



"To Preserve and Share Jain Philosophy and Way of Life"

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|| Shree Adinathay Namah ||

April 1st, 2016

SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

Shri Girnar Tirth Yatra

(FINALIZED INFORMATION)

12 Gau Chharipalit Yatra

Dear President & Chairman of Board of Trustees,

With **Shree Adinath's** and **Acharya Bhagwants'** blessing, approximately 60 people in early 2012 completed an auspicious event that they still remember today. Everyone of the attendees completed the 99 Yatra event at the Shatrunjay Mahatirth. At first many of these attendees felt this activity wasn't possible to finish, but with **Shree Adinath Krupa** and **Acharya Bhagwants'** blessing and support of fellow yatris each member was able to complete the 99 Yatra event.

News spread to all of the United States Jain centers about the unforgettable 99 Yatra event. Many Jains felt they missed out on a wonderful opportunity. But with the support of JAINA, approval was granted to perform this 99 Yatra event again at the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 2016. **The Finalized dates for this event are November 14, 2016 through January 13, 2017. Yatra committee have included TWO NEW EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR. • 12 GAU CHHARI PALIT YATRA DECEMBER 27 to 30, 2016. • A Yatra To SHREE GIRNAR TIRTH JANUARY 3 & 4, 2017.**

We are sending herewith information regarding this Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra in 2016 Please put this information on your respective Jain Center notice board and inform each member of this event through the Jain Center's newsletter. Announce this yatra program during the next upcoming major Jain Center program. Also please, if possible, promote the families interested in sponsoring this yatra.

All information regarding the yatra is also available through the JAINA website. The JAINA website is www.jaina.org.

Finally, if you or respective society's members have any questions regarding this historic religious pilgrimage please feel free to contact the following people located at the bottom of the page. **DO NOT MISS THIS HISTORICAL WONDERFUL EVENTS.**

Jai Jinendra and I thank you for the support in publicizing this extraordinary event.

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SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

|| Shree Adinathay Namah ||

Let's participate in Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth
99 Yatra project in 2016 / 17

**“SHREE GIRNAR TIRTH & 12 GAU CHHARIPALIT YATRA
A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY OF LIFE TIME & SECOND TIME IN NORTH AMERICA”**

SHREE SANGH INVITATION

FEDERATION OF JAIN ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA HAS ORGANIZED
SHREE SHATRUNJAY MAHATIRTH 99 YATRA IN 2016 / 17

Jai Jinendra !

The ninety-nine yatra will be performed under the guidance of
PUJYA PRAVACHAN PRABHAVAK ACHARYA
SHREE VIJAY MAHAPADAM SURISWARJI MAHARAJ SAHEB
and
**SHRI PANCH PARMESHATI RATNA NARENDRABHAI NANDU
& HIS TEAM**



USA 99 YATRA COMMITTEE

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Starting Point - Shree Mewad Bhavan Dharmashala-Palitana, India • Western Style (2 person occupancy)

YATRA DURATION DATE :

November 14th 2016 through January 13th 2017

99 YATRA Starts on
Mon. 14th Nov. 2016
Kartiki Poonam

**MALAROPAN &
99 YATRA CELEBRATION**
Sat. 24th & Sun. 25th
Dec. 2016

**12 GAU
CHHARIPALIT YATRA**
Tues. 27th-Fri. 30th
Dec. 2016

**SHRI GIRNAR
TIRTH**
Tues. 3rd &
Wed. 4th Jan. 2017

**99 YATRA
PURNAHUTI**
Tuesday,
13th Jan. 2017

ESTIMATED COST : \$1200 PER YATRI (FOOD & LODGING ONLY)

Please Register with : Arvind R. Shah-Chairman, JAINA 99 Yatra 2016 Project
(248) 828-1736 (H), (248) 835-7395 (C). E-mail: ashah_1941@yahoo.com

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION JULY 31st, 2016

YATRA REQUIREMENTS (NOVEMBER 14th, 2016 – JANUARY 13th, 2017)

1. Yatris are required to complete 2 daily yatra trips (if possible).
 - YATRIS CAN USE DOLI TO MAKE DAILY YATRA TRIPS. YATRI WILL BEAR EXPENSE FOR THEIR DOLI FOR ALL EVENTS.
 - If Yatris cannot climb the mountain then they can complete a yatra at Taleti.
2. Yatris have to complete Chovihar and Navkarshi for all 60 days.
 - Yatris will receive blessings from Archarya Bhagwant.
3. Yatris will have a chance to offer items to sadhus and sadhvis.
4. Yatris are required to stay a maximum of two people per room.
5. Jiv Daya and other donations will be organized by the planning committee.

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY SO YOU DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL AND AUSPICIOUS OPPORTUNITY

By: Narendrabhai Nandu

Notes:

- Each yatri will need to make his/her own travel arrangement to and from Palitana.
- Registration form is included and it is available on the JAINA website-www.jaina.org
- Room will be provided on **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS OF PAID REGISTRATION.**
- **FINAL DATE** for submission of registration form is **JULY, 31st2016**
- **Each yatri must sign a Waiver Form.** This waiver form is included in this brochure. Provide three copies of passport size photo.
- We have planned accommodation for 150 yatris.
- AC and Non-AC accommodation will be provided on shared basis.
- Photo will be printed in souvenir only, if we get by **END OF MAY 2016.**

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT (USA)

JAYA TRAVEL

Contact : ANNAL

Tel: 1-877-359-5292 • EX. 2608

www.jayatratel.com

RENTAL CAR (PALITANA)

Contact: HARDIK DEVLUK

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TRAIN AND AIR (PALITANA)

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SHREE SHATRUNJAY
Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

શત્રુંજય ૯૯ યાત્રા

ગરવા ગિરિરાજ માટે કહેવું હોય તો શબ્દો પાણી ઓછા પડે અને આપણું આયુષ્ય પાણી ખુટી જાય. જેના કણકણ પ્રદેશ પરથી અનંતા આત્માઓ મોક્ષે ગયા છે. સંસારીઓને સિદ્ધ બનવાનું આહવાન તો આપે છે સાથે સાથે આલંબન પાણી આપે છે. અલેબેલા આદેશ્વર દાદા મૂળનાયક તરીકે બિરાજે છે.

ગિરિરાજના અણુએ આત્માના ઐશ્વર્યના અનાહત નાદ ગુંજી રહ્યા છે. લાખો યાત્રાળુઓ પ્રતિ વર્ષે યાત્રા કરવા પધારે છે. અન્ય તીર્થોની યાત્રા કરતા શત્રુંજયની યાત્રાનું પુણ્ય અધિક છે. અન્ય તીર્થોમાં એક કરોડ મનુષ્યોને ભોજન કરાવવાથી જે લાભ મળે છે તેટલો લાભ શત્રુંજય તીર્થમાં એક ઉપવાસ કરવાથી પ્રાપ્ત થાય છે.

આ તીર્થનું ધ્યાન ધરવાથી ૧૦૦ પલ્લોપમ જેટલાં પાપ કર્મો નાશ પામે છે. સવારે ઊઠીને સ્તુતિ કરવાથી સર્વ પાપોનો નાશ થાય છે. તીર્થંકર પરમાત્માની ચેતના જ્યાં નિરંતર વહે છે, એમની ઊર્જા ચારેય બાજુ પથરાયેલી છે, તારે તે તીર્થ.

આવા ગરવા ગિરિરાજ પર આદિનાથ ભગવાન પૂર્વ નવ્વાણું વાર આવ્યા હતા. એક પૂર્વ એટલે ૭૦૫૬૦ અબજ. એમની યાદમાં આપણે નવ્વાણું યાત્રા એક વખત આ દુર્લભ એવા માનવજીવનમાં કરવાની છે. આ યાત્રા કરીને આપણા આત્માને કર્મના ભારથી હળવો કરી મુક્ત કરવાનો છે.

ધર્મનાં ૧૫ ક્ષેત્ર છે. (૫ ભરત, ૫ ઐરાવત, ૫ મહાવિદેહ) એમાં આપણે ભરતક્ષેત્રમાં છીએ જે જંબુદ્વીપમાં છે અને શત્રુંજય તીર્થ આપણા ક્ષેત્રમાં છે જે બાકીના ૧૪ ક્ષેત્રોમાં નથી. આમ આપણે અન્ય ક્ષેત્રનાં માનવીઓ કરતાં વધારે પુણ્યશાળી છીએ. સર્વ તીર્થોની યાત્રા કરવાથી જેટલું પુણ્ય મળે છે તેટલું જ પુણ્ય માત્ર શત્રુંજયની સ્પર્શના કરવાથી મળે છે.

સીમંધરસ્વામી પોતાની દેશનામાં આ તીર્થનાં ખૂબ વખાણ કરે છે. તો ચાલો એક વાર બે મહિના ત્યાં રહીને આ તીર્થની સ્પર્શના કરીએ. ફક્ત અમેરિકાના જૈનો માટે આ બીજી વાર આયોજન થઈ રહ્યું છે, તો અવશ્ય લાભ લેજો.

-શ્રી નરેન્દ્રભાઈ નંદુ

શત્રુંજય ૯૯ યાત્રા વિધિ

- ૧) નવ્વાણું યાત્રા કરનારે નીચે દર્શાવેલ સ્થળે દરરોજ પાંચ ચૈત્યવંદન કરવા જોઈએ.
 - શ્રી ગિરિરાજ સન્મુખ જય તળેટીએ.
 - શ્રી શાંતિનાથ ભગવાનના દેરાસરે
 - શ્રી આદિનાથ દાદાના મુખ્ય દેરાસરે
 - શ્રી રાયણ પગલે
 - શ્રી પુંડરીકસ્વામીના દેરાસરે
 એક એક વખત આ પાંચે સ્થાને સ્નાત્ર ભણાવવું જોઈએ.
- ૨) નવ્વાણું કરનાર નવ વખત નવટૂંકમાં જાય. દરેક ટૂંકમાં મૂળનાયક પાસે ચૈત્યવંદન કરવાનું હોય છે.
- ૩) ઘેટી પાગે ૯ વાર દર્શન કરે. ૯૯ ગિરિરાજની + ૯ ઘેટી પાગની = ૧૦૮ યાત્રા કરવી જોઈએ.
- ૪) આયંબિલ કરીને એક વાર બે જાત્રા કરવી જોઈએ.
- ૫) ઉપવાસ કરીને એક દિવસમાં ત્રણ જાત્રા કરવી જોઈએ.
- ૬) શક્તિ હોય તો ચઉવિહાર છટ્ટ કરીને સાત જાત્રા કરવી.
- ૭) શત્રુંજય નદી નાહીને એક યાત્રા કરવી (ત્રણ ગાઉની)
- ૮) રોહિશાળાની પાયગાથી એક વખત યાત્રા કરે.
- ૯) એકવાર ગિરિરાજ પરનાં બધાં મંદિરોની પ્રદક્ષિણા કરે ત્યારે દોઢ ગાઉની પ્રદક્ષિણા પૂરી કરે.
- ૧૦) એકવાર ૭ ગાઉની પ્રદક્ષિણા કરે.
- ૧૧) એક વખત બાર ગાઉની પ્રદક્ષિણા કરે, કદંબગિરિ- હસ્તગિરિની યાત્રા કરવી.
- ૧૨) શક્તિ મુજબ તપ કરવું તથા આવશ્યક ક્રિયા સવાર-સાંજ કરવી. બન્ને સમયે પ્રતિક્રમણ કરવું. બ્રહ્મચર્ય પાલન, સચિત ત્યાગ, ભૂમિ સંસ્થારો અને પગે ચાલીને યાત્રા કરવી.
- ૧૩) પ્રથમ જય તળેટીથી દાદાની ટૂંકે યાત્રા કરી, ઘેટીની પાગે દર્શન ચૈત્યવંદન કરી, પાછા દાદાની ટૂંકે આવી અને ત્યાંથી જયતળેટી આવાવાથી બે યાત્રા ગણાય છે.
- ૧૪) દરરોજ એક યાત્રા દીઠ ૧૦ બાંધી નવકારવાળી ગણવી. જેથી નવાણું યાત્રા પૂર્ણ તથા એક લાખ નવકાર પૂર્ણ થાય.
- ૧૫) સ્વદ્રવ્યથી અષ્ટપ્રકારી પૂજા કરવી. નવ સાથિયા, નવ ફળ, નવ નૈવેદ્ય દરરોજ મૂકવાં.
- ૧૬) શ્રી શત્રુંજય મહાતીર્થ આરાનાર્થ કરેમિ કાઉસ્સગ્ગાં કહી નવ લોગસ્સનો કાઉસ્સગ્ગ દરરોજ કરવો.
- ૧૭) હંમેશા ત્રણ પ્રદક્ષિણા દેવી તથા એકવાર દાદાના મંદિરને ફરતી ૧૦૮ પ્રદક્ષિણા દેવી.
- ૧૮) નવ્વાણું પ્રકારની પૂજા એકવાર ભણાવવી તથા પ્રભુજીની આંગી રચાવવી.
- ૧૯) યથાશક્તિરથયાત્રાનો વરઘોડો કાઢવો.
- ૨૦) એકવાર ૧૦૮ ખમાસમાણાં અને ૧૦૮ લોગસ્સનો કાઉસ્સગ્ગ કરવો.
- ૨૧) એકવાર ગિરિપૂજન કરવું. જેની તળેટી, શ્રી કલ્યાણ વિમલ દેરી, શ્રી મેઘમુનિ સ્તુપ, શ્રી ગોડી પાર્શ્વનાથ દેરી ત્યાર પછી જય તળેટીથી માંડી રામપોળ સુધી જે જે પગલાં કે પ્રતિમાજીઓ છે તેની પૂજા કરવી.
- ૨૨) દરરોજ સિદ્ધાચલના નવ દુહા બોલીને નવ ખમાસમાણા દેવા.

SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

SHREE MEWAD BHAVAN DHARMASHALA



તીર્થયાત્રાનું માહાત્મ્ય

ઋષભજી કહે સુણો ભરતરાય, છ'રી પાલતા જે નર જાય,
પાતિક સવિ ભૂક્કો થાય...

તીર્થયાત્રા એટલે... પરમાત્માની સન્મુખ જવાની પ્રક્રિયા...

પરમાત્મા એટલે... રાગ, મોહ અને કર્મથી મુક્ત આત્મા...

પરમાત્માની સન્મુખ જવાની પ્રક્રિયા એટલે...

રાગમાંથી મુક્ત થવાની પ્રક્રિયા

તીર્થ તરફ એક ડગલું ઉપડે અને રાગ-દ્વેષ ખરી પડે.. સેંકડો

કર્મ વિનાશ પામે... મન વીતરાગતા તરફ ડગ માડે..

ચાલો! યાત્રા કરીને કંઈક રાગથી મુક્ત બનીએ, વીતરાગતા
તરફ ડગ માંડીએ..

છ'રી પાલન

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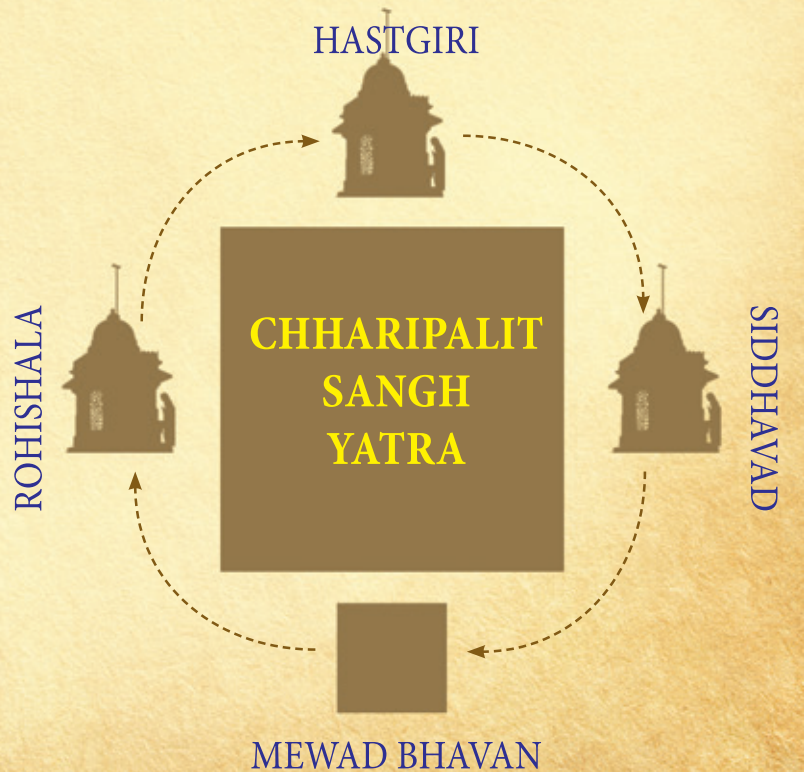
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SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

2016 JAINA 99 YATRA SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Description of Sponsorship Benefits

The Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra in 2016 will not be successful without the support of sponsors. Therefore, we have created the following sponsorship categories to hopefully create the incentive for you to donate to a very memorable, exciting, and auspicious event. Below is a list of possible sponsorship categories, however, donations will be accepted in any amount.

MAHA SANGHPATI - \$25,001 [FIVE FAMILIES EACH CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' names will be prominently displayed in the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra invitation card that will be sent to all North American Jain Centers and Maha Sanghpati.
- A photo of two family members will be displayed at the entrance of Dharmashala for the duration of the yatra.
- Sponsors' names and photos will be displayed in commemorative souvenir booklet.
- Sponsors' will be the first ones to offer items to sadhus and sadhvis.
- Sponsors' will wear a sash in recognition for their generosity.
- Sponsors' will be identified to all yattris during a celebration in December.
- Sponsors' will receive a **PLAQUE** will be given in appreciation for support provided for the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra event.

CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$15,001 [ANY NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' will be identified to all yattris during a celebration in December.
- Sponsors' will receive a full page color advertisement in the commemorative souvenir booklet.
- Sponsors' will receive a **plaque** will be given recognizing the sponsor for its generosity and support of the event.
- Sponsors' will be able to display a 3 x 2 banner of their corporation or business in the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra Temple office.

PLATINUM - \$11,001 [ANY NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' names will be prominently displayed in the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra invitation card that will be sent to all North American Jain Centers and Sanghpati.
- Sponsors' will be recognized as a Sanghpati.
- Sponsors' names will be displayed at the upashraya hall entrance.
- Sponsors' names and photographs will be printed in commemorative souvenir booklet.
- Sponsors' will receive the second opportunity to offer items to sadhus and sadhvis.
- Sponsors' will receive a **PLAQUE** will be given recognizing the sponsor for its generosity and support of the event.
- Sponsors' will be given a sash in recognition for their generosity.
- Sponsors' will be identified to all yattris during a celebration in December.

GOLD - \$7,501 [ANY NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' names will be displayed at Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra Office for the duration of the auspicious event.
- Sponsors' names and photos will be printed in commemorative souvenir book.
- Sponsors' will receive a plaque will be given recognizing the sponsor for its generosity and support of the event.
- Sponsors' will receive the third opportunity to offer items to sadhus and sadhvis.
- Sponsors' will be given a sash in recognition for their generosity.
- Sponsors' will be identified to all yatris during a celebration in December.

SILVER - \$ 5,001 [ANY NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' names will be displayed at Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra Office for the duration of the auspicious event.
- Sponsors' names and photos will be printed in commemorative souvenir book.
- Sponsors' will receive the fourth opportunity to offer items to sadhus and sadhvis.
- Sponsors' will receive a plaque will be given recognizing the sponsor for its generosity and support of the event.
- Sponsors' will be given a sash in recognition for their generosity.
- Sponsors' will be identified to all yatris during a celebration in December.

BRONZE - \$2,501 [ANY NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' names will be displayed at Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra Office for the duration of the auspicious event.
- Sponsors' names and photos will be printed in commemorative souvenir book.
- Sponsors' will receive the fifth opportunity to offer items to sadhus and sadhvis.
- Sponsors' will be given a sash in recognition for their generosity.
- Sponsors' will be identified to all yatris during a celebration in December.

DAILY SPONSORSHIP- \$1,001 [ANY NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE]

- Sponsors' names will be displayed on the notice board of the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra Office.
- Sponsors' names will be printed in commemorative souvenir book.
- Sponsors' will receive recognition will be given daily during bhavna.

If you would like to be a sponsor for this auspicious event, please do not hesitate to contact Arvind R. Shah.

Contact:

ARVIND R. SHAH (Detroit)

6738 Woodcrest Troy, MI 48098. Phone: (248)-828-1736 (H) (248)- 835-7395 (C)

Email : ashah_1941@yahoo.com





- ગિરનાર પણ શત્રુંજયની માફક પ્રાયઃ શાશ્વત છે. પાંચમા આરાના અંતે શત્રુંજયની ઊંચાઈ ઘટીને ૭ હાથ થશે ત્યારે ગિરનારની ઊંચાઈ ૪૦૦ રહેશે.
- ગિરનાર (રૈવતગિરિ)એ શત્રુંજયગિરિનું પાંચમું શિખર હોવાની તે પાંચમું જ્ઞાન અર્થાત્ કેવળજ્ઞાન અપાવનારું છે.
- ગિરનારમાં વિશ્વમાં સૌથી પ્રાચીન એવા શ્રી નેમિનાથદાદા મૂળનાયક તરીકે બિરાજમાન છે. જે ગત ચોવીસીના સાગર નામના ત્રીજા તીર્થંકરના સમયમાં બનેલ છે.
- ગિરનારમાં નિવાસ કરતાં તિર્થંચો (પશુઓ) પણ આઠભવની અંદર સિદ્ધિપદને પામે છે.
- ગિરનારના ગજપદકુંડના પવિત્ર જલના સ્પર્શમાત્રથી જીવોના અનેક ભવોના પાપો નાશ પામે છે.
- ગિરનાર ગજપદકુંડના જલનું પાન કરવાથી કામ, શ્વાસ, અરૂચિ, ગ્લાનિ અને ઉદરમાં ઉત્પન્ન થયેલા બાહ્યારોગો પણ અંતરના કર્મમલની પીડાની જેમ નાશ પામે છે.
- સહસ્રાવન (ગિરનાર)માં નેમિનાથ ભગવાનના દીક્ષા અને કેવળજ્ઞાન કલ્યાણ થયા છે. રહનેમિમુનિ અને રાજમતી સાધ્વી પણ મોક્ષપદને પામ્યા છે અને આવતા ૨૪ તીર્થંકરોની મોક્ષભૂમિ.
- જ્યાં સુધી ગિરનારની યાત્રા નથી કરી ત્યાં સુધી જ સર્વપાપ, સર્વ દુઃખ અને સંસાર ભ્રમણ રહે છે.
- ગિરનાર તીર્થનું ઘર બેઠા પણ ધ્યાન કરે તો ચોથા ભવમાં મોક્ષ પ્રાપ્ત થશે.
- ગિરનાર તીર્થમાં શુભ ભાવથી દાન-શીલ-તપ અને ભાવ ધર્મની આરાધના કરવાથી શીઘ્ર શાશ્વત પદ મળે છે.



જગમાં તીરથ દોર બડા, શત્રુંજય ગિરનાર..
એક ગઠ ઋષભ સમોસર્યા, એક ગઠ નેમકુમાર

ગિરનારજીનો ન્યારો મહિમા

SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

Dear Yatris,

Thank you for showing interest in this once in a lifetime event. **THIS SHATRUNJAY MAHATIRTH 99 YATRA WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 14TH, 2016 AND FINISHES ON JANUARY 13TH, 2017. ALONG WITH THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE WILL BE MALA ROPAN CELEBRATION. THE DATES FOR THIS MALA ROPAN CELEBRATION ARE DECEMBER 24TH AND 25TH, 2016.** Also, within this letter you will find some very important information regarding this Yatra event and also you will find some rules and regulations that you will be expected to follow.

1. Please fill out your registration form and waiver & release of liability form with your check of **\$1,200.00** per person. Make the check payable to: **JAINA 99 YATRA 2016-USA**. Please mail this to the following address:
Arvind R. Shah
6738 Woodcrest Dr.
Troy, MI 48098
2. Yatris must provide **THREE PASSPORT PHOTOS** with your name and address on the back for security purposes. Provide photo before **MAY, 31ST, 2016 FOR YATRA SOUVENIR**.
3. Update your passport or visa well ahead of time of the actual 99 Yatra event.
4. While performing the 99 Yatra make sure you have your photo identification with you at all times. (Passport or O.C.I)
5. Please arrive to Palitana one day before the start of Yatra. Also please ensure your travel plans are fixed well in advance of this event.
6. Visit your doctor and make sure you are healthy enough to perform this event. Also if there are any medical vaccinations that need to be performed make sure they are done well in advance of the 99 Yatra event. **BRING**

YOUR MEDICAL REPORT ALONG WITH YOU. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MEDICAL SUPPLY.

7. Also included with this informational packet there is a list of items that will be needed for this trip. Make sure you bring those items with as they will not be provided to you.
8. Keep all documents with you while travelling (such as passport, domestic or international air tickets, travelers check, money, luggage keys, and prescription medicine.)
9. Make sure your name and address is on all of your pieces of luggage.
10. Make copies of your valuable and important documents. Also keep these copies at your home.
11. JAINA or 99 Yatra committee will not be held responsible for your jewelry, cash, passport, cameras, laptops phone etc.
12. It will be your responsibility to convert foreign currency to Indian rupees for your use.
13. All Yatris must follow the dharmashala rules and regulations that will be discussed on the first day of the Yatra event.



SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PALITANA

Palitana is a sacred city of Jains and is located about 215 km from Ahmedabad and 51 km southwest of Bhavnagar. It was the capital of a small princely state founded by Shahji, a Gohel Rajput who belonged to the same clan as the Maharaja of Bhavnagar. Palitana is situated at an altitude of 182 meters and covers an area of 13 square km. Palitana is one of Jainism's holiest pilgrimage sites and a gateway to the Shatrunjay Hill. The Shatrunjay Hill is located at a height of 591 metres. The Shatrunjay Temple is the most sacred temple of the Jains and one of the largest of its kind in India. One has to climb up the hill for about 4 kms (600 meters) on a stepped path to Shatrunjay (place of victory over worldliness). There are about 863 white marble Jain temples, built over 900 years on the hilltop, each with its own enclosure.

HOW TO REACH PALITANA

:: BY AIR ::

The nearest airport is located at Bhavnagar, about 56 kms from Palitana and has daily flights with Mumbai.

:: BY RAIL ::

Palitana is on the meter gauge of the Western Railway and has a connection only with Bhavnagar. The nearest railway station connected with all parts of India is Ahmedabad. A special train available from Mumbai to Palitana.

:: BY ROAD ::

Palitana is connected by good motorable roads with Bhavnagar, Junagadh, Ahmedabad, Porbandar, Dwaraka, Gandhidham, Mumbai and Delhi.

***DUE TO THE HEAVY TOURISM IN PALITANA DURING THIS TIME WE REQUEST ALL YATRIS TO RESERVE THEIR TRAVEL PLANS WELL IN ADVANCE. THANK YOU!**

SHREE SHATRUNJAY Mahatirth 99 Yatra 2016

TENTATIVE DATES: NOVEMBER 14, 2016 – JANUARY 13, 2017
SHREE SHATRUNJAY MAHATIRTH 99 YATRA 2016
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

(We can only accommodate a MAXIMUM of 150 people.)

Please mail completed form with a check for **\$1200 per yatri** (Made payable to: JAINA 99 Yatra 2016 USA) to
Arvind R. Shah, 6738 Woodcrest Drive, Troy, MI 48098

To provide proper accommodations and arrangements JAINA has to provide a substantial deposit to the facilities in Palitana. Therefore, we need your payment, in advance of the actual travel date.

YATRI'S NAME	AGE	INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP: (PLEASE CIRCLE CATEGORY)	
1) _____	_____	Mahasanghpati	\$25,001
2) _____	_____	Corporate Sponsor	\$15,001
3) _____	_____	Platinum - Sanghpati	\$11,001
Address: _____		Gold	\$7,501
_____		Silver	\$5,001
_____		Bronze	\$2,501
_____		Daily	\$1,001
Phone Home: _____		NAME OF SPONSOR: _____	
Cell: _____		TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT (USA)	
Work: _____		Attn : ANNAL	
Emergency Contact Name & # (India): _____		Contact Jaya Travel & Tours	
Emergency Contact Name & U.S.A.): _____		24701 Swanson, Southfield, MI 48033	
E-mail Address: _____		Tel : 1-877-359-5292 ex.2608	
		www.jayatratel.com	
Total # of Yatris _____ X 1200 = \$ _____ Sponsorship \$ _____		RENTAL CAR (PALITANA)	
A check for \$ _____ is attached with this form.		Contact: HARDIK DEVLUK	
		M: 99794 49899	

TRAIN AND AIR (PALITANA)

PARAS TRAVEL Bhavesh Sheth
Tel: 02848-252170

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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|| Shree Adinathay Namah ||

June 1, 2016

WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Dear Yatris,

In consideration of being allowed to attend the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth- 99 Yatra in 2016 related events, activities, and programs, I acknowledge and agree that:

1. I, and the participants I am registering, will refrain from indiscreet, inappropriate, or destructive behavior which would detract from the positive image of Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth- 99 Yatra in 2016. I understand that failure to comply may result in exclusion from further participation in the event; and/or disciplinary actions as determined by the 99 Yatra 2016 Project Committee.
2. I accept full responsibility for the actions of all participants I am registering for the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth-99 Yatra event in 2016 related events, activities, and programs.

I, for myself, all participants I am registering, and on behalf of my and their families, heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant not to sue the JAINA & Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth 99 Yatra Project Committee, and do hereby waive any claim against the 99 Yatra Project Committee, and release and discharge 99 Yatra Project Committee, its officers, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of any discipline imposed for failure to comply with the Guidelines, and on account of any injury, including death and damage to property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. I also give my authority and permission to the 99 Yatra Project Committee for taking any and all actions, which it seems necessary in the event of injury and/or damage to persons or property in my accomplishment. I permit the 99 Yatra Committee to use any of the information pertaining to my attendance, and the attendance of all participants I am registering, for its use, publication, and desire. I acknowledge that the 99 Yatra Project Committee or the Dharmashala does not maintain insurance covering my person, property, or liability, or the person, property or liability of participants I am registering, in regards to the 99 Yatra event. It is my sole responsibility to obtain any and all insurance covering losses incurred by me and participants I am registering while present at the Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth-99 Yatra in 2016.

I have read and fully understood the terms of this liability release.

Participants Signature & Date Signed:

Participants Name (Print):

NECESSARY ITEMS

SHATRUNJAY BOOK*	SCARF, CAP, AND HATS	2 COMBINATION LOCKS
9 -21-108 KHAMASANA BOOK*	2 LIGHT TOWELS	LOCK AND KEY
SUDHARUS STAVAN BOOK*	4 – 6 NAPKINS FOR DISH/ HANDWASH	POWDER
CHARAVALO*	BED SHEETS AND PILLOW COVER (2)	LOTION
KATASANU*	SMALL BAGS WITH ZIPPER (4)	SHAMPOO
STHAPANAJI*	HANDKERCHIEF	4 TO 5 COMBS
SAPADO –NAV KARVALI*	COLORLED GLOVES AND SOCKS	STRING FOR DRYING CLOTH
BATVO (WITH FIVE COMPARTMENT)*	PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO (3)	HANGERS AND CLIPS
NOTEBOOK OR PAPER*	SHOULDER BAG	OLD CLOTHES
PENCILS OR PENS*	CANVAS SHOES	TOOTHPASTE
PANCH PRATIKRAMAN BOOK	SLIPPERS OR CHAMPALS	TOOTHBRUSH
PUJA RUMAL	PLASTIC BAGS (10 to 15)	TONGUE SCRAPER
MINIMUM FIVE PUJA CLOTHES	PLASTIC BOX (3 To 4)	DENTAL FLOSS
SMALL POUCH	SOAP DISH (2)	Q-TIPS
SAMAYIK CLOTHES	DRINKING GLASS (2)	NEELGIRI OIL
SCOTCH TAPE	COTTON BALLS	MUKHVAS
ENVELOPES	FLASHLIGHT	CHURAN GOLI
NAV KAR COUNTER	CANDLE	SUDERSHAN GOLI
READING GLASSES	MATCH BOX	BAKING SODA
TROUSERS AND TOPS	RUBBER HOT WATER BAG	GINGER POWDER
PANTS, SHIRTS AND THERMAL	THREAD AND NEEDLE	KESHAR BARAS
SARI-CHUDIDAR	WATER STRAINER	ALMONDS
PAJAMAS	ALARM CLOCK	CAMERA
UNDER GARMENTS	ZIPLOCK BAGS	INDIAN CELLULAR PHONE
2 SWEATERS (2)	HEATING PAD	NEW CALENDAR
2 SHAWLS	SCISSORS	THUMB TACKS
LIGHT JACKET WITH HOOD	AIR FRESHNERS	

* will be provide by a yatra committee.

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OFFERINGS FOR SADHUS/SADHVIS

COTTON SOCKS	ADVIL	BEN-GAY	MAGNIFYING GLASSES
SHOWL (WHITE)	ASSORTED NUTS	HOT WATER BOTTLE	TYLENOL
READING GLASSES	WATCH	MACHHARDANI	PAPER SUPPLIES
OPERATION EXP	WRITING TOOLS	DOLI EXP	BOOK EXP

MEDICAL SUPPLIES (Please bring all your personal medical needs along with u)

MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS	PEPTO-BISMOL	BEN-GAY	FIRST AIDE KIT
TYLENOL	COUGH SYRUP	ASPIRIN	EYE DROPS
BAND-AIDS	VAPOR RUB	TIGER BALM	ADVIL

NEW DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

The trust managing Jain temples of Palitana have decided to implement a strict dress code for visitors. Starting in January 2013, people visiting the main Adeshwar Bhagwan temple top of the Shatrunjay hill, **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SACRED LOCATION WEARING JEANS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, OR ANY OTHER OUTFIT** that the trust managers deem "indecent." Anandji Kalyanji Trust, which manages close to 850 temples, say that the decision has been taken in wake of large influx of tourists, besides the regular devotees who visit Palitana for eight months in a year. Close to 1,000,000 people visit Palitana every year, besides the roughly 10,000 foreign tourists.

The trust will provide dresses to the tourists and pilgrims, who are seen wearing objectionable clothes. Men will be given lahenga and kafni, while women will be provided with salwar-kameez.

The Anandiji Kayanji Trust representatives stated that construction has started of separate changing rooms for men and women at Sagalpoint on the Shatrunjay hill. The trust will also ban the use of mobiles in the temple and the phones will have to be deposited at a specific location. A team of trust volunteers will ensure the enforcement of this dress code.

For more information contact the Anandiji Kayanji Trust.

99 YATRA PLACES & PROGRAMS

2 DAYS GIRNAR YATRA • 4 DAYS CHHARIPALIT YATRA

ACHARYA BHAGWANT PRAVESH

JAI TALETI

TALETI SNATRA PUJA

BABU TEMPLE

SHREE SHANTINATH BHAGWAN DERASAR
SNATRA PUJA

SAMAVASARAN TEMPLE

SHREE ADINATH BHAGWAN DERASAR SNATRA
PUJA

SHATRUNJAY TEMPLE

SHREE PUNDRICK SWAMI DERASAR SNATRA
PUJA

RAYAN TEMPLE

NAVTUK

SHREE RAYAN PAGLA SNATRA PUJA

GHEITINI BARI TEMPLE

SHRI SHATRUNJAY DAM TEMPLE

SHREE NAVVANU PRAKARI PUJA AT RANG-
MANDAP

SHRI HASTAGIRI TIRTH

SHRI BHANDARIYA TIRTH

DODH GAU YATRA

SHRI KADAMGIRI TIRTH

THREE GAU YATRA

SHRI ROHISHALA

SIX GAU YATRA

SIDHAVAD

TWELVE GAU YATRA

GIRIRAJ PUJA

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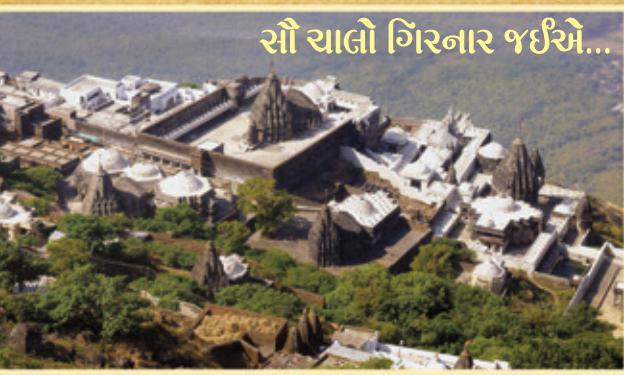
1. The 99 Yatra Committee reserves the **RIGHT TO ADJUST OR CANCEL THE SCHEDULE** based on the time and fund availability.
2. People who are interested to donate fund for Girnar & Chharipalit Sangh are welcome.

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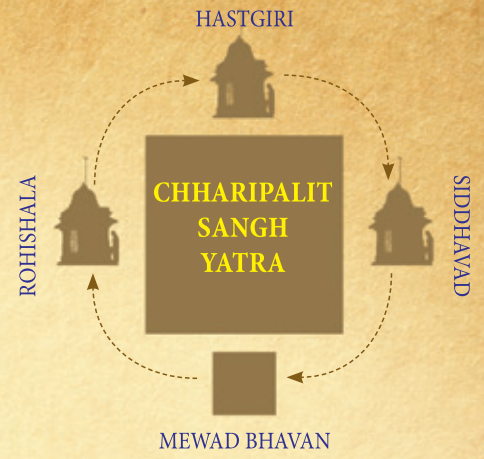
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