# YOGA HOLIDAY ON THE ISLAND OF POETS 13 - 20 JULY 2024

Rebirth and regeneration on the idyllic island of Lesbos a paradise for your yoga holiday



# **Mediterranean Retreats Center**

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# MEDITERRANEAN RETREATS CENTRE

THE BUILDING, ORIGINALLY A TRADITIONAL GREEK TAVERN AND A SMALL HOTEL, HAS BEEN RECENTLY RENOVATED AND TRANSFORMED INTO A YOGA CENTRE WITH A FOCUS ON ENERGETIC AND HEALING PRACTICES. THE BUILDING, WHICH FACES THE KALLONI GULF, IS LOCATED A FEW METER AWAY FROM THE SEA AND IS COMPLETELY ISOLATED AND IMMERSED IN NATURE. THIS AREA IS A HEAVEN FOR ALL BIRDWATCHING ENTHUSIASTS WHO, ESPECIALLY IN SPRING, COME TO THE ISLAND FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO ADMIRE PINK FLAMINGOS, BLACK AND WHITE STORKS, PEREGRINE FALCONS AND MANY OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS OF RARE BEAUTY. THE GULF IS AN IMPORTANT BREEDING AREA FOR MANY FISH SPECIES WHICH MAKE THIS STRETCH OF SEA TEEMING WITH LIFE. ITS POSITION, THE NATURAL CONTEXT IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED, THE PEACE, THE SILENCE AND THE STRENGTH OF THE ELEMENTS MAKE IT AN IDEAL PLACE TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF THE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES, LEAVING BEHIND ALL PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL BURDENS THAT USUALLY CROWD OUR LIVES.

### TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

THE CENTER OFFERS FIVE ROOMS WITH BATHROOM AND ANOTHER FIVE ROOMS WITH BATHROOM ARE AVAILABLE 800 METERS AWAY. WE OFFER ACCOMMODATION IN DOUBLE ROOMS WITH SINGLE BEDS AND IN SINGLE ROOMS (WITH SUPPLEMENT).





#### **DAILY PROGRAM**

8 - 9.30 AM YOGA PRACTICE, FELDEN-YOGA

9.30 - 10.30 AM BREAKFAST

11,00 AM DEPARTURE FOR THE VARIOUS DESTINATIONS

6 PM - 8 PM THREE EVENING PRACTICES SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

#### **PLANNED TOURS**

PETRA AND MOLIVOS: LOCATED AT THE NORTH OF THE ISLAND, THESE ARE THE MOST CHARACTERISTIC AND AMONG THE MOST CHARACTERISTIC VILLAGES.

ORIGINALLY VOLCANIC, THE ISLAND OFFERS NUMEROUS THERMAL SPRINGS WITH WATER OF EXCELLENT QUALITY AT 39 DEGREES CELSIUS, WE WILL VISIT THE SPA OF MYTILENE WHERE WE WILL PRACTICE FELDENWATER. 3) VATHERA, A5KM LONG BEACH AND CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER4) THE FOSSIL FOREST: ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD, THE MAIN REASON WHY THE WHOLE ISLAND IS A UNESCO HERITAGE SITE.



COST: €590, INCLUDES THE COURSE, OVERNIGHT STAY IN A DOUBLE ROOM, ALL MEALS AT THE CENTRE, TRAVEL AND EXCURSIONS. (FLIGHT AND EXTRA EXPENSES SUCH AS ENTRANCE TO SPAS OR RESTAURANTS, ETC. ARE EXCLUDED).

SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE WITH A SUPPLEMENT OF €150

REGISTRATIONS: TO REGISTER YOU MUST PAY A DEPOSIT OF €200

HOW TO GET THERE. LESVOS IS WELL-CONNECTED BY PLANE TO ATHENS WITH SEVERAL

INTERNAL FLIGHTS EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. LESVOS CAN BE REACHED BY FERRY ALSO OPERATING ALL YEAR LONG. FROM SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES YOU CAN FLY DIRECTLY TO LESVOS, IF YOU CANNOT FIND A DIRECT FLIGHT TO MYTILENE, YOU CAN FLY TO ATHENS AND FROM THERE TAKE ANOTHER FLIGHT TO THE ISLAND.

## Piero Bianciardi

Piero attended medical school in Siena for five years, dedicating himself at the same time to Yoga, in particular Hatha Yoga and Viniyoga, Taijiquan and Shaolin Chuan under the guidance of M° Chang Dsu Yao and Shiatsu with Clemente Cocchiola and acupuncture with Prof. Guyen Vanghi in Florence. He studied contemporary dance with maestro Dominique Dupuis, contact dance and Gurdjeff's movements and Sacred Dances with Shurta. He obtains the 1st dan of Taiji Quan and shaolin chuan with master Chang Dsu Yao and the Yoga teacher diploma at the EFOA School in Rome with Françoise Berlette and his certification as Shiatsu practitioner. He obtained the "motor activities practitioner" qualification diplome at the school of medicine at the University of Siena and the qualification as a Feldenkrais practitioner Feldenkrais Method-Florence. for many years he taught Yoga and Feldenkrais in Siena and in the Chianti area developing his own Yoga methods: Feldenyoga and Feldenwater. He practiced and studied Dong Style Taiji Quan with master Alex Dong and Aikido at the Renwakai School with M° Massimilano Perini and M°Alain Tendron to the degree of 2' dan. He dances Tango and studies it with various teachers including Chicho Frumbuli and Pablo obtained the Moyano. He **Systemic** Constellator diploma at Bert and Marie Sophie Hellinger's School. He teaches as an assistant trainer of the Feldenkrais Method in Siena and Florence and as a teacher in various training courses in Italy and around the world.



#### Massimo Cantara

Massimo graduated as a Yoga teacher (500h) with the international SYM school of which he was also a teacher, he also holds adiploma in Yoga Therapy (300h) with Vasistha Yoga Fundation in Kerala,India. He has been teaching at his own center in Italy since 2010 and is a founding member of "Three Treasures Yoga," an international teacher training school. In addition to his professional activities as a practitioner in Bio-Natural Disciplines and as a Shiatsu Teacher, in 1999 he founded the Holismos arts for health center, a center for the dissemination and practice of Bio Natural disciplines, including Yoga, of which he is the director. In 2016 he founded together with Sara Della Torre the Holismos Yoga and Wellness Center in Varese. Cranio Sacral Balance Diploma, Kinesiologist, Shiatsu Practitioner, Yoga Teacher. In 2020 he debuts with his music CD "Elemental World" on a sonic journey through the 5 elements.

In 2021 he published his book "Hospital without Pain" Bionatural disciplines in the hospital context Ed. Epigraphia, Salus series.

