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ROSALES 2015

Retreat Guide



welcome

The Zawiya is committed to the growth of a healthy, centered and spiritually grounded community. Join us for an intimate holistic experience that will energize the body, uplift the soul and nourish the mind. Under the leadership of Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah and other scholars, we have embarked on a vision of seeking God through seeking knowledge. Nurturing an environment of scholarship and self-reflection, the seeker will find benefit in sitting with individuals who have mastered both the inner and outer dimensions of Islam.

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the retreat

Nestled in the mountains of Granada, Spain, the Zawiya is an intimate, holistic retreat.

BEAUTY, THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH

The splendor of beauty is a meaning before it is a form. It resonates in the in-sight of the soul before the eye-sight of the beholder. It makes its appearance in our lived-experience in so many ways and modes and motifs; though its source is One.

We may speak of beauty in art of course, as well as architecture. In notes and chords that bring melody and harmony, to delight ears and lift spirits; in well-crafted phrases and compelling prose that would grip hearts and minds. There is a refraction of beauty in the human form no doubt, (go and see her, for it is more an assurance that love will endure); and it might be reciprocated in the grace and dignity of her silence. More than skin deep, the litmus test of human beauty is in a grace and serenity of character that reflects that of the beloved—handsome, comely—standing as the exemplar of courage, empathy, and fairness.

While these are all manifestations, the source is One, “O Thou named by the names; all of them / while being transcendent in Your unicity.”

Let us build on last year’s inquiries into competing and complimenting variances between timeless universals, time-bound modernisms, and prescient compelling ‘nows’.

Together we will interrogate and explore the many facets, forms, and meanings that beauty makes itself known through. We will listen to the contentions of post-modern sensibilities about discontent, irony, and a search for meaning and its aesthetic representations. But most of all, we will enjoy the beauty of fraternity, the warmth of intentional family, and the exhilaration of scholarly inquiry and conversation; the upliftment provided by gentle breezes of devoted praxis; and the preparation of hearts to receive the splendor of enlightened inspiration.

— SHAYKH JIHAD BROWN



the program

Below is a sample schedule, but note that the number of sessions and their respective timings will differ day to day. The detailed daily schedule will be posted inside the main cafeteria.

5:45 a.m.	<i>Fajr</i>
8:30–9:45 a.m.	Breakfast
10:00–11:30 a.m.	Session 1
11:45 am–1:15 p.m.	Session 2
1:15–2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:45 p.m.	<i>Dhuhr</i>
3:00–5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Session 3
6:15 p.m.	<i>Asr</i>
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Session 4
8:00–9:15 p.m.	Dinner
9:30 p.m.	<i>Maghrib</i>
9:45–11:00 p.m.	Reflection Sessions (select days)
11:00 p.m.	<i>Isha</i>

Optional Activities:

Hiking, tasbeeh making, archery, paint balling, fishing, swimming, conservatory visits, calligraphy classes.

Day Trips

On Thursday, August 6 we will have a day of leisure with an optional trip to the city of Granada. Be sure to complete the Sign Up form sent via email.

Closing Banquet and Performances

We will have a special closing banquet and gourmet dinner at Los Collados De La Sagra on Monday, August 10. Special performances by Brother Ali, Baraka Blue and the Al Firdaus Ensemble will take place after dinner.

Children's & Youth Sessions

Children's and Youth programming will run parallel to adult morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

Baby Sitting

If you require a baby sitter for children under the age of 3, contact us at register@thezawiyah.org by July 19, 2015. Cost: 12 Euros per hour.



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DAY OF LEISURE OPTIONS

Saturday, August 8 will be a day of leisure with an optional trip to Granada. Transportation to/from Granada is provided, however any excursions or tours will be an additional cost. Be sure to complete the Day Trip form sent via email.

Option 1: Alhambra Palace Tour and Lunch (additional cost)

Option 2: Granada City Tour and Lunch (additional cost)

Option 3: Granada Drop Off and Pick Up (included)

Option 4: Sidi Haroon's Gardens (on your own)

Option 5: Rest on Campus



the surroundings



A beautiful 400 acre property that borders the La Sagra mountain in Southern Spain, Alqueria de Rosales provides the perfect backdrop for learning, reflection, and family time. Facilities include a mosque, conference hall, library, class rooms, restaurant, multipurpose sports courts, pool, and student accommodations.

Rosales is about 5 hours by bus from Madrid and 2.5 hours by bus from Granada. The nearest population from Rosales - Puebla de Don Fadrique — is at 5.5 km (11 min. by car) where there is a supermarket, pharmacy, etc.

Please note: Cell coverage is limited. WiFi is available in the Rosales cafeteria

Alquería de Rosales
18820 Puebla de Don Fadrique
Granada (Spain)

GPS Coordinates:

N37°58'56.9
W2°28'20.1

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WHAT TO BRING

Alquería de Rosales is at 1,300m above sea level, thus, it has a mountain climate. During the retreat days we expect to have a sunny weather with an average temperature of 77°F during the day and 59°F at night.

Casual comfortable clothing, sport shoes or sneakers, sandals, outerwear (mainly at night), swimsuit (if the weather is warm enough). Outlet adapters are necessary for electric outlets. Please bring sunscreen, sunglasses and small backpacks for day trips. Other items: necessary medications, bug spray, travel iron, blow dryer, shampoo, soap, shower flip flops, etc.

Laundry Services:The Alquería staff provides an onsite laundry service. Large bag: 10€ / Medium bag: 8€ / Per article: 1.50€

MEALS

Because leading a holistic and balanced lifestyle starts with eating well. All meals and snacks are locally sourced and organic, with minimal processing and preservatives. All meals, snacks and drinks are included in your registration cost.

TRANSPORTATION

The land package price includes group transportation to/from the Madrid Airport at specific dates and times. Bus travel from the Madrid Airport to Rosales is approximately 5 hours. Participants should plan on landing in Madrid at least 2 hours prior to their scheduled bus, as buses are unable to wait for delayed flights. Please read the FAQs for more information.

ACCOMMODATIONS

On Campus Dorms

Bunk beds accommodate up to 20 people, with indoor bathrooms, wardrobes, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, etc. They also have a rest area with sofas. Men and women have separate dorms.

On Campus Suites

The upper floor of the building has hotel-like rooms, with ensuite or shared hall bathrooms. The lower floor has studios and two or three room suites, a few with a separate kitchen.

Off Campus Hotel

A luxury hotel, Los Collados de la Sagra, is 15 minutes from the Rosales campus. Buses to and from the Rosales Campus run twice a day, once in the morning (after breakfast) and once in the evening (after *Isha*). Continental breakfast will be provided at the hotel.

Off Campus Bed and Breakfast

A brand-new luxury bed and breakfast, Molino Merchado, is 10 minutes from the Rosales campus. There is no transportation provided for this accommodation. Guests must have their own rental car. Breakfast will be provided at Molino Merchado.



the scholars



DR. UMAR FARUQ ABD-ALLAH

Dr. Umar Abd-Allah (Wymann-Landgraf) is an American Muslim who embraced Islam in 1970. He studied Arabic and Islamic Studies at the University of Chicago and received his doctorate there in 1978. He taught at the Universities of Windsor (Ontario), Temple, Michigan, and King Abdul-Aziz (Jeddah). During several years abroad, he was able to study with a number of traditional Islamic scholars. He returned to the United States in 2000 under the auspices of the Nawawi Foundation (Chicago), where he worked until 2011. He taught Islamic studies at Darul Qasim (Chicago) from 2012 until 2013. He is currently engaged in independent research, writing, and teaching activities with institutions across the United States, Europe, and Africa with a focus on Islamic theology. Among his written works are *A Muslim in Victorian America: The Life of Alexander Russell Webb* (Oxford University Press) and *Malik and Medina: Islamic Legal Reasoning in the Formative Period* (Brill).



SHAYKH JIHAD BROWN

Shaykh Jihad Brown is Director of Research at the Tabah Foundation in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. After receiving degrees in Psychology and Near East Studies from Rutgers University, New Jersey in 1994, he went on to study Arabic rhetoric, dialectic theology, and Islamic legal theory with prominent religious authorities in Damascus. In accordance with the criteria of traditional learning methods he studied privately with notable scholars like Muhammad Adib al-Kallas, Dr. Saeed Ramadan al-Buti, and Muhammad Ali al-Shuqayr receiving his scholarly licenses (ijazah) after ten years of intensive training. This included a year in the Minor Atlas of Morocco reading the Compendium of Compendia of al-Taj al-Subki with the scholar and jurist Muhammad Ghali al-Dadisi in the “antique” madrasa of Tanalit. Sh Jihad travels widely, teaching and lecturing in the service of engaging classical jurisprudence and theology with the contemporary age. He has also appeared frequently on numerous satellite television programs in the region.



the scholars



HAKIM ARCHULETTA

Hakim Archuletta has worked within the healing arts profession for over 30 years. His interest in medicine and natural health and the study of God's Creation began as a child. His first formal studies were in the Fine Arts which he studied in the 60's in Berkeley where his expertise ranged from graphic arts to theater, cinema and ethnomusicology. In 1978, Hakim went to Pakistan at the invitation of Hakim Mohammad Said of the Hamdard Foundation and studied there with various Hakims (traditional Islamic doctors) supported by grants from the Bawani Trust. Returning to the Americas in 1980, he began teaching students privately and established a Family practice clinic in Santa Barbara California. He has conducted and taught study groups for homeopathy in Santa Barbara, California, Taos, Abiquiu, and Los Alamos, New Mexico for professional and lay persons. He began extensive work as counselor, consultant and Hakim/Homeopath in Abiquiu, New Mexico and by traveling nationally for over ten years. This also included workshops on communication and community consensus building including special focus on youth. Today he lectures and teaches classes and workshops nationally. He has conducted workshops and lectured at University of California Berkeley, Harvard, Wellesley, Stanford, UCLA, University of Houston and many others.



DR. KARIM LAHHAM

Dr. Karim Lahham is a Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, London. Karim has a Masters from the Royal College of Art, studied law at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, and completed a doctorate in Islamic Studies at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

He was called to the London Bar in 1999 as an Inner Temple Major Scholar and continues to practice in the field of commercial law. Dr. Karim is also Senior Research Fellow at Tabah Foundation, UAE.

His publications include: *The Roman Catholic Church's Position on Islam After Vatican II*; *Muhammad Shahrur's Cargo Cult*; *Response to Cardinal Scola's House of Lords Speech*; *The Intelligibility of the Islamic Tradition in the Context of Modern Thought*; *The Vocational Society*; and a critical edition of *Ibn 'Arabi's al-Tanazzulat al-Mawsiliyya* (forthcoming).



the scholars



SHAYKH MUSA FURBER

Musa Furber was born in Massachusetts and raised in Portland, Oregon. He majored in linguistics at Portland State University, with an emphasis on computational linguistics and cognitive science, a major that required him to study a non-Indo-European language. As good fortune would have it, Arabic was the only class that fit in his schedule at the time, thus starting him off on what eventually would become a serious and personal study of the Qur'an and Islam. Sh Musa embraced Islam and shortly thereafter embarked on a path of study. While still a student in Portland, he studied Shafi'i Islamic ethics and law (fiqh) with a Muslim religious scholar who was in Portland at the time. After graduating from college, Musa went to Damascus to further his Arabic studies. After a one-year return to the U.S., he returned to Damascus where he completed an intensive four-year study of the traditional Islamic disciplines—including Qur'anic studies, Prophetic traditions (hadith), ethics and law (fiqh), advanced Arabic grammar and the Prophetic biography (sira).

After graduation, he continued his studies with scholars in and around Damascus, who reviewed with him several important texts and qualified him to translate and teach them. He then left the small village outside of Damascus where he lived with his wife and three children during this period, relocating to Cairo, Egypt, where he entered and completed a prestigious training program in the issuance of legal responsa (fatawa) at Dar al-Ifta' al-Misriyya, under the direct supervision of Shaykh Dr. Ali Jumu'a, the Mufti of Egypt. After successfully completing the program and acting as an official researcher and English translator for Dar al-Ifta', he was recruited by Shaykh Habib Ali al-Jifri to serve as a lead researcher at the Taba Institute in UAE, where he currently resides.



FAQs

Below is a short list of common questions. If you need further assistance, please contact us at register@thezawiyah.org

REGISTRATION

What if I have to cancel my registration?

The 20% deposit per person is non-refundable. Guests who cancel prior to June 30 will receive their payment (less the deposit). Guests that cancel after June 30 will forfeit all payments.

Does The Zawiyah accept applications for volunteers, and/or offer scholarships or discounts to attend the retreat?

The Zawiyah strives to bring the highest value to our participants for the lowest cost possible. High standards for food, service and programming, however, do not allow us to provide resources for scholarships, discounts, or extra volunteers. If you feel there is a specific skill you can add for the benefit of the retreat, then please contact us at register@thezawiyah.org.

RETREAT

What is included in the cost?

Tuition, lodging, transportation to/from the airport (and the hotel, if applicable) and all meals and snacks (on campus) are included in the cost. When possible, meals are locally sourced and organic, with minimal processing and preservatives.

What sort of schedule can we expect at the retreat?

Each day will include approximately 5 hours of instruction punctuated with meals, prayer times, breaks and optional activities. There will a day trip to/from Granada, with bus transportation included in the cost of the retreat.

Will we have personal time with the Shuyukh?

The Zawiyah aims to create a personal, intimate space with our scholars, as such there are many opportunities outside of class to enjoy their presence.

Are there children and youth activities?

There will be special programming for Children ages 3-12 and Youth 13-17 that runs parallel with the adult sessions. They will explore the grounds and attend unique, creative workshops.

Are there activities for adults?

There are opportunities for hiking, fishing, archery and swimming on the Rosales property. Please bring appropriate clothing and shoes.

How can I prepare for the classes?

A list of recommended readings from our scholars will be provided to registered guests. Participants are expected to attend classes and take notes as necessary.



FAQs

TRANSPORTATION

If I arrive to the retreat late or depart the retreat early, how will I get to/from the airport?

The package price includes group transportation to/from Madrid airport on the designated dates and times. Arrivals or departures outside of this timeframe will be at your own cost.

Taxis to Madrid take about 5 hours and cost approximately 300 Euros each way. Car rentals for the week typically cost around the same amount.

What are the transportation options to/from the Madrid airport?

The land package price includes group transportation to/from the Madrid Airport at specific dates and times. Bus travel from the Madrid Airport to Rosales is approximately 5 hours.

Arrival:

BUS 1: Departs Madrid at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 2, after the arrival of the group from Chicago. This is the primary bus for on-time arrival to Rosales.

BUS 2: Departs Madrid 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2. This bus will arrive in Rosales in the late evening.

Participants should plan on landing in Madrid at least 2 hours prior to their scheduled bus, as buses are unable to wait for delayed flights. You are responsible for meeting your bus at the Madrid airport. Participants who are unable to travel on either bus will need to make their own travel arrangements to Rosales.

Departure:

Participants will depart Rosales by bus at approximately 2 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, for flights departing from Madrid late morning or early afternoon on Tuesday. For flights departing in the late afternoon or evening on Tuesday, another bus will depart Rosales at approximately 9 a.m. Please allow for travel delays when booking your departing flight from Madrid.

Note: The bus departs in the middle of the night on Monday.

MISCELLANEOUS

If I have food allergies or restrictions, will an alternate meal be available?

There will be a variety of foods at each meal, including, but not limited to, fruits, vegetables, proteins and grains. Ingredients for each dish will be available upon request. Please complete the Travel Details form so we can better accommodate any allergens.

Is there a space for women who cannot enter the Musallah?

Women can sit in the tiled area at the back of the masjid and still participate in class.

Will I have personal time to sight-see or go shopping?

There will be one designated day for leisure, with an optional day trip to Granada. Buses will depart Rosales in the morning and drop guests in the city center of Granada. Buses will depart Granada in the late evening. Any activities in Granada will be at your own cost. Any other additional activities requiring transportation will be at your own cost (including Haroon's Gardens).

Will the classes be recorded? Can I use a personal recording device?

Classes will be recorded, but not available for public distribution. Any personal audio or visual recording is strictly prohibited.

Is there WiFi available?

Cell coverage is limited. Limited WiFi is available in the Rosales cafeteria

