

Following are commonly asked questions about Ipsalu Tantra introductory workshops and the Level 1 ~ *Learning to Live in Bliss* weekend intensive.

Will I have my individual freedom?

Yes. You will find once you arrive that you are encouraged to express your individuality, your own uniqueness. This is not usually an issue for people once they begin to experience the teachings.

Is there sex in the class?

There will be no explicit sex in the class, but issues of sexuality will be addressed. The approach is spiritual in nature and each participant will be honored and respected. The environment is very safe.

Do I have to come with a partner?

No, in fact, most people come as singles. We keep a gender balance. There are usually several couples, so you can feel comfortable no matter whether you come as single or couple.

If I don't come as a couple, what happens in the exercises?

Some communication exercises are more effective if your partner is a stranger. You can be more honest. Any exercises involving physical intimacy, touching, sitting in yab-yum, you would be with your partner. We learn about, practice and experience the different teachings. It is in a very safe environment.

You take responsibility for yourself and set your own boundaries.

What is the age of people participating? Is there a minimum age?

The age range is usually 30-55; 21 is minimum.

What if I get someone with whom I don't want to work? Do I have to work with somebody if they ask me?

You don't have to do anything. You always have a choice.

Is there nudity?

One segment of the Level 1 intensive weekend is nudity-optional. Each person chooses how to use that opportunity.

What if a homosexual wanted to attend?

If the person is willing to work with the opposite sex in the context of some of the exercises, this should not be problem. Homosexuality is not addressed specifically, but the principles of polarity apply to a homosexual couple. (Usually one is more masculine, the other more feminine in energy.)

Does the staff participate in the program?

Not usually, unless needed for balance. Facilitators who are in training may be present as participants, as part of their training.

Is it residential or do we stay in hotels?

Some intensives are residential. If not, people will stay at home and commute to class each day (or in a hotel or personal home if they are coming from out of town).

What is the source of these teachings?

Ipsalu Tantra is taught from the context of two books: <u>Jewel in the Lotus</u> and <u>The Ipsalu Formula: A Method for</u> <u>TantraBliss</u>. The essence of the practice of Ipsalu Tantra Kriya Yoga is the Cosmic Cobra Breath, as gifted to the world by Mahavatar Babaji Nagaraj.