



# Accommodations & Travel Guide for SRIM Programs with Amma Sri Karunamayi

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## Travel Guide

Please read this travel and accommodations guide even if you have been to the SRIM Center many times. Especially note the change in hotel shuttles – only provided at 4 hotels including: Days Inn (exit 187), Red Roof Inn (exit 188), Quality Inn (exit 188) and Motel 6, formerly Super 8 Hotel (exit 186). Feel free to walk to the shuttle stop if you are staying close by. See Event Transportation for more details. Holiday Inn is not offering rooms this year as they are under renovation. Comfort Inn & Suites are not included this year.

## Airline Tickets

- The closest airport is Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, which is about 50 miles north of SRIM Center.
- Availability of most airlines can be found online at kayak.com, booking.com, Expedia.com, travelocity.com and individual airline websites. It may be possible to get lower fares by searching for alternative times/dates and allowing additional stops. Airline miles may be used to book flight tickets.
- Ticket prices usually go up closer to the date of travel, so it is advisable to book as early as possible.

# Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport

International and domestic terminals are adjacent to each other but have access from different interstates (I-75 for international terminal, and I-85 or I-285 for Domestic Terminals). Please click on the following link to get familiar with the domestic and international terminal maps:

<https://www.atl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Dom-Terminal-Feb-2019.pdf>

<https://www.atl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Concourse-F-Feb-2019.pdf>

## Transportation

The SRIM Center and Forsyth, GA hotels are directly off interstate I-75 south of the Hartsfield International Airport. It is about an hour or 1.5 hours' drive DEPENDING UPON TRAFFIC. Rush hour is from around 6 AM to 10 AM and from 2PM to 7PM. We highly recommend that you allow 2 hours to travel to and from the Atlanta airport to Forsyth.

## Available Options

There are 3 main options:

1. **Renting a car at the airport:** This option allows maximum flexibility, convenience, cost efficiency if traveling in pairs and independence for traveling to and from airport, as well as locally between hotel and SRIM Center. See details below.
2. **Traveling in shuttles:** Groome Transportation travels between the Atlanta Hartsfield International airport and Macon, GA almost every hour daily with a stop at the Ingles Grocery store which is located at exit 186. You MUST notify Groome that you want to be dropped off in Forsyth. Macon is about 25-30 minutes from the SRIM Center. See details below.
3. **Uber and Lyft drivers are minimal in the Forsyth area, but they are growing in number.** Uber Lady **Jeanette Hargis** 678-951-6865, **Billy Thompson** 470-771-0178 (works with Jeanette), and independent driver **James Calloway** 478-318-5380 provide services from the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport.

## **Car Rental at Atlanta airport**

There are numerous car rental agencies at Atlanta Airport. Complete list is available at:

[Complete FAQ Guide for Renting a Car at Atlanta Airport](#)

## Groome Transportation

Shuttles run daily between Atlanta airport and the city of Macon, which is about 20-30 miles south of Forsyth, GA. They leave the airport almost every hour. There is a scheduled stop enroute at exit 186 Ingles Grocery store parking lot at 260 Tift College Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029. The SRIM Center is about 9 miles from Ingles. **Unfortunately, none of the hotels in Forsyth have shuttle services to pick people up from the Ingles parking lot.**

The Groome website -

[https://groometransportation.com/macon/?&sd\\_client\\_id=ff67165d-9b30-4000-a282-a5d252428592](https://groometransportation.com/macon/?&sd_client_id=ff67165d-9b30-4000-a282-a5d252428592)

provides information about the schedule and fees; reservations are **required** to ride their shuttles. **Please make sure that you request to be dropped off in Forsyth at the time of making your reservation.**

For return to airport, Ingles Grocery store parking lot will be the only boarding point for shuttles. The fee for 1 adult is \$52-\$62 one way if you book online and extra fees may charge if you call to book reservations. The fee for children under 12 is \$29 one way.

**Georgia law requires CHILDREN under 8, less than 57 inches tall and weighing less than 40 must have a car seat to ride in the shuttle—please bring the car seat. Groome does not provide care seats.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is a busy shuttle service and the only one that serves the middle Georgia area. Book in advance so you can ensure that you will have a seat. Their website says: *\*To ensure availability, we recommend at least 48 hours' notice when seeking a reservation as all seats may be already booked.*

Travel time on shuttle is about 1.25-1.50 hours between Atlanta airport and Forsyth depending on the traffic; and about ½ hour between Forsyth and Macon. If traffic is heavy or if you are traveling at rush hour, please allow extra time. Plan on arriving at least 2 hours prior to domestic airline travel and 3 hours for international travel.

**Reservations:** Advanced bookings are HIGHLY recommended to reserve your space in the shuttles. Please book online or call Groome Transportation at 800-537-7903 or 478-471-1616 to make your reservations.

When booking your return shuttle to the airport, please allow plenty of time before check-in. Plan to check in at least 2 hours in advance for domestic flights and 3 hours in

advance for international flights. Peak hour traffic on the highway may cause significant delays in getting to the airport. Please note that there is construction at the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport that might impact the amount of time required for you to get to your gate.

**Finding Groome Shuttle at the airport:** Directions to get to your Groome shuttle can be found at:

<https://groometransportation.com/faq/#gt-find>

## **How To Find The Groome Shuttle At ATL Airport—per Groome Website**

### **NEW PICKUP LOCATION!**

- **Domestic Arrivals:** Exit the domestic terminal through **Door W1 or W2**, adjacent to domestic baggage claim and **Cross street at W2 and go down ramp**. Cross street to Aisle B **go to spaces B9-B10** and you will see our shuttles.
- **International Arrivals:** We are **not allowed to pick up at the International Terminal**. Take the International Shuttle Connector from the international terminal for a brief 10-minute trip to Ground Transportation at the domestic terminal.
- Groome shuttles to various locations share this pickup area, so be sure to board the correct shuttle. We look forward to seeing you soon!
- **We ask passengers arrive 10-15 minutes prior to departure for all locations.**
- [View Map of Pickup Location at Atlanta Airport ATL](#)

## **From Groome shuttle stop to your hotel**

Groome transportation shuttles drop off point is exit 186 Ingles Grocery Store parking lot in the city of Forsyth. If you are staying in a local hotel, you may avail yourself of the following cab service to arrive at your hotel.

INDEPENDENT DRIVERS & UBER: **Jeanette Hargis** Uber Lady: 678-951-6865 and **Billy Thompson** 470-771-0178 provide both local transportation and shuttle service to and from the Hartsfield International Airport with other passengers for (airport one way \$57 per person.) **James Calloway** 478-318-5380 provides transportation to and from the Atlanta Hartsfield International airport. Reach out to him for his rates. We encourage you to book your slot with them in advance. Be sure to tell them how many people there are in your party. They will quote a per-passenger fee. All these drivers set their own

rates independently from the SRIM Center make sure that you are clear on your arrangements with them.

## **Event transportation**

We are offering an informal, free shuttle service to and from 3 different hotels 2 hours before and after program start and ending times. The 4 hotels include: Days Inn (exit 187), Red Roof Inn (exit 188), Quality Inn (exit 188) and Motel 6, formerly Super 8 Hotel (exit 186). Each driver will make continuous loops between the hotels. **If you are staying at a hotel at any one of these exits you may walk to the pickup hotel and ride from there.** For example, LaQuinta is next door to Days Inn.

**The morning shuttles will run loops for about 2 hours before the programs start. The first shuttle will depart from the SRIM Center about 45 minutes after the program ends. These are the only shuttles offered by the Center.**

**The SRIM Center assumes no liability for the informal shuttle service. They are being offered by local drivers with great attention and love. Please book your incoming and outgoing travel with any of the shuttle drivers well in advance. We ask for your patience and understanding that traffic and weather may produce delays.**

We kindly request that participants who are driving to the events or renting cars at the Atlanta airport offer rides back and forth to the SRIM Center to others staying at your same hotel.

**If you want to go back to your hotel or another location at other times, you will need to make your own transportation arrangements.** Jeanette Hargis and Billy Thompson are available for a nominal fee of \$5 each way to drive you to your hotel, Walmart, or grocery store, or other short trips. For longer/multiple stops the fee will be higher. Contact them in advance to make arrangements - Jeanette - 678-951-6865; Billy – 470-771-0178.

**The SRIM Center is offering this a complimentary service and does not accept liability for the shuttles.**

# Communications

A WhatsApp group has been created for program communications, logistical announcements, last minute updates, ridesharing, room sharing, etc., and everyone who registers will be invited to join the group. The name of the Group is 2026 🧯 Maha Yagnam (May 1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>) and this is our main communication vehicle for the program. You can join the group via this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LoADV9181Dm5hbmDy8NvS4>

# Accommodations

There are many hotels located within 8 – 12 miles from SRIM Center. Please find your choices in the accommodations guide given below:

Each hotel has blocked a fixed number, a block, of rooms to be offered at **discounted rates under "SRIM2026" or "SRIM" code** for attendees. Once these are filled up, regular rates will be charged for the remaining rooms. Kindly contact the hotel directly to make your reservations. ***See the hotel information provided as the booking and cancellation requirements vary by provider. We recommend that you book your hotel reservations early.*** If you have already booked your room without using the SRIM code, be sure to call the hotel and request that the code be applied to your booking. In most hotels, you will be able to hold a booking with your credit card and cancel up to a few days in advance without incurring cancellation fees. Please check with each hotel as to their cancellation policies as these will vary by provider.

# Program Attire

Maha Yagnam attire is traditional Indian dress of saree for women and dhoti for men. The bookstore will have some of these items for sale. Some event sponsorships include dhotis and sarees but not all, so please read sponsorship options carefully.

# Miscellaneous

- Three meals a day will be provided for the Maha Yagnam. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate special dietary needs but a variety of food will be offered.
- Yagnashala is a shoe free zone. Please choose comfortable footwear that can be taken off and put on easily.

- As the weather may be hot, you may bring a change of clothes to the event, if you wish.
- You may want to bring a water bottle, pillows, second pair of shoes, cushions, backpacks, umbrellas/ponchos, shawl, pen, and paper for taking notes, chanting books, flashlight, small dollar bills for non-SRIM sponsored local travel, etc.
- Forsyth has restaurants, gas stations, drug stores, and Walmart supercenter, all in the vicinity of the hotels. The Walmart is located off exit 187 and Ingles grocery store is at exit 186—these exits are off I-75. Exit 187 provides the quickest access to downtown Forsyth square.
- Please take precautions with your valuables, airline tickets and passports.
- **The US has regulations requiring everyone to have identification with them at all times – drivers license, passport, EAD card, Green Card, etc.**

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