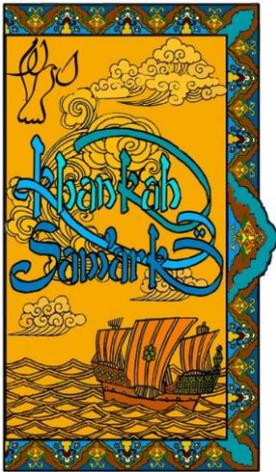


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Khankah Samark is situated in the *Oberbergisches Land*, a rural area East of Cologne, far from the maddening crowd yet in close range to motorway and train. Khankah Samark is some 45 minutes by car from Cologne and close to the train connection from 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 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. Feel free to write us for the conditions.



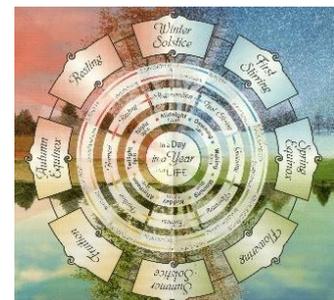
Program 2018

December 28, 2017 – January 1, 2018

Samark Sylvester Retreat & Celebration

From Monday dinner until late lunch Jan. 1st

Retreat and celebration to look back in gratitude for what 2017 has brought us and to look forward to unfolding of some of our next steps in life in 2018. On New Year's morning, we'll dance a ritual to welcome the New Year.



April 12 – 15

Sufi Year Group: *The Sufi Path of Love and Understanding*, third weekend

A series of 5 weekends on the Sufi Path, exploring 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'.

Only open for those who subscribe to the whole series.

May 18 – 21

Pentecost Retreat: Use us for the Purpose that Thy Wisdom chooses.

With this line from the prayer Saum, we continue our Pentecost attunement to the prayers of Hazrat Inayat Khan. We focus on deepening our direction and purpose in life. For, as Murshid SAM tells us, our health and happiness depend on this.

June 7 – 10

Sufi Year Group, fourth weekend

Only open for those who subscribe to the whole series.

Date to be announced

Samark Summer Week

The Art of Personality

This week, we'll dive in the teachings of Hazrat Inayat Khan on the Character Building and the Art of Personality. For Inayat Khan, the journey starts with making peace with the outer world. This will give us the strength to prepare for the inner journey. Esoteric practices are the water supply needed for this journey, as they can strengthen and beautify our personality. As usual, the Samark Summer Week works with small groups to deepen the journey with personal experiences from daily life. With DUP, storytelling, Dharma talk, sesshin day etc.

September 6 – 9

Sufi Year Group, last weekend

Only open for those who subscribe to the whole series.

November 22 – 25

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.

December 28, 2018 – Januari 1, 2019

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From dinner, December 28 until late lunch Jan. 1st

Retreat and celebration to look back in gratitude for what 2018 has brought us and to look forward to unfolding of some of our next steps in life in 2019. On New Year's morning, we'll dance a ritual to welcome the New Year.

Registration and Finances

Costs

	Lodging	Honoraria & Food	Total
Weekends	€ 90	€ 260	€ 350
Reduced price	€ 90	€ 190	€ 280
Summer Week	€ 255	€ 175	€ 430
Reduced price	€ 255	€ 95	€ 350
Surcharge single room	€ 50 (weekend), € 100 (week).		

NB: Reduced price not in combination with single room.

We try to keep Khankah Samark affordable for all and don't want money to be the reason for you not being able to visit the Khankah.

So apart from the reduced price, we try to keep some places with extra reduction, e.g. for visitors from low currency countries: Weekends € 200,=; Summer Week € 250,=.

Please write us for details.

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 (€ 100 for a single room) for the weekends, € 100 (€150 for single room) for the Summer 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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