



Rudra Yaga at Kumbha Mela 2025

February 7-22, 2025

Tour Participant Agreement

Land Only

The Rudra Yaga at Kumbha Mela 2025 (the “Excursion”) with Pandit Rajmani Tigunait, PhD., includes the opportunity for continuing spiritual practice at the Himalayan Institute India at Prayagraj (Allahabad) (“**HII Prayagraj**”) including an 11-day Rudra Yaga group practice, group meditation, mantra recitation practice, day trips to significant locations nearby including the Kumbha Mela and three day pilgrimage to Varanasi. The Excursion is focused on spiritual practice and the 11-day Rudra Yaga. There will be time for study, yoga, meditation, reading, journaling, walks, and day trips. The Excursion may be suitable for minor children accompanied by a parent or legal travel guardian. Inquire for details.

The Terms and Conditions outlined below are made part of this Rudra Yaga at Kumbha Mela 2025 Tour Participant Agreement (“Agreement”). Each person registering must complete an Agreement. A deposit of \$850 is required with the Agreement. Your Excursion is by advance application and prior approval by Himalayan Institute of Yoga Science and Philosophy of the USA (“Excursion Organizer”). Upon approval, the balance is due by the specified deadlines in order to receive the stated rate. Land only rates expire on the dates indicated below. If any balance is not paid by the date indicated, the rate increases to the next higher rate. If Agreement is made within the late registration period, full payment is required with the Agreement upon confirmation of space.

Please read the Agreement Terms and Conditions section in its entirety, paying specific attention to sections regarding Off-Campus Activities, Dress and Conduct, Emotional Relationships, and Quiet Times.

Rudra Yaga at Kumbha Mela 2025 Terms and Condition

RESERVATIONS: Full payment in U.S. Dollars for the Rudra Yaga at Kumbha Mela 2025 Excursion to the Himalayan Institute India at Prayagraj must be postmarked by the dates indicated.

Reservations requested and postmarked after December 1, 2024 will be processed on a space available basis.

An \$850 deposit per person will secure space on a first come basis. For the early registration rate, pay the balance due by April 5 2024. For the regular registration rate pay the balance due by August 30, 2024. After August 30, 2024 the late registration rate must be paid in full when registering. All requests for

private accommodations are on a space availability basis and the additional payment is due in full at time of reservation.

RATES: Land only rates do not include international airfare or domestic air or train. Participants are responsible for getting to the starting point of the Excursion (Prayagraj or Varanasi Airport) on the date the Excursion begins (February 7, 2024) at a predetermined time. The rate for the Excursion is per person and includes single or shared accommodations (per your reservation), vegetarian meals, and scheduled group activities as outlined in the itinerary. Also see “Accommodations”.

Rates indicated are land-only and per person:

Room Type	Early Rate (closes April 5, 2024)	Regular Rate (closes Aug 30, 2024)	Late Rate (closes Dec 1, 2024)
8-person dorm and Shared Hotel room in Varanasi	\$3100	\$3300	\$3500
Triple Room and Shared Hotel Room in Varanasi	\$3400	\$3600	\$3800
Double Luxury Tent and Shared Hotel Room in Varanasi	\$4000	\$4200	\$4400
Single Luxury Tent and Private Hotel Room in Varanasi	\$4800	\$5000	\$5200

Single Supplement for Private Hotel Room for 3 nights in Varanasi - \$300

EXCURSION RATE INCLUDES: Transfers: Pick-up at the Prayagraj or Varanasi Airport and drop-off at the Varanasi Airport at predetermined times. **Porterage:** Porterage for one (1) duffel bag or suitcase within India for the duration of the Excursion. **Accommodations:** Single or double luxury tents with double or twin beds, en-suite bathrooms with sink, toilet and shower, or triple or dormitory style rooms with shared bathrooms. Excursion Organizer reserves the right to substitute accommodations as it deems necessary. Sheets, pillow and case, one wool blanket, one Indian style towel, and mosquito net will be provided (seasonally). **Sleeping bags will not be provided-plan on bringing one with you.** **Snorers:** Please let us know if you are a snorer when you register, so that we can help you make the best arrangements.

Solo Travelers: If you are traveling alone, we will assign a roommate(s) of the same gender.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the Excursion in India beginning with dinner of February 7, 2025 and ending with breakfast on February 22, 2025. All meals are vegetarian.

EXCURSION RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE: International airfare; domestic airfare or train; passports; visas; inoculations; meals or other expenses while in transit between departure airport and arrival in Varanasi or Prayagraj; pick-up or drop-off at the Varanasi or Prayagraj Airport at times other than the pre-arranged group transfers, pick-up or drop-off at the Prayagraj or Varanasi train station, transfers not otherwise noted here within, additional expenses for late arrivals or early departures; laundry; bottled water or beverages; cover charges; baggage or other airline fees or service charges; excess baggage charges; accident, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; medical treatment/emergency rescue expenses or insurance; expenses for guides, transportation, or deviations not included in the itinerary; gratuities and taxes for personal services and purchases; any other items of a personal nature; private non-group transfers; and any other item not heretofore specifically listed as included.

CHANGES: The Excursion rate is based on rates of exchange, tariffs, and fares in effect at the time of publication and is subject to adjustment prior to departure. Changes to the printed itinerary are not anticipated, however, the Excursion Organizer reserves the right to make any changes that it determines are necessary, with or without advance notice. Changes of itinerary will not result in a refund of any portion of the Excursion price. In the event of any change in rates of exchange, tariffs, fares, or itinerary that result in additional costs, these additional costs must be paid by the participant before departure or as soon as the change becomes known.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: All requests for cancellation must be submitted to the Excursion Organizer in writing. Allow 30-days for refunds to be processed. Regardless of the reason, cancellations result in additional costs and processing time for the Excursion Organizer.

A \$95 administrative fee plus the following charges will be assessed for cancellation of your reservation:

February 1 - April 5, 2024	\$95 administrative fee only
April 6 - June 28, 2024	\$300 per person
June 29- August 30, 2024	\$850 per person
August 31-October 10, 2024	50% of Excursion rate per person
October 11, 2024-January 7, 2025	75% of Excursion rate per person
January 8-start of excursion and no shows	100% of Excursion rate per person

If the participant arrives late or leaves the Excursion prior to its conclusion, refunds will not be made for the unused portion of the Excursion. No refunds will be made for any excursion, sightseeing, meal, or other activity that the participant misses or decides not to take for any reason. The Excursion Organizer reserves the right to cancel any Excursion prior to departure. If such cancellation is not due to circumstances beyond the Excursion Organizer's control, such as war, etc. as set forth below, the Excursion Organizer will refund all payments participant made to Excursion Organizer, constituting full settlement with the participant. No compensation or refund will be made when cancellation arises before or during the Excursion from circumstances beyond our and/or our suppliers' control (force majeure) such as war, strife, civil disobedience, terrorist activity, adverse weather conditions, fire, natural disasters, etc., unless or until the Excursion Organizer is able to recover any Excursion related sums. In the event of cancellation arising from circumstances beyond our control as set forth above, Excursion related sums recovered by the Excursion Organizer will be disbursed equitably to the participants after the Excursion Organizer deducts all out-of-pocket costs and related expenses. **It is highly recommended that participants purchase their own trip cancellation insurance.** The Excursion Organizer is not responsible for expenses, including but not limited to lodging, meals, and transportation, incurred for

delays and/or detentions beyond the Excursion itinerary as a result of circumstances beyond our and/or our suppliers' control such as war, etc. as set forth above.

REVISION FEES: If changes are requested by the participant after deposit is received, revision fees and/or cancellation fees will apply. A fee of \$95 per transaction will be charged by the Excursion Organizer for any alteration or revision made to a registration. Any revision to a registration may result in the loss of confirmed reservations or increased costs **which will be payable by the participant**. A change in traveler name will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; cancellation fees apply.

NATURE OF THE EXCURSION: The Excursion is a spiritual pilgrimage. Participants are strongly discouraged from joining the Excursion in progress or leaving the Excursion prior to its conclusion. Portions of the Excursion could be considered rustic and rigorous and are best approached with a spirit of openness and adventure. Portions of the Excursion may be at higher elevations or in remote locations, at which there may be no telephones or means of rapid evacuation in the event of emergency. **Each participant is advised to consult with his or her medical specialist prior to departure and must advise the Excursion Organizer in advance in writing of any condition that may require attention during the Excursion, so the participant, with the assistance of the Excursion Organizer, can make the necessary arrangements.** Smoking is not permitted in buses or other vehicles, at meals, in hotel rooms, Institute buildings, eco-cottages or tents, or during lectures, workshops, or practicums, whether held indoors or outside. The nature of the Excursion may be suitable for minor children accompanied by a parent or legal travel guardian. Please inquire for details.

HEALTH AND FITNESS REQUIREMENT: You must be in good health and physical condition to participate in the Excursion. If you have a pre-existing condition which is not well controlled and has required medical intervention in the past 24 months you must have your doctor complete a medical form to certify you as fit to participate. If you suffer from severe muscular, chest, heart, sight, hearing, or bronchial disorders, or if you are a severe asthmatic, or have high blood pressure, you are strongly advised against participating. The Excursion takes place in remote areas where there is little or no access to normal medical services or hospital facilities for serious medical problems. Evacuation, where necessary, can be prolonged, difficult, and expensive. Medical and evacuation expenses will be your responsibility. The Excursion Organizer reserves the right in its absolute discretion to refuse a participant the right to participate in an Excursion on medical or fitness grounds.

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE: You declare and warrant that: you are in good health and mental and physical fitness at the time of booking this Excursion; you have disclosed to the Excursion Organizer every matter concerning your health and mental and physical fitness of which you are aware, or ought reasonably be expected to know, that is relevant to the Excursion Organizer's decision to permit you to go on an Excursion; immediately upon any adverse change in your health or fitness that may be likely to affect the Excursion Organizer's decision to permit you to go on an Excursion you will notify the Excursion Organizer in writing of any such adverse change; Excursion Organizers are permitted to disclose medical information to our consultant doctor; the Excursion Organizer's consultant doctor may exclude you from an Excursion if he/she deems it necessary. You acknowledge that the obligation to disclose under this condition continues from the time of booking the excursion through to the departure and extends for the duration of the excursion. If you fail to comply with the duty of disclosure in this condition and if the Excursion Organizer would not have permitted you to undertake the excursion, or continue participation of the excursion, had you made full disclosure under this condition, the Excursion Organizer will not be liable, except to the minimum extent required by law, for personal injury, death or property damage or loss incurred by you.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES AND PROTOCOLS: We will be following the best practices per the CDC, WHO, and Government of India guidelines at the time of the Excursion.

WHAT TO BRING: Prepare for pleasant, sometimes hot, sunny days and cool, sometimes cold nights. Temperatures range from the 40s to the high 80s. Few accommodations in India have air-conditioning or heat so plan accordingly. The Excursion Organizer recommends that each participant bring a sleeping bag, writing paper and pens, a flashlight, a hat, sunscreen, gloves, a sweater, a warm jacket or coat, socks, and sturdy, comfortable shoes for walking/hiking. A day pack and a duffel bag which can accommodate a sleeping bag are suggested. **The Excursion Organizer limits luggage to one duffel bag or suitcase per person and one carry-on size bag per person.** Please note that luggage may be carried within India on tarpaulin-covered roof racks or open trucks. Weather and loading and unloading can cause more than usual wear and tear to luggage. Accordingly, all luggage should be capable of withstanding rain and rugged treatment.

DRESS AND CONDUCT: Conservative, modest, loose-fitting attire is appropriate for your stay in India and at HII Prayagraj. Due to cultural customs in India, the Excursion Organizer asks women to refrain from wearing shorts of any length, capris shorter than calf length, tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, tank tops, plunging necklines or backs; form-fitting clothing; and short skirts or miniskirts. Men are asked to refrain from wearing muscle shirts. Shirts and footwear must be worn outside. **Use of alcohol and illicit drugs is strictly prohibited.** HII Prayagraj is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is only permitted in a designated outside area. **Violation of these policies is subject to immediate dismissal from campus and the Excursion.** Earphones must be used with all electronic or other devices with audio capability.

QUIET HOURS: Quiet hours are observed daily between 9:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. During those hours, kindly observe silence or speak briefly in a whisper so that other participant's practice is not disturbed.

EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS: In an effort to help you avoid distraction and to concentrate your energy fully on your quest for self-discovery, we strongly recommend that you refrain from forming intense emotional relationships during your Excursion. Such relationships divert energy from your inner focus, change your Excursion, and change someone else's Excursion as well.

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: To enhance your experience, minimize distractions, and help maintain inner focus, it is suggested that except for scheduled off-campus Excursion activities, participants remain on campus for the first seven days of the Excursion. Thereafter, it is helpful to limit off-campus trips for necessities. This gives you the opportunity to participate more fully in the Excursion so you will gain the maximum benefit. Departures from campus for non-scheduled activities require signing out at the front gate.

CURFEW: It is not advisable to be off campus before sunrise or after dusk given the remote location of the HII Prayagraj campus. For your safety when going off campus for non-scheduled activities, those on Excursion are asked to return to campus no later than dusk. This curfew is in effect whether walking locally or going to town by taxi in a registered, licensed vehicle. When leaving campus for non-scheduled activities, it is advisable that 3-4 individuals make the journey together. Excursion Organizer and Excursion Organizer's local staff or representatives shall not be held liable for any assistance provided for non-scheduled activities.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE: U.S. dollar = approximately 80 Indian rupees as of February 2024 (subject to fluctuation).

PASSPORT AND VISA: Each participant is responsible for determining specific passport and visa requirements in the participant's country of origin and for obtaining the necessary documents prior to departure. Passport and India tourist visa must be obtained in advance before booking and purchasing

airline tickets. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the Excursion return date. It is advisable to have a minimum of 3 blank pages in the back of your passport. The Excursion Organizer is not responsible if you are refused entry to a country due to incorrect passport, visa, or other required documentation. **Passport/visa/emergency contact information must be provided in advance of the Excursion.**

LANGUAGE: All lectures, workshops, and other presentations will be in English.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO: Representatives of the Excursion Organizer will be photographing and video recording the Excursion. The Excursion Organizer reserves the right to use any such photographs and video recording in its advertising, displays, publicity materials, and publications without obtaining further consent from any participant. Each participant releases the Excursion Organizer and its representatives from any liability in connection with any such use of such photographs and video recording. Photography and video/audio recording by Excursion participants is not permitted during the seminar lectures, workshops, practicums, or special events.

RELEASE/RESPONSIBILITY: The participant, by signing this Tour Participant Agreement (TPA), agrees that the Excursion Organizer and its representatives, except for their gross negligence or willful misconduct, shall not be held liable for any injury, damage, loss, delay or irregularity that may be occasioned for any reason, including, but not limited to, any defect in a vehicle, the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying a participant, acts of God, terrorism, acts of war, or detention; delays or expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations; accidents by aircraft, boat, bicycle or motor vehicle, or in any hotel, inn, restaurant, accommodation or camp; failure of any means of transportation to arrive or depart as scheduled or changes in transit, hotel, inn, guest house or camping services; missed airline or other transport connections; or for additional expenses resulting from changes in exchange rates, tariffs, or itinerary. The participant agrees to assume all risks associated with the Excursion and agrees that no liability will attach to the Excursion Organizer, its employees or agents, or to any member of the Excursion in respect of death, personal injury, illness or delay of the passenger, or for any loss of or damage to the property (including luggage) of the participant during the course of the trip, howsoever caused.

By signing this Tour Participant Agreement, the participant releases the Excursion Organizer and its representatives from any such responsibility or liability, except as hereinabove set forth. The liability of common carriers is generally limited and, therefore, it is suggested that participants purchase their own cancellation, property damage (including luggage), accident, and medical treatment/emergency rescue insurance.

Because of the nature of the Excursion and accommodations, the Excursion Organizer reserves the right to accept or reject any Excursion participant at any time, without liability, and in the event it determines, in its sole and exclusive discretion, that a participant is disruptive to the harmony of the Excursion it may, without any obligation to pay a refund or any other amount whatsoever, expel such participant from the Excursion. The Excursion Organizer will have no responsibility or liability for any participant who leaves the Excursion prior to its conclusion or for any activity undertaken by any participant which is not included on the Excursion itinerary.