# **Devon School of Yoga**

# Basunti, North India Retreat 22 March-5 April 2025

## with Duncan Hulin & Andrea Guest

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Basunti is an idyllic private retreat centre set on a promontory in a nature reserve nestling in the foothills of the great Indian Himalaya. The retreat includes a full yoga programme, plus time to enjoy relaxing by the pool or on your private veranda, exploring the gardens, walking, or swimming in the lake.

#### **RETREAT PRICE: £2445**

## The price INCLUDES:

- **14-nights' accommodation** which includes 12 nights at Basunti, and two nights in Amritsar all in twin en-suite rooms.
- All meals and drinks and snacks at Basunti Please note many of the vegetables used in the meals are organic, home-grown, and freshly prepared. Also, please note there are some meal exclusions: e.g. 2 lunches, 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts in Amritsar 6 meals in total (+2 lunches, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast in McCleod Ganj if going on the excursion).
- **26+ yoga classes** covering: kriyas, preliminary stretch exercises, asana, pranayama, meditation, satsang, silent spaces, and miscellaneous practices.
- All internal retreat transfers in India as follows:

Please note, each transfer is roughly 3 hours:

- Transfer from Mrs Bhandari's Guest House in Amritsar (23<sup>rd</sup> March for a 9:00am departure) to Basunti
- Basunti to Amritsar on 4th April to Mrs Bhandari's Guest House (where the retreat ends on 5th April)

### The price EXCLUDES:

- Return flights UK to India
- **Travel insurance** (it is recommended that once you have booked you organise comprehensive travel and health insurance immediately, so you are covered for any unforeseen circumstances)
- India visa fee
- **Six meals (or ten)** as mentioned above (approximately £60-100)
- **Basunti staff tips** and optional charitable donation (optional discretion)
- **Taxi transfers drivers' tips** (£4 per transfer suggested)

Exclusions continued on the following page

#### **Exclusions continued:**

- Optional excursion from Basunti, including:
  - o **Mid retreat** Basunti to Mcleod Ganj on 28 March for a 36-hour mini tour including staying one night in Mcleod Ganj with visit to Kangra Fort en-route and opportunity to visit the Dalai Lama temple. The trip to Mcleod Ganj is a breakout from the retreat with the opportunity to get up close to the mountains and do any shopping. Mcleod Ganj to Basunti on 29 March. The price for this excursion is £150 per person (This option must be reserved when you book your place on the full retreat.)
  - o **On the last day** a possible rowing boat trip with local fishermen (roughly £10 per person) and possible canoe hire (roughly £20 per canoe) to be arranged onsite with Basunti all dependent upon weather and availability.

## DSY North India Retreat 22 March-5 April 2025, Full Schedule

### <u>Day 1 - 22 March</u> - Arrival Day at Mrs Bhandari's Guest House in Amritsar

- Free day to settle in and relax plus a possible visit to the Golden Temple
- Group to meet for the first time for dinner at Mrs B's at 7:00pm

#### Day 2 - 23 March

- 9:00am transit to Basunti
- 1:00pm lunch at Basunti
- 3:00pm afternoon tea and orientation, talk, walk and optional swim in the lake
- 5:30pm 6:30pm welcome satsang, pranayama (yoga shala and roof top)
- 7:30pm dinner

#### Day 3 to 6 - 24-27 March - Daily Routine

- 6:15am wake up chimes silence is observed from wake up through to breakfast
- 6:30am morning tea
- 7:00am 8:30am meditation, wake up stretches, breath kriyas, pranayama (roof top and/or yoga shala)
- 8:45am breakfast
- 10:30am 12:30pm holistic yoga asana practice (yoga shala)
- 1:00pm lunch
- 3:45pm afternoon tea
- 4:30 6:30pm satsang, misc practices, pranayama (yoga shala and/or rooftop)
- 7:30pm dinner
- 10:00pm retire

### Day 7 & 8 - 28-29 March For those NOT going on the extra excursion to McLeod Ganj

• 'Daily Routine' as above. However, there will be no guided sessions. However, you are welcome to enjoy self-practice and free time.

## <u>Day 7</u> - <u>28 March</u> For those going on the excursion to McLeod Ganj

- 6:15am wake up
- 6:30am morning tea (optional self-practice plus time to pack overnight travel bag)
- 7:00am breakfast
- 8:00am depart for McLeod Ganj (via Kangra Fort)

## Day 8 - 29 March For those going on the extra excursion to McLeod Ganj

- Free morning in McLeod Ganj
- 1:30pm depart hotel for Basunti
- Arrive back at Basunti in time for dinner

## <u>Day 9-12</u>- <u>30 March - 2 April</u> - Return to 'Daily Retreat Routine' (as above)

• Please note, over these days there will be spaces for increased daily silence

## <u>Day 13 - 3 April</u> - Daily routine until lunchtime and then a free afternoon

• Possible rowing boat trip with local fishermen or hiring of canoes

## <u>Day 14</u> - <u>4 April</u> - Depart Basunti for Amritsar

- Depart Basunti after breakfast (breakfast at 8:00am and departure is at 9:00am)
- Stay at Mrs. Bhandari's Guest House
- Optional visit to the Golden Temple

## <u>Departure Day - 5 April</u>

• End of Retreat

Please note that this schedule is not set-in stone and is subject to change.

A booking form can be found on the next page.

Confirmation of booking and understanding of the Terms and Conditions listed below for the 22 March – 5 April 2025 North India Yoga Retreat at Basunti.

Please complete and return this page to info@devonyoga.com

Please put your name exactly how it appears in your passport.
Name exactly how it appears in your passport:
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone:
Email:
Date:
I have read all the information in this document, and I understand everything included. I likewise agree with all the Terms and Conditions which are outlined on the following pages.
Signature Date

# £500 Non-refundable Deposit Due on Booking

#### £1945 Balance

Due AFTER the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct 2024 and NO LATER THAN 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2024

Extra £150
Optional Excursion to Mcleod Ganj
Due AFTER the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct 2024 and NO
LATER THAN 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2024

All payments are payable via bank transfer to:

Andrea Guest Residentials Limited Account number: 15544062 Sort Code: 30-80-37

Further comprehensive details about the retreat will be provided after places are booked. These will include visa information, what to bring, etc.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### Your Responsibilities

Attendees are responsible for their own travel and health insurance. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a reasonable level of health/fitness, suitable clothes/equipment and remain aware of the risks involved in this yoga retreat. Although the Devon School of Yoga Limited (DSY Ltd.) and Andrea Guest Residentials Limited (AGR Ltd.) and its suppliers can assure you that with sensible precaution your retreat is as safe as possible you must accept that the sole responsibility for your personal fitness and safety remains with you. We do not accept liability for loss or damage to your personal property, or any accidents during your stay.

#### Personal Travel and Activity Insurance

It is a condition of booking a retreat with DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. that before you travel, you must take out fully comprehensive travel and health insurance which must be valid for the entire duration of your retreat; and cover you for illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation, curtailment, emergency rescue and repatriation. Basunti requests that insurance cover includes the value of helicopter rescue and air ambulance as the road to Basunti can be inaccessible due to weather conditions (please note, most policy values cover this).

You agree that it is your responsibility to check the adequacy and validity of any insurance policy effected by or on your behalf and you must provide evidence to DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. that you have obtained personal fully comprehensive travel and health insurance. You agree it is your responsibility to have cover for any pre-existing medical conditions if applicable and should you not be able to get cover for a certain condition, then you agree to cover any costs associated with repatriation or emergency health care whilst on a DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. retreat. Personal travel insurance is not included in the price of your retreat.

DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. require the client to notify us on the booking form that all persons travelling have appropriate insurance for the yoga activities they are undertaking, and no booking can be confirmed without this undertaking. In some circumstances, we may need to see a copy of clients' insurance coverage. In the event of personal injury, death, illness, loss of baggage or personal possessions DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. or its suppliers cannot accept any responsibility as it is the client's responsibility to ensure that all persons travelling have the appropriate insurance cover for these and the activities to be undertaken.

#### Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Terms & Conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by "Force Majeure". For these Booking Conditions, Force Majeure means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risks to human health such as pandemic, endemic or epidemic outbreak of serious disease or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, air traffic control strikes, flight cancellations and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned 's control.

#### Limitation of liability

Our obligations, and those of our suppliers providing any service or facility included in your retreat, are to take reasonable skill and care to arrange for the provision of services and facilities. You must show that reasonable skill and care have not been used if you wish to make any claim. The services and facilities included in your retreat will be deemed to be provided with reasonable skill and care and comply with local regulations.

You understand that we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to you; a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall. You acknowledge and agree that DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. and its suppliers will not be liable

for any breach of any law by any person with whom you travel on the tour; and you may not rely on any representations concerning the retreat made by DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd., which are not contained in these conditions.

#### Miscellaneous

While every care and attention are given by the DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. they reserve the right to make any amendments to the publicised retreat and prices should circumstances demand it. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made should you decide to no longer join the retreat once booked.

Whilst every effort will be made by the DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. to ensure that the manner in which the retreat is conducted is entirely safe, they cannot accept liability for any injury, loss or damage incurred or sustained on the retreat or any other harmful consequence arising during or after the retreat. By signing this form, participants agree that they will not hold the DSY Ltd. and AGR Ltd. responsible for any injury, loss, damage or harmful consequence arising during or after the retreat. It is advisable to consult your doctor before booking if you have been injured or unwell.

Finally, any data provided is kept confidential and complies with data protection.