



THE GREAT AMITABHA DRUPCHEN - PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE & OTHER ACTIVITIES

June 14-17, 2019 in Orange County, California

Hosted by Viet Nalanda Foundation

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**** Website: www.vietnalanda.org (Click on "Eventbrite") - Email: vietnalanda@ymail.com**

AIRPORTS:

The closest airport to Fountain Valley is **John Wayne Airport (SNA)**, an 8 mile drive east of the city center or 10-15 minutes without traffic delays. Travelers may find better flight deals through **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)**, approximately 35 miles NW of Fountain Valley.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT :

* Shuttle from SNA: Airport Shuttle <https://247ride.com/shuttles> or Prime Time Shuttle: primetimeshuttle.com

* Shuttle from LAX to Orange County - Shuttle To LAX: <https://www.shuttle2lax.com>

Rate: \$20/person or \$30 for 2 people. Travel time is over 2.5 hours

* From LAX to Orange County - Uber or Lyft: about \$60/person or \$80/2 people (price may change based on date and time).

* From SNA to local hotels: Uber or Lyft: about \$20-\$30 (price may change based on date and time and location).

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE VENUE:

* Public transport from SNA to Saigon Performing Arts Center (SPAC): Walk for about 2.5 mi from SNA toward bus stop Main-Red Hill to take bus 53x towards the 'Anaheim Regional Transportation Center.' From bus stop Main-Edinger, walk for 0.1 mi towards bus stop Edinger-Main. Take bus 70 towards 'Sunset Beach-PCH & Warner' to bus stop Edinger-Brookhurst, then walk for 0.2 mi toward SPAC (1 hour - \$4).

[Orange County Transportation Authority](http://OrangeCountyTransportationAuthority.com) – Ticket information – (714) 636-92708

* From SNA to the venue - Uber or Lyft: about \$20-\$30 (price may change based on date and time and location).

***One of our sangha members can also provide airport transportation or local transportation with rates similar to Uber or Lyft.**

Please contact Quyen in advance: +1-675-321-8894 (Phone and Viber)

HOTEL INFORMATION:



DAYS INN & SUITES (2-star hotel)

9125 Recreation Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Tel: (714) 847-3388 - Website: daysinn.com

Low-cost hotel and it is about 2 miles from the venue.



AYRES HOTEL (3-star hotel)

17550 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Tel: (714)-861-5170

Website: <https://www.ayreshotels.com/ayres-hotel-fountain-valley>

This hotel is about 1 mile from the venue.

Please use discount code: **"Garchen Group"** to get the group discount rate **before April 15th**.

Guest Room Commitment

| Date | Rate | 06/14/19 | 06/15/19 | 06/16/19 | 06/17/19 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Day | | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon |
| Single King Bed | \$151.00 | 10 | 10 | 10 | C/O |
| 2 Queen Beds | \$169.00 | 10 | 10 | 10 | |

VENUE INFORMATION:

SAIGON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (SPAC) (June 14-16)

16149 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Tel: (714) 839-9820

Since 2010, SPAC has hosted many performing art and culture events in Orange County. The facility boasts a 580-seat multi-functional theater and is also home of VietFace TV's state-of-the-art television studio.

MOONLIGHT RESTAURANT (June 17)

15440 Beach Boulevard #118, Westminster, CA 92683 – Tel: (949) 397-7543

Moonlight restaurant is one of the most memorable and beautiful restaurants for weddings and events in Orange County. The owners of the restaurant, out of great generosity and roots of virtues, have made aspiration to offer their restaurant for use for free-of-charge for Dharma activities. They have hosted many Dharma public talks, teachings and fundraising events at the restaurant to benefit Vietnamese and Tibetan teachers and their monasteries. Vegetarian food will be served for our events.



NEARBY PLACES THAT SERVE VIETNAMESE/ASIAN VEGETARIAN FOOD:

1. Tip Top's Kitchen (Vegetarian available) – 16129 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Tel: 714-839-0837 (same shopping strip as venue)
2. Âu Lạc Restaurant (Vegetarian/Plant-based) – 16563 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Tel: 714-418-0658 (0.5 mile)
3. Hoa Nguyễn Restaurant (Vegetarian) – 9719 Bolsa Ave, Westminster, CA 92683. Tel: 714-418-9495 (1.7 miles)
4. Như Quỳnh Tofu Food To Go (Mostly Vegetarian) – 9253 Bolsa Ave, Westminster, CA 92683. Tel: 714-716-2511 (1.9 miles)
5. Golden Flower Restaurant (Vegetarian) – 14942 Bushard St., Westminster, CA 92683. Tel: 657-266-0388 (1.7 miles)
6. Bồ Đề Tịnh Tâm Chay Restaurant (Vegetarian) – 1 5352 Beach Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683. Tel: 714-91-4455 (2.7 miles)
7. Lee's Sandwiches (Vegetarian available) – 9200 Bolsa Ave., Westminster, CA 92683. Tel: 714-903-8855 (1.9 miles)
8. Bánh Mì Chè Cali Bakery/Restaurant (Vegetarian available) – 15551 /15553 Brookhurst St., Westminster, CA 92683. Tel: 714-839-8185 (0.75 mile)
9. Bodhi Tree Vegan Café (Vegan) – 501 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. Tel: 714-969-9500 (7.2 miles)

CITY INFORMATION: **Fountain Valley** is a suburban city in Orange County, California. To the north of Fountain Valley (when looking at a northbound map) is Westminster and Garden Grove, to the right Santa Ana and Irvine. To the south is Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, and to the left Huntington Beach, all beautiful coastal cities. Fifteen miles north of Fountain Valley, CA is Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm, a 57 acre theme park.



NEARBY "LITTLE SAIGON" TOWN (@Wikipedia):

Little Saigon in Orange County, California is the largest Little Saigon in the United States. Saigon is the former name of the capital of the former South Vietnam, where a large number of first-generation Vietnamese immigrants originate. In Orange County, Little Saigon is now a wide, spread-out community dotted with a myriad of sub-urban-style strip malls containing a mixture of Vietnamese and Chinese-Vietnamese businesses. It is located southwest of Disneyland. How-



ever, the main focus of Little Saigon is the **Bolsa Avenue** center (where Asian Garden Mall and Little Saigon Plaza are considered the heart), which runs through **Westminster** and the street has been officially designated Little Saigon by the city council of Westminster in the late 1980s. It is lined with numerous huge shopping centers and strip malls. As with many other Vietnamese American communities, competing mom-and-pop restaurants that serve Vietnamese cuisine, especially *phở*, are abundant. There are approximately 200 restaurants in the area of Little Saigon and spilling over to **Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana** and **Huntington Beach**. In addition, there are quite a number of Vietnamese temples, Buddhist centers, T.V./radio stations, newspaper offices, services, supermarkets, small Vietnamese delis and bakeries in Little Saigon specializing in French-style coffee and baguette sandwiches.



NEARBY DRIKUNG KAGYU DHARMA CENTERS: Fountain Valley is 40 miles south of **Rinchen Choling**, a Drikung Kagyu center under the guidance of Garchen Rinpoche and Lama Thupten Nima in **Arcadia**, California. The center hosts annual Yamantaka sealed retreat, offers Dharma teachings and regularly holds practices of Amitabha and Zhambhala, Vajrakilaya, Achi, and White Tara. Website: rinchencholing.org.

Eighty miles south of Fountain Valley is also **Drikung Kyobpa Choling** in **Escondido**, CA. The center was founded in 1996 by Drupon Samten Rinpoche under the guidance of His Holiness



Chetsang Rinpoche. It is a well-landscaped center, complimented by a sacred stupa built by Drupon Samten and the sangha, filled with fruit trees and beautiful flowers blossoming everywhere. The center holds regular Dharma teachings and is available from time to time for individual and small group retreat. Website: drikungkc.org.



OTHER NEARBY TIBETAN BUDDHIST CENTERS: **Geden Shoeling Tibetan Manjushri Buddhist Center** in Westminster was established in September 2003. The Abbot, Khensur Rinpoche Lobsang Jamyang, is an ex-Abbot of the Gelug Sera Mey Monastic University in India. Khensur Rinpoche and Geshe Norbu Chophol la are the two main teachers who conduct prayers and give Dharma teachings at Geden Shoeling Center. Website: www.gedenshoelingcenter.com

Thubten Dhargye Ling Buddhist Center was founded in 1978 by Geshe Gyeltsen at the urging of his students. The Gelug center, which was originally located in Los Angeles, relocated to its present location in Long Beach, California, in 1996. The center offers regular teachings and practices. Website: gstdl.org

Varosatna Center (Garden Grove) was founded by the 9th Bhakha Tulku from the Nyingma tradition. The center holds regular of Chenrezig, Guru Rinpoche, Medicine Buddha, etc. Website: www.vairotsana.org

