



# 2 Day Weekend Meditation Retreat

## Meditation for cultivation & inner peace

Nan Tien Temple offers the perfect retreat; peace, tranquillity and comfort. Stay in the unique Pilgrim Lodge and enjoy vegetarian cuisine. We all love and need to retreat from the world occasionally. Such retreats allow us to refocus.

Meditation will teach you to be mindful of your actions and to control and train your mind & body for inner peace. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced practitioner, the tool of mindfulness will bring more awareness to your daily actions and interactions with others.

The proven benefits of meditation include emotional management, stress release, improved health. Through practice you can free your mind of negative thoughts and free your spirit for cultivation.

Your retreat will include instruction in sitting and walking meditation. Tea Ceremony, Tai Chi, guided tour and Dharma Talks by resident Venerables further enhance learning. Be witness to traditional Buddhist ceremonies and practice.

**Please note: Some physical and psychological conditions may impede your Retreat experience. Please see next page for details.**

### **Cost:**

**\$250** for a Single Suite

### **Date:**

See application form  
Bookings are essential

For further information please contact:

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Registration at Pilgrim Lodge **8:30 - 9:00 am Sat**

Retreat begins: **9:00 am Saturday** Check out: **1 pm Sunday**

**Terms and Conditions:** 1. Prices are GST inclusive 2. Effective 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019. 3. Prices and dates are subject to change without notice 4. Cancellation of the retreat due to unforeseen circumstances may occur, however, in this instance, you may opt for a refund, or you may postpone.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### PLEASE RETAIN THIS SECTION FOR PERSONAL REFERENCE

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION SO YOU CAN GAIN THE MOST BENEFIT FROM THE RETREAT**

- 1) This Retreat includes activities such as Tai Chi, walking meditation and sitting for prolonged periods of time. Pregnant women and those with physical ailments/ill-health are advised to consult their Doctor to assess their suitability.
- 2) Meditation and self-contemplation can provoke negative feelings in some people experiencing psychological issues. Those affected are urged to seek medical advice from their Health Care Professional before applying.

**We cannot accept any responsibility for complications that may arise.**

#### **Please ensure that you bring the following items:**

- ✿ Seasonal comfortable clothing; preferably loose items such as singlets or tracksuits, which can be worn under the lightweight uniform especially, in the cooler months.
- ✿ Comfortable and covered walking shoes and **socks** e.g. sneakers or joggers; **thongs or slip-on shoes are not acceptable.**
- ✿ Reading glasses, personal toiletries and medication.

#### **Important: please read carefully**

- ✿ We only serve vegetarian food, it is also essential that you are aware: **NO meat, seafood, alcohol or smoking** is permitted on temple grounds or Pilgrim lodge.
- ✿ Mobile phones or electronic devices, all must be switched off during the retreat.
- ✿ Participants need to be awake by 6am and be in rooms by 10pm.
- ✿ The meditation retreat explores meditative practise taught in Buddhist traditions. You do not need to be Buddhist to attend or practise however some theoretical foundations may be explored. Depending on the extent of the retreat there may be some teaching of Buddhist doctrines & practices. These will enable you to get maximum benefit of the practice of meditation.
- ✿ **Noble Silence:** Noble Silence should be observed throughout the retreat in order to experience the richness and benefits that it brings. Noble Silence means no talking or non-verbal communication, except in emergencies or discussion times with the Reverend/Teacher. The practice of Noble Silence assists us in clearing the clutter within our minds, creating a calm environment, and is an essential foundation for the powerful inner work our meditation retreats facilitate.
- ✿ **FOOD ALLERGIES:** All of our meals are vegetarian, not necessarily Vegan. **If you have food allergies/intolerances, please contact Pilgrim Lodge staff on (02) 4272 0500 to discuss catering arrangements.**

# 2 Day Weekend Meditation Retreat Application Form

2022 Program Dates: (Please tick)  30 Apr-1 May  25-26 June  
 17-18 September  19-20 November

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Car Reg: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide size for uniform**  X Small  Small  Medium  Large

**Strictly confidential**  X Large  XX Large\*  XXX Large\*

\*We recommend larger size participants bring their own grey track pants/leggings.

Each person attending **MUST** complete their own application form. Driving license, passport or Photo ID to be presented on arrival.

## Payment and Refund Policy

**Full Payments must be made at time of booking. Unpaid applications are no longer accepted. If a cancellation is made less than 7 days prior to the retreat the full amount is non-refundable. Refunds will incur a \$30 admin fee.**

Participants are only allowed one postponement (change of Retreat date) free of charge. No subsequent postponement will be accepted.

## Privacy Policy

The information being sought in this form is collected for the purposes of processing your application. The information may be accessed and used by people employed or engaged by the Temple or its interrelated organisations in accordance with the Nan Tien Temple Privacy Policy. Please visit <http://www.nantien.org.au/app/application/view/policy.php> for more information.

## Media Policy Agreement

By ticking 'I agree', this indicates that you give us consent to use your photographs, images, video, or audio recordings of the classes and activities during the event for temple records, website and future publications .....  **I agree**

## Payment Options:

**Credit Card** By Phone or fill in details below  **Cheque or Money Order** (Payable to 'IBAA Incorporated')  **Cash**

Please tick:  Master Card   Visa 

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

## **Office Use Only**

Fee Paid:  Yes, Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Handled by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

**Section A:**

- Punctuality for classes is essential.
- During meditation, please keep complete noble silence. (Strictly required)

**Section B:**

1. Do you suffer from any food allergies/intolerances?  Yes  No

Please give details \_\_\_\_\_  
*If you ticked yes, please call (02) 4272 0500 to discuss catering arrangements.*

2. What meditation, technique or therapies have you tried, if any?

Please give details \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever participated in the Nan Tien Temple Retreat before? If so, give details

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4. Do you have any health conditions (Allergies, heart conditions, mental health etc...)? *Please specify*

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5. Are you taking any medication we need to know for health reasons? *If so, please specify*

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6. Are you able to do

Walking meditation (20 minutes)

Sitting meditation (20 minutes)

*If not, please specify problems* \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you participated in any Tai - chi before? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check in at the Nan Tien Temple Pilgrim Lodge where a lightweight uniform is provided. At the completion of the Retreat please return the uniform to the Pilgrim Lodge Reception. No slip-on shoes or thongs to be worn at the Temple at all times; **socks** and covered shoes are essential.

**I hereby declare that I have read all the information provided and accept the terms and conditions. I take full responsibility and liability for my own health and safety, including any accidents, risks, or “acts of nature” during the retreat.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_