALS AFTER 9.30PM – PLEASE BOOK EARLIER FLIGHTS. ALL FLIGHTS SHOULD COME IN NO LATER THAN 9.30PM. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCES. DURING THE CONVENTION EVENT ARE MAIN TEMPLE ENTRANCE GATES WILL CLOSE AT THE LATER TIME OF 11.00PM.

Please complete Registration form - click on link below

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/krishnatemple.com/viewform?formkey=dHZzNkRkby1EY1FKSEZYOVdfEWR6WWc6MA>

Closing Date Confirmation 15th MAY. (For ease of booking administration, please complete these forms again even if you attended last year brahmacari convention)

After the course most attendees will leave on the 24th June and others may choose to stay for an additional night or two. You will be most welcome to do so.
(Please let us know if you wish to leave on the 24th June or will be leaving at a later date).

The temple taxi is cheaper than ordinary taxis fares.

For one person travelling in the taxi, the cost will be LUTON - £20.00 HEATHROW - £25.00 STANSTED - £30.00 GATWICK - £35.00

More persons travelling the lower the fee – with 4 persons the cost will be LUTON - £5.00 HEATHROW £6.00 STANSTED £7.00 GATWICK £8.00.

Important: If there are 5 persons or more in your party who will be arriving at the airport, a minibus will be arranged.

Minibus fees per person per journey: LUTON - £5.00 HEATHROW £6.00 STANSTED £7.00 GATWICK £8.00.

More persons travelling the lower the fee – with 14 persons the cost will be LUTON - £2.00 HEATHROW £2.00 STANSTED £2.50 GATWICK £3.00.

Please note our drivers waiting time at arrivals will be an additional cost for the parking fees from approximately - £3.00 - £10.00

If you can avoid flights to Gatwick, this would be much appreciated as it is a 1.5 hour drive. For all & more extensive information on travel & directions to Bhaktivedanta Manor - http://www.krishnatemple.com/home/?page_id=28

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in the Service of Srila Prabhupada

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