

Futuwwa Retreat

Shawwal 1437

Afyon, Turkey



FUTUWWA

About the Retreat

Teachers

- al-Habib Kazim as-Saqqaf*
- Ibrahim Osi-Efa
- Jamal Hysaw
- Jihad Shamis
- Nisar Sheikh

N.B. Please note that more teachers and instructors are to be confirmed

*Although our dear and respected teacher al-Habib Kazim as-Saqqaf has confirmed his attendance for this year's retreat, applicants should note that he was not able to attend the last two Futuwwa retreats due to personal circumstances.

Classes & Sports

Spirituality | Archery | Horse Riding | Jiu-Jitsu | Swimming

Dates

Saturday, 16th July – Friday, 29th July 2016

Location

Afyon, Turkey

Package Details

- Fourteen nights' accommodation at the Nil Thermal Spa & Convention Centre
- Full board – Breakfast, lunch & dinner (Self-service buffet)
- Classes & Futuwwa Sports

Note: The package does not include flights or internal travel.

Fees

Packages start at **£1,250** with the option of upgrading to larger rooms/suites at an additional cost.

Adults**

Three-sharing: **£1,250** (per adult)

Two-sharing: **£1,350** (per adult)

** These prices are per person. The three-sharing package means that each student would be placed in a room that had a maximum of three occupants. The two-sharing price is offered on the basis that the room has two occupants (otherwise, one would have to be placed in a three-sharing room at the three-sharing price).

Children***

These prices are per child.

0-2 years: **Free**

3-6 years: **£300** (There **isn't** a Futuwwa programme for this age group)

7-12 years: **£750** (There is a Futuwwa programme for this age group)

13 and above: **Adult price**

***Please read the children's section for more details about children.

Important: If you wish to attend the retreat with more than one child, please contact the administration to get an exact cost for your package (especially if any of your children are under the age of six).

About Nil Thermal

Nil Thermal Hotel

Nil Thermal is a five-star hotel and spa centre, situated in Afyonkarahisar, which is well-known for its thermal water. The hotel was recently constructed and opened to the public last month (March 2016).

Spa Centre

The following is included in the package (unless stated otherwise) and each facility is fully segregated:

- Outdoor Swimming Pool (Men only)
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Thermal Pool
- Steam Room
- Sauna
- Jacuzzi
- Aromatherapy*
- Massage Rooms*
- Mud Baths*
- Turkish Hammam
- Gym – A personal trainer is available for both males & females
- Fitness Classes – E.g. Yoga, Aerobics, Pilates, Circuit Training, etc.
- VIP Spa area (for family use)**

* These can be booked at an additional cost. However, students on the retreat will receive a discount on all prices.

** The VIP Spa area can be booked at an additional cost and contains a pool, thermal pool, steam room and sauna.

Food & Drink

The following is included in the package:

- Three meals provided as an open buffet service
- All drinks, hot and cold*
- Access to the coffee bar and snack bar throughout the day.
- Late Breakfast and Night Buffet (limited items)
- Suhoor can be facilitated for those who are fasting.

*Juices and shakes from the Vitamin Juice Bar are not free. However, they can be purchased at a discounted price.

Other

The following facilities are provided by the hotel:

- Masjid (can hold up to 1000 worshippers)
- Indoor Shopping Centre (which includes money exchange service)
- Taxi service***
- Juice Bar***
- Laundry Service***

***A discounted price for the group has been agreed for these services.

For more information about the hotel, please visit nilthermal.com/en/

Rooms

Standard Room

Single students will be offered segregated accommodation in Standard rooms where there will be either three or two single beds. Double beds can be provided upon request.

Room & Bathroom Provision

- Single bed
- Dressing table & lamp
- Desk & chair
- Cupboard
- Safe (with digital lock)
- Mushaf & Prayer Mat
- Bathrobe, bath towels, hand towels & slippers
- Toiletry Pack (contains shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion & more)
- Hair dryer
- Kettle with tea/coffee

Mini Bar

All items in the mini bar are **free** and include:

- Mineral Water
- Soft drinks
- Snacks

Suite Rooms

Students have the option to upgrade to a suite or family room at an additional cost.

A Suite room contains all that would be found in a standard room as well as a lounge area, which contains the following:

- Double Sofa Bed
- Armchairs
- Table

In addition, the suite rooms are more spacious in general and can hold up to a maximum of four occupants. These rooms are ideal for small families who wish to stay together.

Families

We are in the process of finalising rooming arrangements with the hotel with regards to the types of rooms that will be allocated to families.

Married Couples

Married couples can choose to stay in the same room and would be required to take the two-sharing package.

Sisters & Children

Sisters

All Futuwwa Sports will be provided for sisters (apart from Jiu-Jitsu) and will be segregated from the brothers. An alternative activity/class will be organised for sisters instead of Jiu-Jitsu.

Lobby areas and dining areas will be segregated, although the buffet area will be open to both genders.

Children

Children are welcomed to participate in the retreat but will be accepted on the condition that parents will bear full responsibility for the child for the duration of the retreat. In addition, all children must come with at least one parent.

Rooms

Parents who wish to bring one or more child would be required to book a full room unless there is another student who wishes to share a room with them.

Children's Programme

A separate programme for children aged 7-14 will be provided based on a minimum number of children attending.

Futuwwa Sports

- Horse Riding
- Archery
- Jiu-Jitsu (Boys only)*
- Swimming

*An alternative class/activity will be arranged for girls.

Classes

- Qur'an
- Etiquette

Recreational Activities

- Indoor Mini-Water Park
- Table Tennis
- Pool
- Games Room
- Sports (including football, tennis, & basketball)**

**Courts are currently under construction and are to be completed by July 2016.

Crèche

There is a crèche/play area that is available for children aged between the age of three and six years. There is a qualified practitioner (but speaks Turkish only). Parents can accompany their children in the crèche.

Students are responsible for booking their own flights to Turkey and are strongly advised to book their flights early if they wish to keep costs down.

Flights to Turkey

Students have the option of booking direct or indirect flights to Turkey. There are a number of airports to choose from:

- Istanbul Ataturk (IST)
- Izmir (ADB)
- Antalya (AYT)

In terms of choosing an airport in the UK, one may wish to include smaller airports such as Luton and the like when searching for cheap flights to Izmir/Antalya. Otherwise, the major airlines can be found leaving Manchester and London Heathrow.

Travelling to Afyon

Internal flights

The nearest airport to Afyon is Kutayha Zafer Regional (KZR), which is 30 miles from Nil Thermal. There are daily flights to and from Zafer (from all three airports mentioned above) which are operated by Turkish Airlines (www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/).

Example Journey	Departs	Arrives	Duration	Frequency
Istanbul to Zafer	22:55	23:55	1 hour	One flight per day
Zafer to Istanbul	6:10	7:10	1 hour	One flight per day

Important: Students are recommended to check the availability of internal flights prior to booking their flights to Turkey (if they wish to travel by air to Afyon).

The cost of internal flights (Istanbul to Afyon) vary, with the cheapest being 75 TRY (£19) per flight. A shuttle service from the airport to the hotel is available and costs 15 TRY (£3.75) per journey.

Travel by coach (Istanbul to Afyon)

There are a number of coaches that travel from Istanbul to Afyon with journeys taking up to eight hours depending on road and weather conditions. The cost varies from 45 TRY (£11.25) to 70 TRY (£17.50).

Coach Times (Istanbul to Afyon)

There are daily coaches available in the morning, afternoon and evening (over 20 journeys), with the earliest coach departing at 7am and the latest departing at 12am (midnight).

Important: Travel to Afyon from Istanbul, Antalya & Izmir will vary greatly in price and duration whether one travels by plane or by coach.

Booking Flights

Web sites such as www.skyscanner.net can be used to gauge the cost of flights. However, students are fully responsible with regards to all their flight bookings. If you would like advice on booking flights, please let us know.

Passport & Visas

Please ensure that you have a passport that is valid for at least six months from the date you enter Turkey. A Turkish visa is required and can be purchased at the airport and costs £20.

How to Apply

Please visit www.greenvilletrust.org/futuwwaretreat1437/ and fill in the online application form.

Application Process

1. Complete online application form.
2. Receive acceptance onto the retreat.
3. Submit deposit to secure place on the retreat.
4. Receive confirmation that one's place (on the retreat) has been secured.
5. Book flights to Turkey. [This should **only** be done by students once they have received confirmation that their place has been secured]
6. Complete final payment for the course fee.

Fees

Deposit (per adult) - £500

Remaining payment – depends on the package chosen

Payment Options

Bank Transfer

Please use the following payment reference **FR XX D1437** when making the transfer (where XX are your initials – for example, **FR IB D1437** for Ibn Batuta's deposit). Please remember to email the **payment reference** along with the **date** and **amount transferred** to Greenville Trust so that your payment can be tracked.

Account Name: Greenville Trust

Bank: Al Rayan

Sort code: 30-00-83

Account number: 01234401

Cheque

Please make cheques payable to 'Greenville Trust' and post to the address listed below. Please remember to email Greenville Trust upon posting the cheque.

Cash

Cash payments can be made to a member of the administration team at Felicity House. Please do not send any cash in the post.



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