



## *A Visit to Vraj...*

...brings back the nostalgic memories for the First Generation immigrants, whereas, for their children and grand children, it is a rare and unique privilege to experience India in North America. For Hindus it is:

### *The Place for Pilgrimage.*

And for our neighbors around the continent, it is the destination to experience India in North America. They too are invited to have the zenith in Indian vegetarian cuisine at 1.00 pm every day of the year. Irrespective of Race, Caste or Creed, whoever

believes in Hinduism, is...

### *Invited to be a Member of The Vraj Family*

Life: Well Wisher - \$ 501/- Fellow - \$ 1,001/- Diplomat - \$ 5,001/-  
 Trustee: Supporter - \$ 8,400/- Patron - \$ 11,001/- Sustainer - \$15,001/-  
 Regent: Sponsor - \$ 25,001/- Benefactor - \$ 51,001/- Grand Bene.\$75,001/-  
 Great Grand Benefactor- \$100,001/- & Sevak – \$ ZERO – Only Shreeji Seva.

### *Manorath – Sponsorship of Seva to Shrinathji*

The Liturgy – Pranali of our Faith requires only Yashoda Maiya Swaroop, Mukhiaji to be the only one who could offer SEVA to SHRINATHJI. We too could offer all Seva through the medium of Sponsorships.

The following schedule illustrates various Seva– Sponsorships – Manoraths:

Mangal Bhog	\$ 84.00	Shayan Bhog	\$ 101.00
Palana	\$ 151.00	Dhajaji Manorath	\$ 251.00
Rajbhog	\$ 301.00	Rajbhog + Dhajaji	\$ 401.00
Full Day Seva	\$ 451.00	Full Day + Dhajaji	\$ 551.00
Annakut @ New Year	\$ 151.00	Hindola etc. Manorath	\$ 401.00

### *Where are we located? - How to Reach Vraj*

**We are 50 min from Allentown & Harrisburg and 25 min north of Reading.**

**Vraj is 2.25 hrs west of Manhattan & 2 hrs from most New Jersey suburbs.**

**We are 1.75 hrs from Philadelphia airport and 2.25 hrs from Baltimore airport.**

NY/NJ/New England: head W. on I -78, PA Exit # 19 R. on PA 183 to L. on PA 895 W.

South: I-76E/ I-83N., I-81 N to I-78 PA Exit # 17– 419N to PA 183N to L on PA 895 W.

North: I-81 South. Exit # 124, Right on 61 S. to Cressona Mall, R. on 183 S to R on PA 895 W.

**1&3/4 Miles to VRAJ**

### *Where Can One Stay?*

Area Motels: Days Inn 8 miles (570) 385-3853 and Econo Lodge 11 miles (570) 345-4099 have special discounts for VRAJ Pilgrims. **For those who would like to stay in the close proximity of SRINATHJI, the campus has 47 self-contained units with attached bathrooms. Some includes a Freeze and Microwave. Please Book Early.**

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# Vraj

*The Place for Pilgrimage*

*Also Blessed over the*

*past Two Decades*

*as*

*An Institute of Indian Heritage*



## Vraj

*is the officially accredited  
Western Hemisphere Shrine of*

## *Shree Krishna*

*Manifested in  
The Swaroop - Icon of*

# SHRINATHJI

5,000 years ago in Saraswat Kalp, The Ultimate Divine – Param Brahm Paramatma, incarnated as Krishna and performed **THY** Leelas from the house – Alaya of Nand – Nandalaya. We, who have settled in North America, do

have our own ... .. *Nandalaya*

Popularly known as Haveli, it is the Nandalaya in the real sense. It has activities from dawn to dusk; indeed Krishna lives here as he lived at Nandalaya at Vraj in Saraswat Kalp. Our Nandalaya is built on the banks of Bhavattmak Yamunaji. It has three stories and 90 ornate hand carved Zarookhas – balconies - in the rich tradition of Indian architecture.

Nandalaya is located amidst the tranquility of the lush green meadows and the wooded valleys of the Blue Hills of Central Pennsylvania. The Sankool – The Campus around Nandalaya is known as Vraj, where the atmosphere is conducive to have communion with The Live embodiment of:

*The Ultimate Divine – The Sreme Entity \_Param Brahm Parmatma*

*Shree Bal Krishna as Shrinathji*



*The Silver Doors under the Marble Arch of  
The Neej Mandir – Sanctum of Shrinathji*  
(On the second level of the Nandalaya)



Opens six times every day so that the devotees may have

***Darshan.....***

.....A spiritual experience when devotee experiences enlightenment and Parmanand – Bliss. Each of these Darshan has a special mood and emotion evoking Bal Leela of Shree Krishna. Top notch exponents of Haveli Sangeet School of Classical Music of India, have come from India to sing Kirtan at these Darshans, based on the Time of the Day & Season. Darshan Timings:

7:30 am to 8:00 am	<b>Mangala</b>	4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	<b>Uthapan</b>
10:30 am to 11:00 am	<b>Shringar</b>	5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	<b>Sandhya Aarti</b>
12:00 pm to 12:45 pm	<b>Rajbhog</b>	6:30 pm to 7:00 pm	<b>Shayan</b>

On the days of Abhyang Snan, Mangala would be from 6:30 am to 7:30 am. Timings may change on festive occasions. On Saturdays and Sundays, Rajbhog Darshans will close at 1:00 pm. From 12:45 pm to 4:15 pm, there is *Anosher* when Shrinathji is having a rest. If you visit during this time, there is an alternate Darshna in *Dhyani Mandir, the Meditation Room on ground level.*

***Maha Prasad***

Following the Rajbhog Darshan between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm you are invited to have Mahaprasad –Priti Bhojan next door in Anugrah, the stucco building with arches. There is absolutely no charge but an advance notice is advisable.

***For All Other Times, There is Alpakar Suwidha,***

Follow the Green Walkway. Snacks and Beverages are served up to 6:00 pm. (Except 12.00 noon to 2.30 p.m. – The Rajbhog Darshan & Free Lunch Time). Evening Dinner is served from 7:00 pm to 8.30 pm. Reservation is advisable. Unreserved will have to wait for 30 to 40 Minutes.

*North of Nandalaya across the Adhibhautik -  
Jal Swaroop of Shree Yamunaji*  
(Exactly opposite the Vishram Ghat)



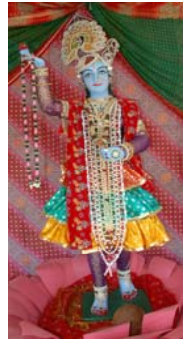
One could visit

***Yamunaji Mandir***

Where, Shyam Sunder Shree Yamuna Maharani bestows THY Grace on Devotees so that their feelings for Param Brahm Parmatma – Shree Krishna are enhanced.

You may reach Shree Yamunaji Mandir by having Parikrama around the Aadhibhautik - Jal Swaroop. Ensure that you go around clockwise. On your way, you will first pass ‘Anugrah’ to your left. Anugrah houses the Dining Hall where you are served Lunch between 1.00 pm. and 2.30 pm.

Then, you will pass ‘Yamunaji Krupa’. That is where you could have Snacks & Beverages and Evening Dinner. After crossing the river, you will see ‘Navratna’ where many young people tie their wedding knots. You will also pass Shre Krisna Govind Hari Murari Campus with 7 Buildings, 4 for Pilgrims’ overnight stay and the rest for Assembly Halls and Utsav Kitchen. The last one cooked for 22,000 pilgrims who visited VRAJ for Chhappan Bhog Festival.



Do not miss an opportunity to do

***Girirajji Parikrama,  
Mukharvind & Mahaprabhuji Darshan in Bethakji***

Across from the Southern Entrance of Nandalaya, a trail leads you to Girirajji, the mythical mountain that was picked up by Shree Krishna. The legend epitomizes the MONISM of Sanatan Vaidik – Hindu Dharma. Also see Shrinathji Prakatya & Pratham Milan between the DIVINE & SHREE GURUDEV,

***Jagad Guru  
Shree Vallabhacharyaji Mahaprabhuji***

