

ENJOYING
DHARMA
EVERYWHERE

International Teaching
Programme of Festivals
& Dharma Celebrations

KADAMPA
BUDDHISM
WORLDWIDE
2025



VENERABLE GESHE KELSANG GYATSO RINPOCHE

giving happiness to people everywhere

Spiritual Guide and Founder of Modern Kadampa Buddhism

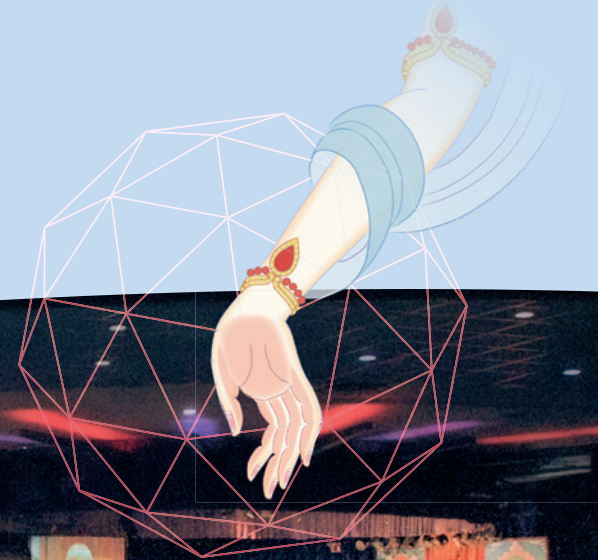
The Founder of the New Kadampa Tradition, and the source and inspiration of all its teachings, practices and activities is Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, affectionately known as 'Venerable Geshe-la'.

Through his extraordinary vision in establishing Buddhist centres and Temples, creating teaching, meditation and Teacher training programmes and writing 23 authoritative books on all aspects of Buddhist practice, he dedicated his life to presenting the wisdom and compassion of Buddha's teachings in practical ways that everyone can use in their daily lives to solve their problems and enjoy greater peace and happiness.

Everything within this brochure is a manifestation of the compassionate heart of this remarkable holy being, who has touched the hearts of countless people throughout the world, inspiring them to begin and complete the inner journey that leads to the ultimate inner peace and lasting happiness of complete enlightenment.

'People of this world need Dharma. They need material conditions because they are human beings... They need Dharma to maintain a happy mind all the time!'

GESHE KELSANG GYATSO, BRAZIL 2010



THE SENIOR TEACHERS OF MODERN KADAMPA BUDDHISM

Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

Retired General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, and Resident Teacher at Tara IKRC, UK

Gen-la Khyenrab is deeply respected throughout the Kadampa world as a sincere practitioner and powerful Teacher.



Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

Retired Deputy Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, National Spiritual Director of Switzerland, Italy, Austria & South Africa and Resident Teacher at Madhyamaka KMC, UK

Gen-la Kunsang has been a disciple of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche for many years, and she has won the admiration and affection of many students through her pure example and loving kindness.

Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, Resident Teacher and Special Teacher Training Programme Teacher at Manjushri KMC, UK

Gen-la Dekyong has been a student of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche for over forty years, sincerely training under his guidance in all aspects of Kadam Dharma. Gen-la is recognized as a fully qualified Dharma Teacher of both Sutra and Tantra.

Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

Deputy Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, National Spiritual Director of Canada and Resident Teacher at KMC Los Angeles

Gen-la Jampa has studied under Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche and taught internationally for many years.

He is greatly admired for his warm personality and clear, inspiring teachings.






Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

Gen-la Thubten teaches internationally and is renowned for his ability to present the many deep meanings contained within Venerable Geshe-la's books and to show how to integrate them into daily life.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

So that people all over the world can have direct access to qualified teachings, and to Teachers from their own countries speaking their own languages who provide an inspiring example, Venerable Geshe-la established comprehensive programmes to train modern Kadampa Teachers. These programmes help Teachers continually improve their understanding and experience, and thus be able to offer ever greater benefit to their communities.



| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|  | GEN KELSANG RABTEN Australasia & Southeast Asia NSD |  | GEN KELSANG SANGDEN Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia & Peru NSD |  | KADAM MORTEN CLAUSEN Eastern USA NSD |
|  | GEN KELSANG ANANDA Germany, Slovenia, Romania & Czech Republic NSD |  | KADAM BRIDGET HEYES United Kingdom & Ireland NSD |  | GEN KELSANG MUDITA Brazil NSD |
|  | GEN KELSANG TONGLAM Hong Kong, Taiwan & Philippines NSD |  | GEN KELSANG RINCHUNG Argentina & Uruguay NSD |  | GEN KELSANG CHOKGA Spain & Portugal NSD |
|  | GEN KELSANG EUPAMÉ France NSD |  | GEN KELSANG DEMO Western & Midwestern USA NSD |  | GEN KELSANG DRAGPA Nordic Region NSD |
|  | GEN KELSANG CHOKYONG Chile NSD |  | | | |

WORLDWIDE FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS 2025

'The international programme of teachings is the doorway through which people of the modern world can enter the great treasury of compassion and wisdom that is Kadampa Buddhism.'

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche

Besides the three International Festivals, each year the NKT offers a comprehensive programme of National Festivals and national and regional Dharma Celebrations.

This brochure details the teaching programme for 2025.



EMPOWERMENT AND COMMENTARY TO THE PRACTICE OF **BUDDHA MAITREYA**

with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

MAY 23 - 28



Buddha Maitreya is the manifestation of all the Buddhas' realization of loving kindness.

This Festival is a unique opportunity to concentrate on understanding and practising

the precious instructions given by Venerable Geshe-la on how to develop the three types of love. We will also learn how we can quickly become a Buddha of Loving Kindness by changing our basis of imputation through Tantric practice. Through engaging in the Festival programme of teachings, meditation and retreat, we can radically transform our own life and thereby the lives of others, and truly heal our suffering world.

'When we love all living beings, we have no enemies.'

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche



at Manjushri KMC, UK
kadampafestivals.org/spring



NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL

SPRING FESTIVAL 2025

Solving our Daily Problems
with Loving Kindness

JULY 25 - AUGUST 9



NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025

BUDDHA GREEN TARA EMPOWERMENT WITH TEACHINGS ON *ADVICE FROM ATISHA'S HEART*

How to be a Kadampa

with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong and Gen-la Kelsang Jampa



Over two weeks, the Festival will emphasize teachings and meditations on *Advice from Atisha's Heart* from our two most senior Teachers. For the first time all of Venerable Geshe-la's oral transmissions on the verses are brought together, including his special advice on how to engage in retreat on this text.

Through Venerable Geshe-la's encouragement and blessings they will transmit a complete commentary to all the verses. By keeping Atisha's *Advice* in our heart we can maintain a peaceful, happy mind, our human nature and good qualities will improve, we will show a good example in this troubled world and we will quickly attain great enlightenment.

Kadampa Buddhists have an especially close connection with Buddha Tara because she appeared directly to Atisha, the founder of Kadampa Buddhism, and promised to care for all his future followers.

'Simply putting this *Advice* into practice we will naturally become a Bodhisattva, a holy compassionate being who is the object of everybody's love and respect.' **Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche**



at Manjushri KMC, UK
kadampafestivals.org/summer



DORJE SHUGDEN EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPING FAITH IN DORJE SHUGDEN

with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
OCTOBER 3-9

'I have Dorje Shugden as my special Dharma Protector.
For me, Dorje Shugden is the great Protector of the Guru's words'
Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche ~ *The New Guide to Dakini Land*



There is nothing more precious than the words of our Spiritual Guide. This Festival begins with the empowerment of Dorje Shugden as a powerful protection and blessing. Through this we will come to understand the deep meanings of all the teachings of Sutra and Tantra that we have received from our Founder, and we will care for them, ensuring they remain vibrant, alive and functioning for many generations to come. With a life of dedication, Gen-la Dekyong pays particularly close attention to our Guru's words. Gen-la will share special advice that she has personally directly received from Venerable Geshe-la on how our mind and the meaning of the teachings becoming one requires our Guru's blessings. She will also share how we can deepen our understanding of our Guru's speech continually, and how through this, we can come to hold his ultimate correct views and intentions and attain the enlightened state of our Guru.



at IKRC Grand Canyon, USA
kadampafestivals.org/fall



NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL **FALL FESTIVAL** 2025 Great Protector of the Guru's Words



THE GIFT OF FESTIVALS



'At Festivals we can forget any difficulties we have and concentrate on developing and maintaining a peaceful and happy mind alone!'

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche

By engaging in this practice continually we can be happy all the time and then share this with others.

MANJUSHRI KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTRE

Manjushri KMC is the Mother Centre of the NKT. It is Venerable Geshe-la's spiritual home where he lived for many years and began his work making modern Kadampa Buddhism flourish in this world.

Manjushri KMC is home to the first Kadampa Temple for World Peace, and International Spring and Summer Festivals are held here each year.

INTERNATIONAL KADAMPA RETREAT CENTER, GRAND CANYON

International Kadampa Retreat Center, Grand Canyon is the location of the fifth Kadampa Temple dedicated to World Peace.

The Temple is situated within the beautiful region of Northern Arizona at 7,000 feet above sea level, with stunning mountain views. IKRC Grand Canyon was designed by Venerable Geshe-la and opened in 2019 by Gen-la Dekyong. It is the official international retreat centre for North America.



FESTIVAL
VENUES

Wonke umuntu Siyakwamukela! Καλώς ορίσατε όλοι! Svi dobrodošli!

Kadampa Buddhism is Truly International

Todos são bem-vindos! Allir velkomnir!

Sveiki visi! Semua Orang Selamat Datang!

Alle velkommen! 欢迎大家!

どなたでも歓迎します!

Chào mừng mọi người!

Vabljeni vsi! عي مج ل اب اب حرم!

모두 환영합니다! Kaikki Tervetuloa!

¡Bienvenidos todos!

欢迎大家! Iedereen is welkom!

Benvenuti a tutti! ยินดีต้อนรับทุกท่าน! Alla välkomna!

Jeder willkommen! Witamy wszystkich! Bienvenue à tous!

'Everyone
welcome!'

'Buddha gave his teachings for
everyone, with no discrimination.'

His teaching is international,
because his compassion is for
all living beings. Everyone can
listen and practise.'

Venerable Geshe Kelsang
Gyatso Rinpoche





Year at a Glance

January Event

- 3 - 8 Australian National Festival
- 10 - 12 New Zealand National Festival

February Event

- 7 - 9 Irish Dharma Celebration

March Event

- 1 - 4 Brazilian Dharma Celebration
- 7 - 9 Californian Dharma Celebration
- 7 - 9 Mid-Atlantic US Dharma Celebration
- 14 - 16 Argentinian Dharma Celebration
- 14 - 17 East Asian Dharma Celebration
- 21 - 23 South African National Festival
- 21 - 23 Southern US Dharma Celebration
- 28 - 30 Florida Dharma Celebration
- 28 - 30 Nordic National Festival
- 28 - 30 Scottish Dharma Celebration

April Event

- 4 - 6 Midwest Dharma Celebration
- 4 - 6 Peruvian Dharma Celebration
- 4 - 6 Southwest US Dharma Celebration
- 4 - 7 Southeast Asian Dharma Celebration
- 16 - 20 Spanish National Festival
- 17 - 20 Chilean Dharma Celebration
- 17 - 21 Swiss Dharma Celebration
- 18 - 20 Northwest US Dharma Celebration
- 18 - 21 Australian Dharma Celebration
- 18 - 21 German Dharma Celebration
- 18 - 23 French National Festival
- 24 - 27 Portuguese National Festival
- 25 - 27 Austrian Dharma Celebration
- 25 - 27 Canadian National Festival
- 25 - 27 New Zealand Dharma Celebration
- 25 - 27 Northeast US Dharma Celebration

May Event

- ★ 23 - 28 International Spring Festival, UK

June Event

- 20 - 22 Mexican National Festival
- 20 - 24 Northern Spanish Dharma Celebration

July Event

- ★ 25 - Aug 9 International Summer Festival, UK

September Event

- 5 - 8 Swiss, Italian & Austrian National Festival
- 5 - 9 German National Festival
- 12 - 14 Colombian Dharma Celebration

October Event

- ★ 3 - 9 International Fall Festival, USA
- 31 - 3 Nov UK Dharma Celebration

November Event

- 7 - 9 Chilean National Festival
- 7 - 9 Western Canada Dharma Celebration
- 14 - 16 Argentinian National Festival
- 14 - 16 Mexican Dharma Celebration
- 14 - 16 Quebec Dharma Celebration
- 20 - 23 Brazilian National Festival

- 21 - 23 Nordic Dharma Celebration
- 21 - 23 Ontario Dharma Celebration
- 28 - 30 West German Dharma Celebration
- 28 - Dec 1 French Dharma Celebration
- 28 - Dec 1 Portuguese Dharma Celebration

December Event

- 5 - 8 Spanish Dharma Celebration
- 12 - 14 Welsh Dharma Celebration
- 12 - 15 Asian National Festival

January 2026 Event

- 2 - 7 Australian National Festival
- 9 - 12 New Zealand National Festival

National Festivals and Dharma Celebrations take place in centres throughout the world.

The following pages celebrate just a few of the Kadampa Centres worldwide.

Manjushri KMC



Heruka KMC, London



Madhyamaka KMC, Pocklington



KMC Leeds



UNITED KINGDOM

Modern Kadampa Buddhism originated in the UK and has since expanded globally, offering a practical and accessible spiritual path that seamlessly integrates with contemporary life. This tradition is now known as the New Kadampa Tradition. At the heart of this worldwide community is Manjushri Kadampa

Meditation Centre in the Lake District, the Mother Centre of the tradition. Across the UK, over 50 centres offer dynamic programmes of meditation, study and discussion, led by dedicated Teachers. These centres welcome all who seek to cultivate greater peace, wisdom and compassion in their lives.



Mexican Dharma Celebration

KMC Cuernavaca



KMC Guadalajara



Public Talk, Monterrey



KMC Mexico

MEXICO

From north to south, Mexican Kadampas may be culturally different, but they are united by the same heart, the love for Kadam Dharma. Sharing the intention to benefit others, Kadampa practitioners in Mexico help Dharma flourish

throughout the country with effort and dedication. As a result there are now eleven centres and many branches where people have a chance to develop pure and peaceful minds and enjoy the company of spiritual friends.

EUROPE



KMC Spain, Málaga

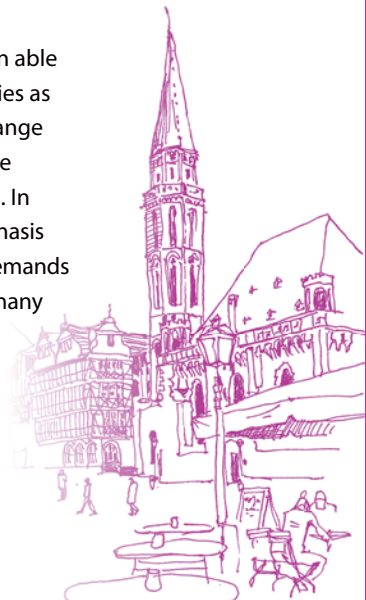


KMC Austria



KMC Barcelona

Kadampa Buddhist centres have been able to develop in many European countries as the teachings resonate with a wide range of people seeking practical, accessible methods for personal transformation. In particular, Kadampa Buddhism's emphasis on integrating meditation with the demands of modern life make it appealing to many in the modern world. Although from many different countries, practitioners of Kadampa Buddhism are united by international Festivals, retreats, and study programmes and have a shared spiritual life.



KMC Deuachen, Portugal



Opening of KMC Girona



KMC Montpellier



Tharpaland KMC, Germany



KMC France





KMC New York



IKRC Grand Canyon



KMC New York City



Mid-Atlantic Dharma Celebration, KMC Maryland



KMC Colorado, opening new Centre



KMC Texas

Since the first Kadampa centres were established in the United States over 30 years ago, Kadam Dharma has continued to flourish, with new centres arising on a regular basis in towns and cities across the country to meet the growing needs of modern people.

The US is also home to two Kadampa Temples for World Peace in New York and Arizona. These centres and Temples continue to serve as places of inspiration and refuge for everyone, inspiring people in their spiritual life and helping provide precious advice and helpful encouragement.

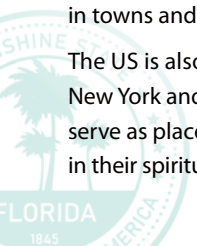
USA



KMC New Mexico



KMC Bloomington

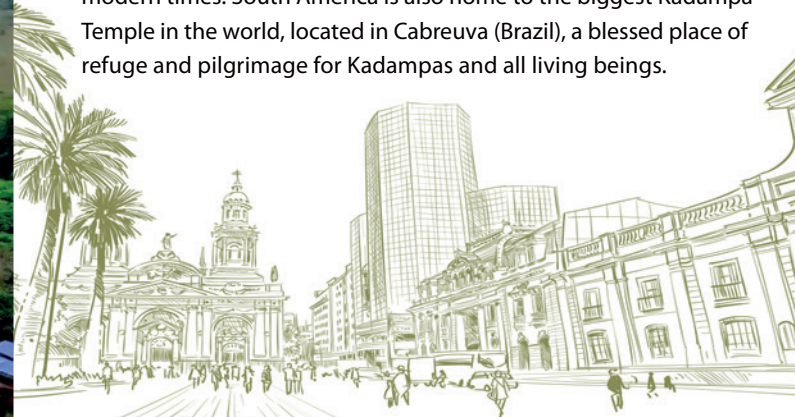


SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA

International Fall Festival, KMC Brazil



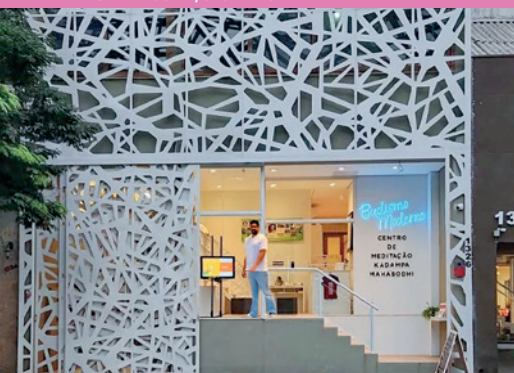
Dharma has been growing quickly in South America, with many centres having opened during the past few years. The teachings have reached people in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Nicaragua, Peru and Uruguay, through the kindness of more than twenty Resident Teachers and dedicated practitioners who follow Venerable Geshe-la's example of how to live a spiritual life in modern times. South America is also home to the biggest Kadampa Temple in the world, located in Cabreuva (Brazil), a blessed place of refuge and pilgrimage for Kadampas and all living beings.



KMC Argentina



KMC Mahabodhi, São Paulo



KMC Colombia



Tharpa Book Fair event, Chile



Chilean Dharma Celebration

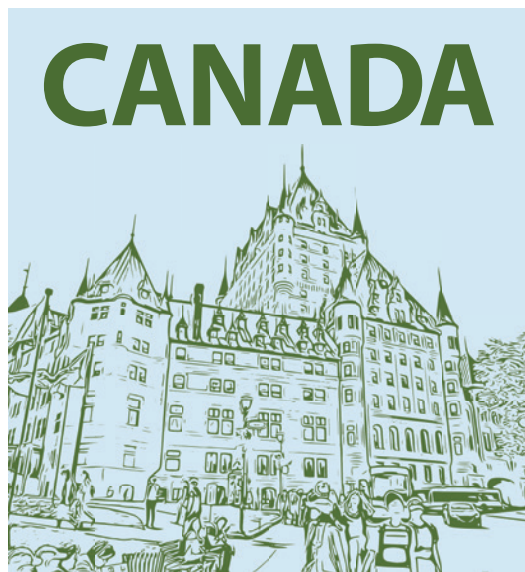


Visiting the new KMC Rio de Janeiro



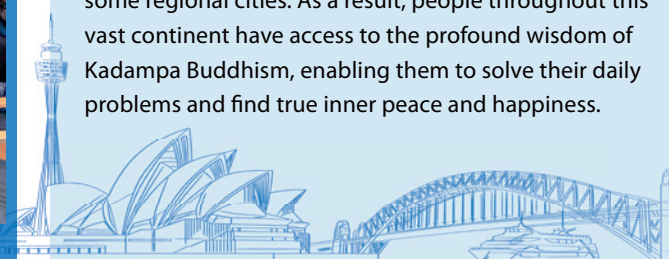


Venerable Geshe-la visited Canada in 1992 and from that time Kadampa centres started to develop, first of all in Toronto, Montréal and Vancouver, and then in many other cities across the country. Despite the vast distances in Canada, the Kadampa community is close-knit and supportive, very much enjoying spending time together at national Festivals and celebrations.



AUSTRALASIA

Kadampa Buddhism has flourished in Australia and New Zealand ever since the first Kadampa Buddhist centre opened in Perth in 1994. There are now Kadampa Buddhist centres and groups in every capital city and some regional cities. As a result, people throughout this vast continent have access to the profound wisdom of Kadampa Buddhism, enabling them to solve their daily problems and find true inner peace and happiness.



ASIA



KMC Hong Kong



Public Talk, Singapore



Walk for World Peace, Hong Kong



KMC Taiwan

In Asia, Kadampa Buddhism has been taught in many places, but has become particularly popular in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia where it is helping people become happier in these fast-paced modern societies.

SOUTH AFRICA

Kadampa Buddhism is a growing movement in South Africa, where many people are finding that it provides a practical and effective way to improve their lives and find greater happiness and meaning.



Tushita KMC, Cape Town



Visit to KMC Durban



KMC Durban



International Temples Project

The International Temples Project (ITP) is an international fund dedicated to public benefit. It was founded by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche with the aim to introduce the Buddhist faith and practice of the NKT publicly, and to exemplify Buddhist practice through public service – showing how individuals and society benefit through the practice of Buddhism in modern daily life.

Constantly adapting to meet the needs of modern society, the International Temples Project presently achieves its aim through creating traditional and non-traditional World Peace Temples, Kadampa Meditation Centres, International Retreat Centres and through the activities of World Peace Cafés and Tharpa Publications.

Find out more at kadampa.org/kadampa-temples



To book for International Festivals go to
kadampafestivals.org

To follow all events visit
kadampa.org

© The New Kadampa Tradition –
International Kadampa Buddhist Union 2025
Registered Charity Number:
1015054 (England)

Photo: KMC Deachen,
Portugal

