

Auroville papers workshops

Paper Making Workshops

Auroville Papers has been producing beautiful hand-made paper in Auroville since 1998. Over the years we have explored and experimented with many paper making techniques. Apart from the obvious stationery items, we make decorative and useful household products, jewellery and even works of art from paper and cotton mache.

We offer a workshop of introduction to the ancient art of paper-making.

We will supply all the equipment and materials. One major outcome will be that all participants will be able to take with them their own paper creation.

We will provide a certificate upon completion of the workshop.

Fee: Rs. 6,000.00 (Rupees six thousand only) for two days. It includes everything described in this document, plus we invite you to join the staff for morning and afternoon refreshments.

Next workshops

21 and 22 April - 2017

19 and 20 May - 2017

Day 1 morning: preparing the fibers : harvesting the plants, cutting, cooking, washing, and beating the plants into pulp (different techniques of beating). Then we will form the sheets, couching, lifting and drying (different technique).

Day 1 afternoon and Day 2: The participants will unleash their creativity using five different fibers and colours at their disposal, or anything the participants may find of interest to include in their project. We will be at their side ready to advise or help if required.

The participants should be aware that the making of paper is a bit akin to cooking. Please dress accordingly, with clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting wet or dirty.

Please note that the drying of paper can take from 2 to 3 days, so the participants may have to come back later to collect their finished work.

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Terms: 50% deposit of workshop fee required on booking, with balance payable at least one week before the start of the workshop.

Payment by Multi-city cheque or Demand Draft sent by registered mail to Auroville Papers (address as in letterhead above) in the name of **Auroville Papers**.

Or by funds transfer as follows:

Account Number 34897157684. Account Name: Auroville Papers- State Bank of India. MICR Code 605002007. RTGS Code SBIN0003160. Auroville International Township Branch, Branch code 03160 Kulaipalayam, Auroville Tamilnadu 605101.

Please state purpose of Transfer as **Auroville Papers Workshop**

Please email a copy electronic transfer data and/or the deposit slip as proof of payment transfer and include the city that you are transferring the funds from.

Cancellation: Up to 2 days before workshop commencement we retain 10% of total fee due.

From 2 days to workshop commencement we retain 50% of the total fee.

Notes: All booking communication is completed in writing by email.

Auroville accommodation : contact www.aurovilleguestservice.org for information about various possibilities in Auroville.

Introduction on the ideals and history of Auroville can be organized for interested participants.

Auroville has a strict no alcohol or drugs policy. Anyone disregarding these rules will be requested to leave the community immediately and no refunds will apply.

Volunteers and Interns - Process and Activity

Introduction

The process of volunteering at Auroville is based on established principles that apply to the whole

community. At the heart of this are “Seva” and “Sadhana” or, simply expressed in English, “Service” and “Striving for change”, but both terms have to be seen in relation to a wider context that can be explored with a little research involving the

teachings of “The Mother” and Sri Aurobindo. Please consider this as an integral part of the Auroville experience.

Before Arrival

All applicants to Auroville Papers and Auroville in general need to understand that engagements with us are based purely on a volunteer basis. There is no provision for payments whatsoever. All volunteers are required to cover their own costs; for accommodation, food, transport, etc. We reserve the right to make special provision under certain circumstances but this is at the sole discretion of Auroville Papers and is a rare occurrence.

Conditions of Application and Responsibilities

- All visitors must abide by the general conditions of Auroville.*
- Intern and Volunteer assignments are for agreed terms and on mutually acceptable conditions. These may be varied depending on circumstances.*
- This is a two-way commitment between the volunteer and Auroville Papers but it is not binding and the relationship can be terminated. In this instance the volunteer is responsible for ensuring that they make alternate arrangements and that this is advised to the relevant Auroville authority.*

People coming for terms over 4 weeks are requested to communicate with SAVI – the Auroville

Volunteer Support Group. They provide a range of services and deal with certain types of

registration process. Please go online at www.auroville.org/education/avis/avis.htm

Auroville Papers requests all visitors to apply in writing and in advance. Short-term visits, less

than a month, are processed by Auroville Papers. Longer-term visitors are processed

along with SAVI and perhaps the Auroville Town Hall services.

Foreigners must ensure that they have all travel documents and visas correctly processed. We advise that international visitors have their own travel and medical insurance. Indian nationals have no such requirements.

We advise that all arrivals ensure that they have arranged suitable accommodation at least for the initial phase of their stay. Please contact

www.aurovillequestservice.org for information about various possibilities of accommodation.

Go online to www.auroville.org for more information on the background and principles of the community. Through the website it is possible to search for things like maps of the Auroville Community, transport, accommodation and activities available.

Upon Arrival

All international guests are required to complete Government Of India documents, specifically the "CForm". This is the responsibility of the guesthouse. Indian nationals have no such requirement.

There are other registrations for all volunteers required at either SAVI or the Town Hall depending on the duration of stay. There are many advantages for longer term volunteers to register with SAVI as you will be invited to certain events. Please check with them and/or register with Financial Services on the ground floor of the Town Hall. You may apply for an Auroville Guest Card for example.

Depending on the term of stay there may be other formalities that will be advised. At commencement of your term at Auroville Papers we will do an introduction as follows:

- Specific conditions for the volunteer term will be mutually discussed and understood.*
- We will provide support and mentoring, evidence of engagement, etc.*
- If feasible you may join one of our scheduled workshops.*

General Conditions

Overall Auroville has a series of recommendations concerning behaviour in the community.

Please familiarize yourself with these especially those concerning things like alcohol and drug use.

Auroville Papers does conform to the general policy of the community and so we ask all guests to behave accordingly with care and discretion.

In broad terms Auroville is very safe but it is not entirely free of incidents. The biggest problem for most concerns road-safety. Poor road conditions, especially in monsoon, and the lack of experience by visitors with two-wheeled transport inevitably can lead to minor accidents. We ask all to take special care and to check on emergency phone numbers and the locations for medical attention.

There are many activities (cultural, sports, artistic, educational) available in Auroville of which some are either free of charge or request voluntary donation. There are also many other areas where fees are payable. Please never assume that activities are free of charge and check on the conditions. Similarly not all locations support the use of Accounts, Credit Cards or even the Auroville Visitors Card. We ask that you check on these facilities and do not make assumptions.

People and Culture

For some, it can take time to come to terms with and understand India. Visitors are requested to maintain an attitude of respect towards the local culture. Auroville is also not so easy to understand at first glance. We ask visitors to take the time to

explore both the community of Auroville and the villages surrounding it as both contribute to the experience. Please take the opportunities offered by SAVI. Auroville Papers has a sister concern named Auroville Press (also located in Aspiration). Volunteers are welcome to visit and see the books published there, especially those about Auroville and those recounting Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's experience.