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Khankah Samark is situated in the *Oberbergisches Land*, a rural area East of Cologne, far from the maddening crowd yet in close range to motorway and train. Khankah Samark is some 45 minutes by car from Cologne and close to the train connection from Wissen (Sieg) to Cologne.

The house dates from 1936. We found it in a lovingly restored state. With 2 acres of meadow and fruit orchard, located in a hamlet of 10 houses with protected forest all around, it is a haven of silence and repose.

All rooms in Khankah Samark are equipped for a longer stay, so visitors can feel at home during their stay for workshop or retreat.

We advise you to book early if you want to participate, as some events tend to sell out quickly and have a waiting list. The basement, facing the garden, has a fully equipped kitchen plus two spacious rooms for eating and reposing. In the adjacent barn, you'll find the workshop room. Measured 7 x 7 m, it offers ample space for all.

In 2014, we realized the Retreat House, so now we have a whole separate unit with kitchen & living, bathroom, two bedrooms and meditation room available for renting out when not in use for the Khankah. Ideal for private spiritual retreat, a writing retreat or taking time out.



December 28, 2016 – January 1, 2017

Samark Sylvester Retreat & Celebration

From Monday dinner until late lunch Jan. 1st

Retreat and celebration to look back in gratitude for what 2016 has brought us and to look forward to unfolding of some of our next steps in life in 2017. On New Year's morning, we'll dance the Aramaic Lord's Prayer to welcome the New Year.

February 25 – March 4



Samark Winter Retreat: *The Art of Prayer*

After many retreats on the Prayers of Hazrat Inayat Khan, we now let the Gitas of Hazrat Inayat Khan with Murshid SAM's commentary and other writings guide us to deeper understanding of prayer as such. We also will focus on some of the well-known prayers in the Dances. With Dances of Universal Peace, Storytelling, Sesshin, Feedback sessions, Guitar classes in the afternoon with Arjuna etc.

English/German spoken

April 6 – 9

Training weekend: *Return again*

Return weekend for the participants of the Dance Training 2015/16. Depending on the subscription of the training group, there may be a few open places for students who did earlier trainings with us. Please E-mail for more info.

English/German spoken

May 11 – 14

Guitar Weekend

With Wali and Arjuna

Guitar weekend for techniques and attunement to accompanying the Dances of Universal Peace.

Max of 8 participants *German spoken*

June 2 – 5

Samark Pentecost Retreat

Give sustenance to our bodies, hearts and souls

Friday 18:00 - Monday late lunch

As in previous years, we dedicate the Pentecost Retreat to a line of one of the Prayers of Hazrat Inayat Khan. By focusing on this line from Saum, we hope to receive provision for our daily life. *English/German spoken*

August 5 – 12

Samark Summer Week: *The seven Advices of Rumi*

This summer, we will focus on Rumi's 'Seven Advices'. These connect our inner being with our outer behavior and are excellent tools to work with,



also outside this retreat. With DUP, stories and poetry, chanting and practices, Sesshin, a possible visit to EIAB, zikr and ritual. By sharing, we will deepen each of the advices.

NB: Please register very early, as in previous years this week already filled up in January.

English/German spoken

September 7 – 10

Sufi Year Group: *The Sufi Path of Love and Understanding*

In this first weekend of a series of 5 on the Sufi Path, we will explore some of the main themes of classical and universal Sufism. Through the Sufi psychology of the *nafs* (ego), we will work with our own inner being, trying to find our way 'toward the One'.

The first weekend is open for all, depending on availability. The other weekends only for those who subscribe to the whole series.

The next weekend is on October 19 – 22, 2017. Dates for 2018: April 12 – 15; June 7 – 10 and September 6 – 9. *English/German spoken*



October 19 – 22

Sufi Year Group *The Sufi Path of Love and Understanding*

Second weekend, open for participants of full program.

November 16 – 19

Samark Sesshin: *Zen & Zikr*

From Thursday evening dinner until Sunday, late lunch.

In a Sesshin, we alternate dancing with meditating. To further the inner process, part of the weekend will be in silence.

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Registration and Finances

Costs

Unfortunately, we had to raise our prices. Fortunately, we can keep some reduced places, in case money is a problem for you.

For all events at Khankah Samark:

	Lodging	Honoraria & Food
Long Weekends (Thu. – Sun.)	€ 90	€ 290
Reduced price	€ 90	€ 220
Weeks (Sa. – Sa.)	€ 210	€ 310
Reduced price (not for single room)	€ 210	€ 220
Surcharge single room (3 available):	€ 50 (weekend), € 100 (week)	

We don't want money to be the reason for not being able to visit the Khankah. Apart from the reduced price, we always try to keep some places with extra reduction for visitors from low currency countries.

Registration

Khankah Samark is designed for working with smaller groups. This enhances intimacy, sharing, co-living and socializing, all essential ingredients for a Khankah, a house for retreat, deepening and inner study.

So please book timely. Your booking is definite by wiring a non-refundable €50,= to our account (€ 90 for a single room) for the weekends, € 100 (€190 single room) for a week.

Please see our website for the cancellation policy and write us an E-mail to confirm your booking.

Some extra discount spaces beyond the reduced price are always available. Feel free to write us in time if you need a bursary.

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