

Meditation Retreat & Sri Lalita Sahasranama Maha Maha Yagnam

May 19-June 3, 2018

285 Julie Lane, SRIM Center, Forsyth, GA - 31029

Travel Guide

Discounted Hotel Accommodations

Mention the code "SRIM- LSMY 2018" when making reservations to receive the following discounts at the hotels below:

Hotel Name	<u>Quality Inn</u>	<u>Budget Inn</u>	<u>New Forsyth Inn</u>	<u>Econolodge</u>
Room Rate	\$49	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$36.00
Contact	Sanjay	Mahesh	Gladys	Sam
Phone #	478-994-9260	478-994-9333	478-994-5161	478-994-5603
Exit # on I-75 for hotel	188	188	187	187
Distance in miles from Srim Center	7.5	7.6	8.9	8.5

<u>Days Inn</u>	<u>Laquinta Inn& Suites</u>	<u>Super 8</u>	<u>Red Roof Inn</u>	<u>Holiday Inn Express</u>
49.99	90	49.99	59	\$85.00
Mike	Thalia	AJ	Mike	Tom
478-994-2900	478-885-2500	478-994-5101	478-994-5691	478-994-9697
187	187	186	186	186
8.8	8.8	9.5	9.5	9.8

<u>Hampton Inn & Suites</u>	<u>Comfort Inn</u>	<u>Comfort Inn& Suites</u>
\$109	58	78
Andrea Boswell	to obtain	Lori St Laurent
478-994-9990	478-994-3400	478-994-9494
186	185	185
9.3	10.3	10.3

Airline Tickets

- Closest airport is Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, which is about 50 miles north of SRIM Center.
- Availability on most airlines can be found online at kayak.com or travelocity.com. It may be possible to get lower fares by searching for alternative times/dates, and allowing additional stops. Airline miles may be used to book flight tickets.
- Smaller airlines such as Southwest and Frontier offer bookings only through their own websites.
- Ticket prices usually go up closer to the date of travel, so it is advisable to book as early as possible.

Atlanta Airport

International and domestic terminals are adjacent to each other but have access from different interstates (I-75 for International terminal, and I-85 or I-285 for Domestic Terminals). Please click on the following link to get familiar with the airport layout map:

<http://www.atl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/DomesticTerminal.pdf>

At the bottom right corner of the map, is shown the relative locations for domestic and international terminals.

Transportation

Drive from airport to hotels or SRIM Center in the city of Forsyth is directly off Interstate 75 south. The SRIM Center is located about 45 minutes to one hour DEPENDING UPON TRAFFIC from Hartsfield International Airport. Rush hour is from around 6 AM to 10 AM and from 2PM to 7PM.

Available Options

There are 2 options:

1. **Renting a car at the airport:** This option allows maximum flexibility, convenience, cost efficiency if traveling in pairs and independence for

traveling to and from airport, as well as locally between hotel and SRIM Center.

2. **Traveling in shuttles:** Groome Transportation is recommended for traveling between airport and Forsyth; ***we do not recommend cab services due to the exorbitant cost involved.*** For travel between hotel and SRIM Center, transportation will be available at fixed times in the morning and in the night for a fee.

Car Rental at Atlanta airport

There are numerous car rental agencies at Atlanta Airport. Complete list is available at: http://atlanta-atl.worldairportguides.com/car_rental.php

Groome Transportation

Shuttles run daily between Atlanta airport and the city of Macon. There is a scheduled stop enroute at exit 186 Ingles Grocery store parking lot at 260 Tift College Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029. The Groome website <https://groometransportation.com/macon/> provides information about the schedule and fees; reservations are **required** to ride their shuttles. Please make the request to be dropped off in Forsyth at the time of boarding the shuttle. For return to airport, Ingles Grocery store parking lot will be the only boarding point for shuttles. The fee for adults is \$37 one way and \$74 round trip. Georgia law requires

CHILDREN under 8, less than 57 inches tall and weighing less than 40 must have a car seat to ride in the shuttle—please bring the car seat. This is Georgia law. Groome does **not** provide car seats.

PLEASE NOTE: You **MUST** contact Groome shuttle 24 hours in advance of your pickup time in the Ingles Parking lot for your return trip home.

Travel time on shuttle is 45 minutes to an hour between Atlanta airport and Forsyth; and about ½ hour between Forsyth and Macon. If traffic is heavy or if you are traveling at rush hour, please allow extra time.

Reservations: Advance bookings are recommended to reserve your space in the shuttles. Please call Groome Transportation at 800-537-7903 or 478-471-1616 to make your reservations or you may make them online.

When booking your return shuttle to the airport, please allow plenty of time before check-in. Plan on checking-in at least 2 hours in advance for domestic flights and 3 hours in advance for international flights. Peak hour traffic on the highway may cause significant delays in getting to the airport.

Finding Groome Shuttle at the airport: Directions to get to your Groome shuttle can be found at:

<http://macon.groometransportation.com/atlanta-directions/>

From shuttle stop to your hotel

Groome transportation shuttle's drop off point is exit 186 Ingles Grocery Store parking lot in the city of Forsyth. If you are staying in a local hotel, you may avail of the following cab service to arrive at your hotel of stay.

“MY Transit (Maha Yagnam Transit)”

Nancy Sims: 478-972-8838

Nominal charge of \$5.00 per person for a destination hotel stop

PLEASE give Nancy advance notice of your arrival so she can plan accordingly.

Event transportation

Transportation will be available from hotels to SRIM in the morning and from SRIM back to hotels in the night, for a nominal fee. The event begins at 9:00 AM and ends typically between 10:00 PM and 11:30 PM. Because program times vary, PLEASE CHECK THE WELCOME DESK for daily changes.

There are many hotels located within 10 miles from SRIM Center. Please find your choices in the accommodations guide given below:

Each hotel has blocked a fixed number, a block, of rooms to be offered at discounted rates under **“SRIM-LSMY 2018” code** for Maha Yagnam attendees.

Once these are filled up, regular rates will be charged for the remaining rooms. Kindly contact the hotel directly to make your reservations. ***See the hotel information provided as the booking and cancellation requirements vary by provider. We recommend that you book your hotel reservations early.*** If you've already booked your room without using SRIM code, be sure to call the hotel at the earliest and request that the code be applied to your booking. In most hotels, you will be able to hold a booking with your credit card and cancel up to a few days in advance without incurring cancellation fees.

Room Share / Ride Share

If you would like to find a roommate or share car rental with one or more devotees, please join Sri Karunamayi Yahoo group and post your needs at:

<http://karunamayi.org/world-tour/north-america/rideshare/>

This group provides a way for you to share your needs and directly connect with others to team up for room sharing or ride sharing.

Please discuss and detail out in advance, all arrangements with your partners, taking into account unexpected cancellations, flight delays, and other such situations.

Miscellaneous

- If you rent a car, we would appreciate you offering ride to a few fellow devotees in your hotel to SRIM Center and back. This would greatly help reduce the load on shuttles, as well as wait times for devotees, particularly in the night after each day's program.
- During the Maha Yagnam there will be annadanam - free breakfast, lunch and dinner on all the 10 days. If you bring snacks with you, please ensure that you have them outside the yagnashala, preferably in the dining area.
- Yagnashala is a shoe free zone. Please choose comfortable footwear that can be taken off and put on easily.
- You are required to wear traditional Indian clothes for the Yagnam - saris for women and dhotis for men. Women should bring Diksha saris. As the weather may be hot, you may carry with you change of clothes to the event, if you wish.

- You may want to bring pillows, water bottle(s), second pair of shoes, cushions for sitting, backpacks, umbrellas/ponchos, shawl, chanting books, small dollar bills...
- Forsyth has restaurants, gas stations, drug stores, Walmart supercenter, all in the vicinity of the hotels.
- Please take precautions with your valuables, airline tickets and passports. Contact the hotel front desk where you are staying to see if they can store them securely for you.

Contact Information

Accommodation & Transportation Inquiries:

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