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Application

1. Complete online application form.
2. Pay a deposit of £200 (Payment by cheques can also be made to COEJ and will not be deposited until confirmation of place).
3. Send a copy of passport by e-mail or post to the COEJ office-

The Council of European Jamaats
22 Estreham Road
London
SW16 5PQ
Tel: 0845 330 6012
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Secretariat@coej.org

Places are limited to a maximum of only 24 participants to ensure greater benefit from spiritual sessions.

Application deadline is

20th April 2011

Registered Charity Number 1096111

Ma'rifah

Morocco Spiritual Retreat 2011

Spiritual Guides

Shaykh Mohammed Hilli
&
Syed Ali Abbas Rizvi

5 Nights
24th July-29th July 2011

(Please allow two days either side of the proposed dates for any changes in travel)

I advise you to fear Allah, O my child, to abide by his commands, to fill your heart with remembrance of Him and to cling to hope from Him. No connection is more reliable than the connection between you and Allah provided you take hold of it. Enliven your heart with preaching, kill it by renunciation, energise it with firm belief, humiliate it by recalling death, make it believe in morality, make it see the misfortunes of this world, make it fear the authority of the time and the severity of some changes during the nights and days, place before it the events of past people and walk among their cities and ruins, then see what they did and from what they have gone away …" (Imam Ali)

Spiritual Retreat

We live in a life of busy work schedules, deadlines, chores and the temptation of the materialistic world. This world has absorbed us to the extent that we have forgot the main purpose of living. Most of us don't even know or recognise the basic needs of our souls and we therefore practice the religion in a ritualistic manner that is devoid of any essence.

However, the desire to learn methods of nurturing the soul is there within our communities and especially amongst the younger generation. Unfortunately, many of us in the west find it extremely hard to gain access to specialists in the field of Islamic Gnosticism and Ethics as majority of these specialists reside in the Middle-East and do not speak the English language.

After the success of its initial trip, the Islamic Cultural Affairs committee (ICA) has organised their second spiritual retreat in the vibrant Islamic surroundings of Morocco. The retreat is primarily aimed for the ages of 21+.

The retreat would provide the participants:

- Practical lessons on spiritual development from the Qur'an and the traditions of the Ahl-Bayt by English speaking lecturers who specialise in Islamic ethics.
- The opportunity to be taught the theoretical basis of spiritual nurturing from the text of major Islamic mystics and also receive guidance on further reading material to pursue after the retreat.
- The opportunity to visit Morocco's historical and religious sites.
- Time and space in a nurturing environment for self reflection.
- Participate in "natural" and tranquil recreational activities.
- The opportunity to spend time in absorbing the rich culture that Morocco has to offer.

Flights

Flights to/from Marrakech

Travel Dates

24th July – 29th July 2011

(Total length of retreat is 5 nights. Please allow 2 days on either side of the proposed date for any changes in travel)

Accommodation

5 nights exclusive accommodation in a private Moroccan style villa with en-suite rooms

(Half Board– Breakfast and Lunch)

Travel Costs

£429

Conditions and Exclusions

1. Application consists of online booking, £200 non-refundable deposit and photocopy of passport. Deposit will be refunded if for any unforeseeable reasons the trip is cancelled.
2. Selection of participants will be based on first come basis in conjunction with a fair system of allocation for different communities.
3. Individuals are required to purchase their own travel insurance and submit proof before travel.
4. Costs for the travel do not include transfers between UK airport and place of residence.
5. We may have to refuse applications without any reason provided.