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### **AYURVEDIC MASSAGE TRAINING COURSE IN PUDUCHERRY- INDIA (Indian “well-being” massage with oil)**

Ayurveda means “knowledge of life”. According to Indian thinking it is based on a unitary concept of the individual.

The origin of Ayurveda’s literature goes back to Vedic scripture particularly “The Samkya” one of the Indian philosophical systems, “Darshana”.

“Purusha” is the male principle, shapeless, beyond features, immutable knower, not taking part in the manifestation.

“Prakriti” is the female principle, the Shakti who creates all forms of manifested life. She is the cosmic energy containing the three tendencies “the Gunas”:

Sattva: light, joy, revelation

Rajas: movement, impetus, change

Tamas: inertia, lethargy, obscurity

These three Gunas are the foundations of all creation. They are maintained in a dynamic balance in Prakriti. When this balance is disrupted there is an attempt to restore it. The interaction between the Gunas generates energy currents from which the five elements of the universe are created: space, air, fire, water, earth. They are the basis of the evolution of the universe.

Ayurveda believes that man is a microcosm of the universe. All that exist in the universe exist in man. Therefore the five elements are found on an individual level in human body and constitute all aspects of one’s personality: physical, vital, mental, psychic and spiritual.

Ayurveda sums up the five elements in “Tridosha”, three humors:

1- Vata composed by space and air

2- Pitta composed by fire and water

3- Kapha composed by water and earth

Each human possesses a certain amount of doshas that define that person’s temperament and humor. This constitution or individual Prakriti is determined at conception and should stay unchanged during the entire span of life.

Ayurveda stresses to maintain a harmonious balance between the three doshas. The increase or decrease of one of them causes illness and disorder.

Ayurvedic massage is one of the means among others to maintain order and eliminate disorder of the doshas. It must be given considering the nature and characteristics of the individual. Depending on each disorder and each individual temperament, different massages are given and various natural or medicinal oils are used. These massages contribute to harmonize Vata, Pitta and Kapha in the body, to eliminate muscular and nervous tensions, to improve the quality of skin and circulation, to increase vital energy, “Prana”, to provide relaxation and to bring well-being.

In India massage is part of a healthy life starting at birth and continuing during lifetime.

## **AYURVEDIC MASSAGE TRAINING COURSE IN PUDUCHERRY- INDIA**

### **First cycle- Open to all in June and December 2021**

Under the direction of Ajit and Selvi SARKAR

The Ayurvedic massage training course, Indian massage applied with oil “Abhyanga “, is open to all, professionals or private individuals. This full-body massage provides well-being by massaging all parts of the body from head to toes. In the past it was given in the family and in ayurvedic centers.

#### **Objective:**

This training opens the doors to a new life style, more environmentally friendly that respects biological rhythms and allows a better handling of life’s pressures. It gives the opportunity to help others by giving them a well-being massage and by advising them, so they can regain joy in life. The massage can be given on the floor on a gym mat.

**Duration:** Total of 75 hours, divided in 2 weeks, 5 days of 7h30 per week  
Practice and theoretical classes on Ayurveda will alternate.

#### **First Cycle – open to all**

##### **Unit 1: (5 days)**

**Practice:** Well-being massage “Abhyanga “, to maintain order of the three doshas.

**Theory:** Study of man’s constitution.

##### **Unit 2: (5 days)**

**Practice:** Revision and perfection of Abhyanga massage, work on marmas to eliminate disorder of the three doshas (life’s daily pressures).

**Theory:** Study of three doshas’ disorders development and means of recovery by adjusting life style.

#### **Training dates:**

**June 2021:** Unit 1: From Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Unit 2: From Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Latest arrival on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Earliest departure on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**December 2021:** Unit 1: From Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Unit 2: From Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday December 24 2021.

Latest arrival on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Earliest departure on Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.

#### **Hours :**

07h00 – 08h30 – Fitness session: meditation, physical preparation,  
sun salutation, asana, pranayama.

09h30 – 12h30 – Theoretical and practical sessions according to the schedule.

14h00 – 17h00 – Theoretical and practical sessions according to the schedule.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Unit 1:**

#### **PRACTICE**

- Head, neck, and back relaxing massage.
- Legs, and feet relaxing massage.
- Arms and hands relaxing massage.
- Chest, abdomen and face relaxing massage.
- Entire body relaxing massage.

#### **THEORY**

- Introduction to Indian culture.
- Samkya and Ayurveda philosophy.
- Five elements and the individual according to Ayurveda.
- Human constitution: Tridosha – Vata, Pitta, Kapha.
- Five Vatas and their actions.
- Five Pittas and their actions.
- Five Kaphas and their actions.
- Dhatus, srotas, or channels, their function in the body.
- Twenty attributes of Tridosha.
- Find one's constitution.

### **Unit 2:**

#### **PRACTICE**

- Massage to relieve backaches, neck pains and headaches.
- Massage to relieve respiratory and digestive problems.
- Massage to relieve articular pains, tendinitis and the return of circulation.
- Energetic massage.
- Massage for pregnant women and babies.

#### **THEORY**

- Five koshas or envelopes of human body.
- Disorder of doshas, illness development.
- Examination by pulse, tongue, face, lips, nails and eyes.
- Three malas (urine, sweat, faeces).
- Ayurvedic diet: a different life style.
- Release of emotions: observation, breathing, relaxation, meditation.
- Panchakarma : vaman, virechan, basti, neti, rakta moksha.
- Fast.
- Six tastes.
- Diet.

### **Certificate:**

A certificate on Ayurvedic massage training will be delivered to those who have successfully completed the units.

## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS 2021

Number of units	Costs	Accommodation : board and lodging breakfast, lunch	Costs for dinner Your choice of restaurant in town	Transportation fees : airline ticket and ride to Puducherry
Unit 1 and 2 10 days	590 €	Set price of 25 € a day per person (2 per room)	Payable directly to the restaurant. Price indication : from 4 € for a complete meal without beverages	Airline ticket from 650 € round trip Taxi ride Chennai- Puducherry about 35 €

Proceeds of workshops are given to Vellai Thamarai School to help underprivileged children of surrounding villages.

### AYURVEDIC MASSAGE TRAINING Second Cycle

For those who have completed the first cycle, the second cycle of Ayurvedic massage training will be on line subsequently.

Theory and practice: Different Ayurvedic massage types, study of pancha karma, study of the energetic body and marmas.