

Embodied Wisdom and Compassion

Insight Meditation and Qigong Retreat

5th to 11th October 2026

Venue: Sangsurya Retreat Centre, Byron Bay



Insight meditation practice explores the whole mind body unity with curiosity and mindfulness. The Buddha claimed that, 'Within this fathom long body lies the path to wholeness and awakening.'

As an ancient treasure map the body is a crucible for inner transformation. With mindful, embodied, compassionate presence we can untangle and release those knots of tension and contracted identity and find replenishment, grounding and insight. For life to flourish each one of us must return again and again to the ground and refuge of our own wakeful presence and aliveness.

Qigong is an ancient practice that stems from China and the nature-based philosophy of Taoism. Its traditional self-healing exercises and meditative techniques provide a broad range of both preventative and curative health benefits.

The words 'Qi Gong' mean *energy work*, the cultivation of vital life energy. The system integrates body, breath and mind into a harmonious whole through co-ordinating soft flowing movement, deep rhythmic breathing and a calm meditative state of mind.

The schedule includes: sitting & walking meditation periods, daily meditation instructions, open inquiry sessions, Dharma talks and two daily Qigong classes.

Retreat is suitable for beginners and experienced meditators.

Teachers:

Subhana Barzaghi is a senior guiding teacher in the Insight Meditation and Zen Tradition with over forty years of experience in leading workshops and retreats. Subhana is an experienced psychotherapist and Director of the Insight Meditation Institute. She teaches embodied awareness practices, cultivating wisdom and compassion and the spirit of inquiry as foundations for living an awakened compassionate life.

www.subhana.com.au

Shirsha Marie is a senior Tai Chi & Qigong teacher, a Somatic Psychotherapist and an Insight Meditation Dharma Teacher trainee. She has over 40 years of experience teaching mindfulness in movement through internal martial arts and embodied meditation. Shirsha delivers the subtleties and depths of Qigong with warm-hearted expertise, making this sublime practice accessible and enjoyable for everybody.

www.heartmindcentre.com.au



Retreat cost includes; Accommodation & vegetarian meals only.

Share Accom: **\$1085.00** Limited Single room/ensuite: **\$1,505.00** Van site: **\$815.00**

Dana: In accordance with a 2,500 year-old Buddhist tradition teachers provide the teachings as a gift and rely on your return of that gift in the form of Dana (financial generosity).

Bookings and Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMRRV>

We need your completed registration form and full payment to secure your booking. Early registration and payment is suggested as places are limited. There are some limited scholarships available for those with limited means.

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After receipt of your registration form and payment your booking will be confirmed. Should the course be full, you will be notified and your name will be placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a place becomes available.