#### THE ANNUAL RASOOLI SUFI CONFERENCE

# "THE UNIVERSALITY OF HUMAN QUEST – DIFFERENTIATED SAMENESS"

AT THE RASOOLI CENTRE, PRETORIA, 1–3 MARCH 2019

With extra DYT arranged activities 23-28 February!

## ~ INTRODUCTION ~

Det yttersta trädet non-profit organisation (DYT) has the opportunity to be this year's host for Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri's annual Sufi Conference at the Rasooli Centre in Pretoria, South Africa, between the 1–3 March 2019.

DYT will also offer activities before the conference (between 23rd to 28th of February) including a two day trip to Kruger Park. SFH Foundation will also arrange a retreat in Sabie the weekend after the conference.

For photos from our last visits to South Africa, please see <u>https://m9x.se/category/trips/south-africa/</u> and <u>https://m9x.se/2018/11/01/181101-visit-to-shaykhana-in-south-africa/</u>



## ∼ THE GUEST SPEAKERS ~

For more information about our speakers, please see the following websites and YouTube links, as well as our own YouTube channel <u>Where Land Meets Sea</u>, and our website <u>Det yttersta trädet</u>!

#### Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri

Website: <u>http://sfhfoundation.com/</u> Youtube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVsIR\_eQ39c&list=PLzFr0xRlkb3gVfjRtai2-</u> <u>XBlvWVprgHqP</u>

#### Shaykh Mohammad Muslim Eneborg

Website: <u>www.dyt.se</u> Youtube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3hX69vci5cH6gYUgI6xd2rY</u>

#### Muneera Haeri

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3iID2K21rKLfB8S5y6vt29K

#### Aliya B. Haeri

Youtube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3glApdyVW5WjnAT-5SXW2Yv">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3glApdyVW5WjnAT-5SXW2Yv</a>

#### Muna Bilgrami

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3jrRhtoe84zBLZBapgEBng4

#### Haji Mustafa David Sterling

Youtube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3h8bkPzG8pcqHOGXmnmPHPB">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3h8bkPzG8pcqHOGXmnmPHPB</a>

#### Yaquta Morton

Youtube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzFr0xRlkb3h4W7Dm04Y0XAsA0iOecF8p</u>

#### Helene Egnell

Priest in the Church of Sweden and head of the Center for Religious Dialogue in Stockholm.

## ~ costs ~

## The Kruger Park all-inclusive package

The cost per person is **4100 SEK** (same price for teenagers) to be paid no later than 15 February to DYT. This package includes the following:

- Share in car rental (including rental fee, insurance, petrol, toll fees etc.)
- Trips to and from the airport to Rasooli Centre
- Accommodation at Rasooli Centre up until 2019-03-04. Cost per extra day is 100 SEK/person.
- Accommodation for two nights at Hueglin's in White River (near Kruger Park), including 2 breakfasts
- Entrance fee for Kruger Park
- A possible day trip to Cradle of Mankind 28 February (not including museum fee)
- Fee to the Sufi Conference, including meals at the conference

#### The persons that have booked this package are (15):

Max Dahlstrand, Selma Haydari, Yuusuf Dahlstrand, Maryam Dahlstrand, Mohammad Muslim, Hasse Arvidsson, Johan Kruse, Mehmet Kaplan, Feride Kaplan, Müberra Kaplan, Meryem Kaplan, Yaquta Morton, Marco Nilsson, Helene Egnell, and Kamaran Jarjees

## For persons <u>not</u> partaking in the Kruger Park trip

Those not partaking in the Kruger Park trip need to arrange for the trip to and from the airport by themselves, and pay the cost for the conference and accommodation at Rasooli Centre.

The conference fee, including meals during the conference is **500 SEK**, and accommodation at the Rasooli Centre is **100 SEK**/day/person.

#### The persons that have chosen this alternative are (5):

Yusuf Muslim, Pavel Siddiqui, Stina Siddiqui, Ashar Khan, Abdulhadi Stendlert.

## Methods of payment

All fees need to be paid to DYT **before** 15 February 2019.

#### Payment methods: Swish 123 06 49 418 or Plusgiro 76 58 14-9

Please write the names for the persons the payment includes! The payment is non-refundable since we will have to pay most of the costs even if you do not come!

## Entering South Africa

Make sure you have vaccination for Hepatitis A!

Children under 18 years must have authorized, signed "personbevis" in English from Skatteverket to enter South Africa.

## Climate compensate!

DYT will climate compensate for all our CO2 for this trip and our other activities. We will compensate for the plane seats for our guest speakers (as far as their employers do not do it) and our travel guides (Shaykh Muslim and Max). We strongly suggest you do the same for your plane seats! We will also compensate for the car and the stay at White River for all of us.

To climate compensate, please visit <u>https://klimatkompensera.se/</u>. There you can compensate for CO2 used for your airplane travel for this trip. Choosing the cheapest compensation the cost is approximately 1000 SEK per person.



## The Rasooli Centre

Rasooli Centre is a beautiful oasis in a upper middle class suburb to Pretoria. All houses in the neighborhood are surrounded by high walls and security protection, even so Rasooli Centre. Comparably it is a very safe place, but wandering around outside the Rasooli Centre, especially at night, is not recommended.

We will do all our excursions by car. Since we have rented 2 eight-seater vans, at least those of us that have signed up for the Kruger Package will have a means of getting around. There are many restaurants (halal) nearby, and several shopping centers at close range.

The atmosphere at Rasooli Centre reminds of a garden in Andalusia. It is very contemplative and worth the visit in itself. Adjacent is Ibrahim Ravats carpet gallery. Ibrahim and his wife Majida is running the centre and lives and work next to it. The carpet gallery is one of the must visits, containing beautiful handmade carpets.

Beddings at Rasooli Centre is provided for (maybe also towels), no need to bring your own sheets.

It will be compact living. Some will have regular beds, some will sleep on mattress on the floor.

There are limited possibilities to cook at the Rasooli Centre, so we probably have to go out to eat. Each place has a refrigerator and microwave, but only House B has a kitchen.



## ✓ FLIGHT SCHEDULE ~

### Arriving at JNB

#### Wed. 2019-02-20 (at ?)

/// Abdulhadi Stendlert

#### Sat. 2019-02-23 (at 13:05)

/// Max Dahlstrand, Selma Haydari, Yuusuf Dahlstrand, Maryam Dahlstrand, Mohammad Muslim, Hasse Arvidsson, Johan Kruse, Mehmet Kaplan, Feride Kaplan, Müberra Kaplan, Meryem Kaplan, Helene Egnell

#### Sat. 2019-02-23 (at 10:15)

/// Yaquta Morton

#### Sun. 2019-02-24 (at 07:55)

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/// Kamaran Jarjees

#### Sun. 2019-02-24 (at 09:30)

/// Marco Nilsson

### Wed. 2019-02-27 (at 11:50)

/// Pavel and Stina Siddiqui

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#### Fri. 2019-03-01 (at 11:05)

/// Yusuf Muslim

## Sat. 2019-03-02 (at 10:15)

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/// Ashar Khan

## Departing from JNB

#### Sat. 2019-03-02 (at 21:15)

/// Marco Nilsson

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#### Sun. 2019-03-03 (at 14:10)

/// Mehmet Kaplan, Feride Kaplan, Müberra Kaplan, Meryem Kaplan

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#### Mon. 2019-03-04 (at 14:10)

/// Max Dahlstrand, Selma Haydari, Yuusuf Dahlstrand, Maryam Dahlstrand, Mohammad Muslim, Hasse Arvidsson, Helene Egnell

#### Mon. 2019-03-04 (at 13:35)

/// Pavel and Stina Siddiqui

#### Mon. 2019-03-04 (at 20:15)

/// Yaquta Morton

Thu. 2019-03-07 (at 22:05)

/// Ashar Khan

Fri. 2019-03-08 (at 21:50) /// Kamaran Jarjees

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**Sat. 2019-03-09 (at ?)** /// Abdulhadi Stendlert

## ∼ PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES ~

## Rasooli Centre, Pretoria

#### Sat. 2019-02-23

16:00 Arrival at Rasooli Centre, Pretoria. Receive rooms.

- 18:00 Going out for dinner.
- 21:00 Dhikr in the evening.

## Accommodation at Rasooli Centre

House A (Sh Hosams apt)	House B (The Lodge)	House D (The Clinic)	<b>House D</b> (The Clinic)
	Room 1 - with on suite	Room 1	Room 4
<b>Mohammad Muslim</b> (spk)	<b>Mehmet Kaplan</b>	Helene Egnell (spk)	<b>Abdulhadi Stendlert</b>
10 days (190223-190304)	9 days (190223-190303)	10 days (190223-190304)	17 days (190220-190309)
<b>Yusuf Muslim</b> (spk)	<b>Feride Kaplan</b>	House D (The Clinic)	<b>Kamaran Jarjees</b>
22 days (190301-190322)	9 days (190223-190303)	Room 2	13 days (1902240-190308)
House C (The Ayruveda)	House B (The Lodge)	<b>Yaquta Morton</b> (spk)	House D (The Clinic)
	Room 2	10 days (190223-190304)	Room 5
<b>Max Dahlstrand</b>	<b>Müberra Kaplan</b>	House D (The Clinic)	<b>Marco Nilsson</b>
10 days (190223-190304)	9 days (190223-190303)	Room 3	7 days (190224-190302)
<b>Selma Haydari</b>	<b>Meryem Kaplan</b>	<b>Johan Kruse</b>	Hasse Arvidsson
10 days (190223-190304)	9 days (190223-190303)	13 days (190223-190307) ?	10 days (190223-190304)
<b>Yuusuf Dahlstrand</b>	House B (The Lodge)	<b>Ashar Khan</b>	
10 days (190223-190304)	Room 3	6 days (190302-190307)	
<b>Maryam Dahlstrand</b> 10 days (190223-190304)	<b>Pavel Siddiqui</b> 6 days (190227-190304)		-
	<b>Stina Siddiqui</b> 6 days (190227-190304)		

## Rasooli Centre, Pretoria / Cradle of Mankind

#### Sun. 2019-02-24

Alt. 1: Enjoying the beautiful garden at the Rasooli Centre. It is a place for the spirit! Activities at Rasooli Centre with dhikr in the evening. Program to be announced.

Alt. 2: Possibly a day trip to Cradle of Mankind to see the caves where the earliest remains of human activity has been found. It is located approx. 45 min from Rasooli Centre. Perhaps lunch at the famous cheese factory. Activities at Rasooli Centre with dhikr in the evening.

## Trip to Kruger Park

Kruger Park is located approximately 5-6 hours by car from Rasooli Centre. We will be traveling together in two hired mini buses from Rasooli Centre to White River where we will spend the night at Hueglin's Guest House (www.hueglins.co.za).

We will stop at a restaurant on the way to White River and back.

We will be in the cars all throughout the visit in the Park. You may not go outside the car, because animals may eat you. The only time we will be outside the car is when we eat lunch at one of the stations inside the park.

Make sure you go to the bathroom in the morning at the hotell. The next chance is during lunch. There are no bathrooms in the park outside the stations.

It is important to bring your passport to Kruger Park! They will need to see them when we buy the tickets!



### Accommodation at Hueglin's (in White River)

A: 4 bed family cottage	B: 4 bed family room	E: Double room 2
Max Dahlstrand	Mehmet Kaplan	Hasse Arvidsson
Selma Haydari	Feride Kaplan	Johan Kruse
Yuusuf Dahlstrand	Müberra Kaplan	F: Double room 3
Maryam Dahlstrand	Meryem Kaplan	Kamaran Jarjees
C: Single room	D: Double room 1	Marco Nilsson
Mohammad Muslim	Yaquta Morton	
	Helene Egnell	

Some of us may sleep on mattress on floor or on an extra bed. Regular beds go to persons on first book basis.

#### Mon. 2019-02-25

09:00 Travel by car in the morning from Rasooli Centre towards Kruger Park.

- 12:00 Lunch at the beautiful Milli's restaurant.
- **15:00** Check in at Hueglin's in White River.
- 16:00 Fika at Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri's home in White River
- 18:30 Dinner in town

#### Tue. 2019-02-26

05:30 Breakfast together

06:30 Leave by cars to Kruger Park

**07:00** Spending the day in our cars driving through Kruger Park through out the day. The park is experienced through the car window. We will drive through the park on small gravel roads and hopefully see thousands of wild animals.

- 12:00 Lunch at a Kruger Park station.
- **14:00** Continue drivning through the park.
- **19:00** Drive back in the evening to Hueglin's at White River.

#### Wed. 2019-02-27

- 08:00 Breakfast, then travel back to Rasooli Centre by car.
- 12:00 Lunch at the wild life gas station
- 16:00 Back at the Rasooli Centre in the afternoon/evening.

## Religious Dialogue at Rasooli Centre

Religious dialogue at the Rasooli Centre with Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri, father Christophe L. Boyer, Shaykh Mohammad Muslim and priest Helene Egnell.

#### Thu. 2019-02-28 (Preliminary Program)

- 09:00 Welcome by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri
  - Introduction by Shaykh Muslim of "the universality of human quest" event and people present
- 09:15 Presentation by Celia Kourie of St John of the Cross (possibly St Theresa of Avila)
- 10:05 Break
- 10:20 Presentation of Ibn Arabi's spirituality by one of the Sufis present.
- 11:10 Feedback from the people present and answers from the speakers
- 12:00 Chanting or music from both traditions
- 12:30 Lunch

## Rasooli Centre, Pretoria / Cradle of Mankind

#### Thu. 2019-02-28

Alt. 1: Possibly an afternoon trip to Cradle of Mankind and see the caves where the earliest remains of human activity has been found. It is located approx. 45 min from Rasooli Centre. Perhaps dinner on the road. Activities at Rasooli Centre with dhikr in the evening.

Alt. 2: Enjoying the beautiful garden at the Rasooli Centre. It is a place for the spirit! Activities at Rasooli Centre with dhikr in the evening.

Program to be announced.



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March 1st - 3rd, 2019, at the ASK Hall in Rasooli Centre, Pretoria.

### Preliminary Conference Program

#### Fri. 2019-03-01

- 17:00 Welcome with Tea & Coffee in the Romana
- 19:00 Dhikr in the Romana with Shaykh Muslim
- 20:00 Dinner

#### Sat. 2019-03-02

- 09:00 Refreshments and Registration
- 09:30 Morning Qi-Gong with Yaquta Morton
- Morning session (10:00-12:30)
- 10:00 Introduction and Meditation with Muna Bilgrami and Shaykh Muslim
- 10:30 Opening Words by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri
- 11:30 Reflection and Discussion in Groups Facilitated by Yaquta Morton and Yusuf Muslim
- 12:30 Lunch and Mingle

#### Afternoon Session (14:30-16:00)

- 14:30 "Religion as Obstacle to Universal Human Quest" by Yusuf Muslim
- **15:00** "Universality of Human Quest as Reflected in the Life of Amir Abd al-Qadir of Algeria" by Muneera Haeri
- 15:30 Question & Answer Session Chaired by Yusuf Muslim and Muneera Haeri
- 16:00 Tea and Conversation in the Romana with Helene Egnell and Muna Bilgrami

Evening Session (17:00-18:30)

- 17:00 "Encounters with the Awliya" by Hajj Mustafa
- 18:00 A Lesson in Singing the Diwans with Hajj Mustafa

18:30 Break

19:00 Dinner and an Evening of Poetry from Conference Participants

#### Sun. 2019-03-03

09:30 Morning Qi Gong with Yaquta Morton

Morning Session (10:00-12:30)

- 10:00 "Live and Let Live" by Shaykh Muslim
- 10:30 "Whoever Finds Wisdom Finds Life: Wisdom as Goal and Companion of the Quest" by Helene Egnell
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 "Sharing Experiences of Opening into the Quran" by Hajj Mustafa
- 12:00 "Our Life's Purpose is to Experience the Eternity of Life Itself" by Aliya B. Haeri
- 12:30 Lunch & Mingle

Afternoon Session (14:30-16:00)

- 14:30 Panel Discussion Chaired by Muna Bilgrami
- 15:30 Closing Remarks by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri

## ∼ POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES ~

After the conference Yusuf Muslim is planning to arrange some activities at the Rasooli Centre between Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March.

There will also be a retreat in Sabie between 8th and 10th of March.

## Rasooli Centre

#### Mon. 2019-03-04

A large group traveling back to Sweden this day.

For people staying further a program is to be announced.

#### Tue. 2019-03-05

Program to be announced.

Wed. 2019-03-06

Program to be announced.

#### Thu. 2019-03-07

Program to be announced.

### Retreat in Sabie

This activity is arranged by SFH Foundation and takes place in Sabie.

Those of you who want to stay and partake in the weekend retreat can do so. The cost for the retreat in Sabie is approximately 3 000 – 4 000 SEK including accommodation and meals. This cost is paid directly to SFH Foundation, not through DYT.

#### Fri. 2019-03-08, Sat. 2019-03-09, Sun. 2019-08-10

Program to be announced.