

the bliss of breath asktanga weekend workshop with Ty Landrum

# April 12th - 14th 2019

Ashtanga Vinyasa works with opposing forces of breath and invites these forces to align. When the breath aligns, the experience of the body opens up, revealing endless patterns of sensation. The practice is to be present with sensation, allowing it to unfold in the open expanse of awareness. Through this practice, we give ourselves space, and we allow our minds to breathe. Our thoughts and feelings begin to expand and contract in an open flow of consciousness.

In this workshop, we explore some techniques from the Hatha tradition that bring this experience alive-moving our bodies from the inside, tracing internal currents of breath, balancing subtle patterns of sensation, and settling ever more deeply into the postures themselves. These techniques reflect the Tantric origins of Ashtanga. They expose us to the inherent depth and brilliance of embodied experience, and they reawaken our sensory engagements with the world.

Normal



Whole Workshop: 234€ Individual Sessions: 40.50€ per session

Prices

from February 1st 2019 Whole Workshop: 260€ Individual Sessions: 45€ per session

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# Friday April 12th

## SURYA NAMASKAR (7:30 - 9:30 PM)

Surya Namaskar means "Salutations to the Sun. In the context of yoga, the Sun is not only the celestial body that gives us warmth and daylight, but the radiant center of the human body, where our vital forces converge. In Surya Namaskar, we are propitiating to this center, inviting our vital forces to rise up from the altar of the pelvis and burn away the sediment of our conditioning, giving us insight. In this foundational session, we rediscover the internal dynamics of Surya Namaskar, and we explore the immediate impact of those dynamics on our consciousness. Open to practitioners of all levels, this session introduces the basic concepts on which the other workshops depend.

## Saturday April 13th

#### BACKBENDING (9 - 11:30 AM)

The practice of backbending is about making ourselves vulnerable, and finding the internal support to handle that vulnerability with grace. When we backbend with internal support, we create opportunities for psychical release. In this session, we learn to work intelligently with the breath, the psoas and the diaphragm, to create a long and supple spine that can reach gracefully into these difficult and exhilarating forms. This session will involve a full asana practice, involving postures from first and second series, with variations given to accommodate a range of abilities.

#### OPENING THE HIPS (1:30 - 3:30 PM)

The hips are the storehouse of apana, the dissolving force that removes excess from the body and mind. Opening the hips can help us access the dissolving force, and release the psychical energy that is entangled in the densest places in the body. In this session, we explore hip opening through forward folding, twisting, and putting the legs behind the head. This session will involve a full asana practice, involving postures from the first and second series, with variations given to accommodate a range of abilities.

### PHILOSOPHY: THE FEMININE SUBLIME (4-5 PM)

In Tantric philosophy, the feminine is the natural principle of creation. She is abundant, excessive, unpredictable, and threatens to overwhelm us whenever she overflows. The secret of yoga practice is to make space for this principle, and to adore its unfolding, even as it overwhelms the ego. In this philosophy talk, we explore the nature of the feminine, and the possibility of relating to the feminine intimately, through a colorful retelling of the Myth of Sati, "she who is."



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# Sunday April 14th

## MYSORE (8-10 AM)

This is a traditional Mysore-style Ashtanga Vinyasa class. We practice together, mostly in silence, following the natural cadence of our breath, and the brilliant sequencing of the Ashtanga Vinyasa system. This is an opportunity for individual instruction and assistance. Beginners are absolutely welcome, but instruction on sequencing will be limited. Basic familiarity with the sequencing is strongly advised.

## PRANAYAMA AND GUIDED MEDITATION (10:30-12NOON)

Pranayama is the practice of giving space to the breath. When the movements of the breath merge together, they reveal their perfect continuity. They suspend the mind in the liminal space between creativity and emptiness. This session teaches the essentials of pranayama, including posture, suspension, balance and absorption. It introduces a potent sequence of pranayama and subtle body visualization that you can explore endlessly on your own.

#### THREAD OF BREATH (2-4 PM)

Ashtanga Vinyasa amplifies the internal currents of the breath. With assiduous practice, we can learn to ride these currents, gliding from posture to posture with elegance and grace. In this session, we look closely at the techniques of banda and mudra that underlie this ability, and we apply them to some of the more dynamic movement patterns of the Ashtanga Vinyasa system, including pressing up, piking, jumping back and jumping through. We will also explore some basic arm balancing and hand standing techniques, as these are closely related to our theme. Practitioners of all levels are welcome to attend.

Ty landrum is the Director of the Yoga Workshop in Boulder, Colorado.

He teaches Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga in the contemplative style of his mentors, Mary Taylor and Richard Freeman.

With a PhD in Philosophy, Ty has a special touch for explaining the theory of yoga with color and creativity. His passion as a teacher is to share the brilliance of yoga with anyone who wants to learn.







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**Price Options** (Please mark below the sessions you will be attending):

#### **10% Early bird discount** (before January 31st 2019)

#### Normal registration (from February 1st 2019)

- □ FULL WS: 234 €
- □ Friday session: **40.50**€
- □ Saturday Backbending session: **40.50**€
- □ Saturday Hips session: **40.50**€
- □ Saturday Philosophy session: **40.50**€
- □ Sunday Mysore session: **40.50**€
- □ Sunday Pranayama session: **40.50**€
- □ Sunday Thread of Breath session: **40.50**€

- □ FULL WS: 260 €
- □ Friday session: **45**€
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- □ Sunday Thread of Breath session: 45€

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS** (*Priority goes to those signing up for the whole worskhop*):

- **Online**: Secure payment by credit card (only FULL workshop registration). *Visit: www.ashtangayogaparis.fr/2019-ty-landrum*
- **Bank transfer:** *Please contact us for instructions and our bank details.*
- □ Check (check labelled to "Ashtanga Yoga Paris") --- Amount enclosed: €
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## **CANCELATION POLICY:**

- Payments of 25 euros or less are non-refundable.
- An admin fee of 25 euros will be deducted for cancellations made more than 21 days before the workshop.
- Only half of the sum paid will be returned 8 to 20 days before the workshop.
- The sum paid is non-refundable 7 days before the workshop.
- We don't accept transferring of a paid reservation to another person after 2 weeks before the workshop.
- We advise to those coming from out of Paris to purchase travel insurance as travel issues will not change this policy. Medical issues will also not change this policy. As the teacher is confirming their presence and is guaranteed the amount of people who are attending 21 days before, we ask for your understanding of this policy.

## Please sign and date in acknowledgement of the cancellation policy above.