



An Introduction to Yoga Level I

About

An Introduction to Yoga Level I is a challenging, progressive and academic workshop that will enable you to make the connection between all aspects of yoga. This course is for everyone who wants to develop an interest in yoga but is also part one of a five module Foundation Course. It will help you develop a greater understanding of yogic systems and incorporate spiritual awareness into your daily routine, bringing you greater peace physically, mentally and spiritually.

Aims

- An understanding of yoga, what is yoga? A brief history. The 8 Limbs or Astangas of yoga. What is Hatha Yoga? The Surya Namaskar (The Sun Salutation)
- An understanding of how the body works and how asanas help develop posture and flexibility, developing asanas (postures) looking at physical and spiritual effects of asanas. Observing the body through asanas understanding the benefits of asana synchronized with breath, to develop greater awareness and clarity.
- Breathing exercises. Basic pranayama – observing how the breath can energize the body and calm the mind. Also, how to incorporate breath work into daily life to reduce stress and rejuvenate and clear the body as well as using pranayama techniques in asana practice.
- Meditation and chanting – developing meditation skills as a way of stress management and observing chanting as a medium to develop serenity. Basic understanding of energy centres (chakras).
- Developing and maintaining self-practice, guidelines and other useful information.

Upon completion of the course you will receive a 'Certificate of Attendance', or you may wish to take the exam to gain a Diploma towards your Foundation Course, which in turn can take you onto our Teacher Training Course. Full attendance on all dates is required.