

Do I need a Passport and/or Visa to go India? How do I get them?

You need both to enter India.

Your passport must be valid for up to 6 months following your return to the United States (or origin country) from India and have at least 2 blank passport pages. If you need to acquire or renew a passport, it may take 6 weeks to 3 months to process passport renewal. Start soon by visiting [U.S. Passports and International Travel](#).

There are multiple Visas to select from. Consider the length of your stay in India and then select one of the two options listed below:

If you meet specific eligibility requirements then you may wish to apply for an e-Visa. The e-Visa is an electronic authorization from the government to enter India and is equivalent to a visa, but no stamp or label is placed in your passport.

To be eligible the traveler must:

- Submit for the e-Visa no less than 4 days and no more than 120 days prior to entry into India
- Must be arriving by air or sea at specific airports and seaports
- Traveling for a 180 day or less stay in India
- https://www.travisa.com/?traveling_to=IND

If your stay in India is longer, you will need a Regular Visa:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>

Note: Visa applications often request a local address: The

Kripalu Samadhi Mandir

GJSH193

Malav, Taluka, Kalol

District: Panchamahals

State: Gujarat

Code: 389340

Country: India

Please visit <http://www.kripalusamadhimandirmalav.com/contact/> for more information, noting that addresses in India may not necessarily appear as you are accustomed to.

Do I need Travelers' Insurance?

We suggest that you be fully covered with theft, loss and especially medical policies. Before your departure from the U.S., review your existing health and homeowner's policies. The Amrit Yoga Institute, Inc. is not responsible or liable for loss, damage or theft of personal luggage and belongings, nor can we be liable for personal injury, accident or illness. In most foreign countries, insurance coverage of personal injury, accident or illness is not available based on US standards. That is why we strongly urge you to check with your insurance agent to make sure you are adequately covered. You can purchase additional insurance from your insurance broker to cover luggage, personal effects and accident and health. **We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance.** Plans typically range from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 depending on which plan you elect to participate in. Other considerations should be contemplated, including current domestic insurance plans you already participate in, degree of coinsurance participation, and age/overall health. Be sure to carefully review your existing coverage.

Recommendations for travel insurance:

www.imglobal.com – International Medical Group

www.travelguard.com – Travel Guard

www.insuremytrip.com – Insure My Trip.com

What do I need to be aware of while travelling?

- Arrive 3 hours ahead of time for all international travel.
- Ensure that your luggage meets the quantity and weight requirements set by your respective airlines. Check www.tsa.gov for updated requirements for international air travel.
- Ensure that you are bringing only the essential electronics and other valuables that you will use during your trip
- You have packed your carry-on and personal bag with items needed for unexpected, or over-night, delay.
- You have retained copies of all pertinent information to this trip in a file that is accessible including:
 - a. Copy of your Passport Photo page
 - b. Copy of your India visa
 - c. Copy of Travel insurance details (highly recommended, not required)
 - d. Copy of your flight itinerary to/ from India
 - e. Emergency Contact information

Dates:

- February 1-8, 2026

Includes:

- Meals
- Accommodations
- Site-seeing
- Program tuition

Excludes:

- International flight
- travel expenses to and from India

Yoga Lifestyle Immersion

February 1-8, 2026

Kripalu Samadhi Mandir, Malav, Gujarat

- Arrival in India: February 1st
- Check-In: February 1st between 12:00-6:00pm, dinner included
- Opening Session: February 2nd at 9:00am

During our stay in Malav, Gujarat, we will be offering a one day *Lakulish Sacred Lineage Tour (included in price)*

During this trip, you will visit:

- Gurudev's childhood hometown, a quaint village specializing in pottery
- Kayavarohan Temple, initiated by Swami Kripalvanandji (Bapuji), dedicated to Lord Lakulish (Dadaji), housing Dadaji Idol
- Halol, Gujarat; The very building where Gurudev was first introduced to Bapuji

When I book my flights, what city should I arrive in and depart from?

Arrival:

There are a number of ways to arrange your travel to Kripalu Samadhi Mandir in Malav, Gujarat.

You can fly internationally into **Ahmedabad (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport)**, which is about a 3-hour taxi ride to Malav.

You can also fly internationally into **Delhi or Mumbai** and then take a domestic flight to **Vadodara (Vadodara International Airport)**, followed by a 1.5-hour taxi ride to Malav.

Sometimes, it is less expensive to book your international flight to Delhi or Mumbai and then connect with a domestic flight to Vadodara.

When should I plan to arrive at the ashram?

Plan to arrive at Kripalu Samadhi Mandir on **February 1st between 12:00–6:00 pm** for check-in.

Is early check-in available?

Yes. Optional early check-in is available on **January 31st** for an additional **\$125**, which includes meals.

How do I arrange for airport pick-up?

Please notify us **at least 30 days in advance** if you would like assistance arranging your taxi, van, or bus to Kripalu Samadhi Mandir. We will provide a quote based on what is available and confirm your pick-up arrangements.

Can I share transportation from the airport to the ashram?

Yes. Many participants prefer not to travel alone from the airport. We will suggest a common arrival window so that those arriving around the same time can travel together. Depending on group size, we will arrange a van or bus from Ahmedabad or Vadodara.

Can I fly to India with the group?

For those who wish to fly from the United States together, we will suggest a **group flight from Orlando to Ahmedabad**. Details will be announced by **November 15th** so you can book if you would like to join the group. For those traveling on the group flight, we will also coordinate a **bus or van from Ahmedabad to Malav** and provide you with an **at-cost price** for your transfer.

If you are leaving India at the end of the tour, we recommend flying out of Ahmedabad International Airport. We recommend booking a late afternoon or evening flight if you would like to travel with our group to the airport. You can also arrange and pay for a taxi depending on the timing and details of your travel.

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellation on or prior to September 1, 2025

\$1000 deposit is non-refundable for cancellations made on or prior to September 1, 2025. Remaining payment made above \$1000 deposit is refundable. In other words, if you made a \$2000 payment, \$1000 is non-refundable and \$1000 is refundable.

Cancellation on or prior to November 15, 2025

Deposit of \$1000 is non-refundable for any cancellations made on or prior to November 15, 2025. 50% of remaining payment made above \$1000 deposit is refundable. In other words, if you made a \$2000 payment, \$1500 is non-refundable and \$500 is refundable.

Cancellation after November 15, 2025

Payment is 100% non-refundable after November 15, 2025

What if I must cancel?

Cancellations must be made via email to abhay@amrityoga.org.

All refundable portions of payments may be refunded or held on account for three (3) years to use for future programs. If you do not use the monies held on account within three (3) years they may be given to the Amrit Yoga Institute as a tax deductible donation. You may request an official letter stating the amount of your donation.

Payment is 100% non-refundable after November 15, 2025

This includes cancellation, leaving early for any reason and no-show

What is the payment schedule?

\$1000 Deposit at the time of registration

Payment plans available & must complete December 1, 2025

Full payment due December 1, 2025

Amrit Yoga Institute is not responsible for or have obligations to cover any additional costs or fees you purchased for your trip including but not limited to airfare, currency exchange, supplies, travel insurance. Amrit Yoga Institute also reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure. In the event that the Amrit Yoga Institute must cancel the retreat due to "Force Majeure" refunds will be provided to the fullest extent possible dependent on retreat suppliers.

Force Majeure means a party shall not be liable for any failure of or delay in the performance of this agreement for the period that such failure or delay is:

- a. Beyond the reasonable control of a party
- b. Materially affects the performance of any of its obligations under this agreement, and
- c. Could not reasonably have been foreseen or provided against, but will not be excused for failure or delay resulting from only general economic conditions or other general market effects.

A typical list of force majeure events might include war, riots, fire, flood, hurricane, typhoon, earthquake, lightning, explosion, strikes, lockouts, slowdowns, prolonged shortage of energy supplies, and acts of state or governmental action prohibiting or impeding any party from performing its respective obligations under the contract. So if, for example, a hurricane occurred that shut down a location, the seller planning to visit or use that location would not be liable for cancellation of the portion of the trip.

If we cancel a tour you have reserved due to lack of enrollment, the entire amount you have paid to A.Y.I. for the applicable trip will be refunded to you within 30 days after the trip's cancellation.

At this time, we plan to have Gurudev present for this program. Due to circumstances unforeseen, we cannot guarantee his presence. The cancellation policy remains the same whether he is present or not.

Please make checks payable to Amrit Yoga Institute or pay and register at www.amrityoga.org/India

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Will my cell phone work in India? Will I have internet access?

In Malav: WiFi is available at Kripalu Samadhi Mandir. You can utilize WiFi calling at all locations where WiFi is available; however, to use a phone without interruption and in areas without WiFi, you may need to get an international sim card or talk service provided in advance. Please contact your cell phone service provider for more information.

What vaccinations do I need?

Visit the [CDC website](#) for recommended vaccinations. Consult and arrange for vaccinations with your physician. **Consult your physician regarding medical history, vaccination recommendations, and dosage.**

