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# Kadampa Buddhism Worldwide



# Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche

## Spiritual Guide and Founder of Modern Kadampa Buddhism



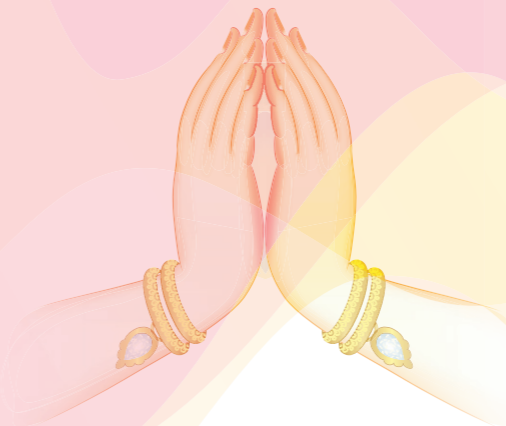
**Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, or Geshe-la as he is affectionately known, is a fully accomplished meditation master who has always dedicated his life to spreading Buddha's message of universal compassion and wisdom to everyone throughout the world, whether Buddhist or non-Buddhist.**

Through his teachings and writings he has presented the paths of wisdom and compassion in practical ways that everyone, regardless of who they are or where they are from, can use to solve their daily problems and experience joyful and harmonious relationships. Touching the hearts of countless people, he has inspired them to begin and complete the inner journey that leads to the ultimate inner peace and lasting happiness of complete enlightenment.

Through finding peace within our own hearts, developing the compassionate good heart of cherishing others, and working together with others, we can quickly find solutions to the world's problems. In this way, there is great hope for peace in our world.

Everything within this brochure is an expression of the compassionate prayer of this remarkable holy being: that all living beings discover peace within themselves and through prayer, and spiritual practice, bring peace to the world.

'We should pray  
for world peace'



If everyone were to practise cherishing others, many of the major problems of the world would be solved in a few years.

**Geshe Kelsang Gyatso**  
*The New Eight Steps to Happiness*



### Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

Retired General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, National Spiritual Director of Canada 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.

# THE SENIOR TEACHERS OF MODERN KADAMPA BUDDHISM



### 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 and Resident Teacher at IKRC Grand Canyon

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 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.

# Qualified Teachers



 <b>Kadam Bridget Heyes</b> United Kingdom & Ireland NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Rabten</b> Australasia & Southeast Asia NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Sangden</b> Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia & Peru NSD
 <b>Gen Kelsang Ananda</b> Germany, Slovenia, Romania & Czech Republic NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Mudita</b> Brazil NSD	 <b>Kadam Morten Clausen</b> Eastern USA NSD
 <b>Gen Kelsang Tonglam</b> Hong Kong, Taiwan & Philippines NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Rigpa</b> Western USA NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Rinchung</b> Argentina & Uruguay NSD
 <b>Gen Kelsang Eupamé</b> France NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Demo</b> Midwestern USA NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Dragpa</b> Nordic Region NSD
	 <b>Gen Kelsang Chokga</b> Spain & Portugal NSD	 <b>Gen Kelsang Chokyong</b> Chile NSD

2024

# Worldwide Festivals and Celebrations

'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 2024.

## Accomplishing the Great Wisdom Protection

Dorje Shugden Empowerment and teachings on the Extensive Protector Puja with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa



Dorje Shugden is a Dharma Protector emanation of the Wisdom Buddha who averts obstacles to our spiritual practice and gathers necessary conditions

for our attaining spiritual realizations.

During this Festival, Gen-la Kelsang Jampa will grant the Blessing Empowerment of Dorje Shugden.

Then, based on instructions received from Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, he will teach on the *Melodious Drum* practice, the 'Fulfilling and Restoring Ritual', which is usually performed monthly in Kadampa centres.



at Manjushri KMC, UK  
[kadampafestivals.org/spring](http://kadampafestivals.org/spring)



NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL

# SPRING FESTIVAL 2024

MAY 24-29

## A Perfect Design

There is a beautiful rhythm to International Festivals.

First, we hear the teachings and every day we meditate on their meaning. Then, while the teachings are fresh in our mind we engage in retreat.

This design came from the kindness of Venerable Geshe-la as a method to guide us to a deeper experience of Dharma.

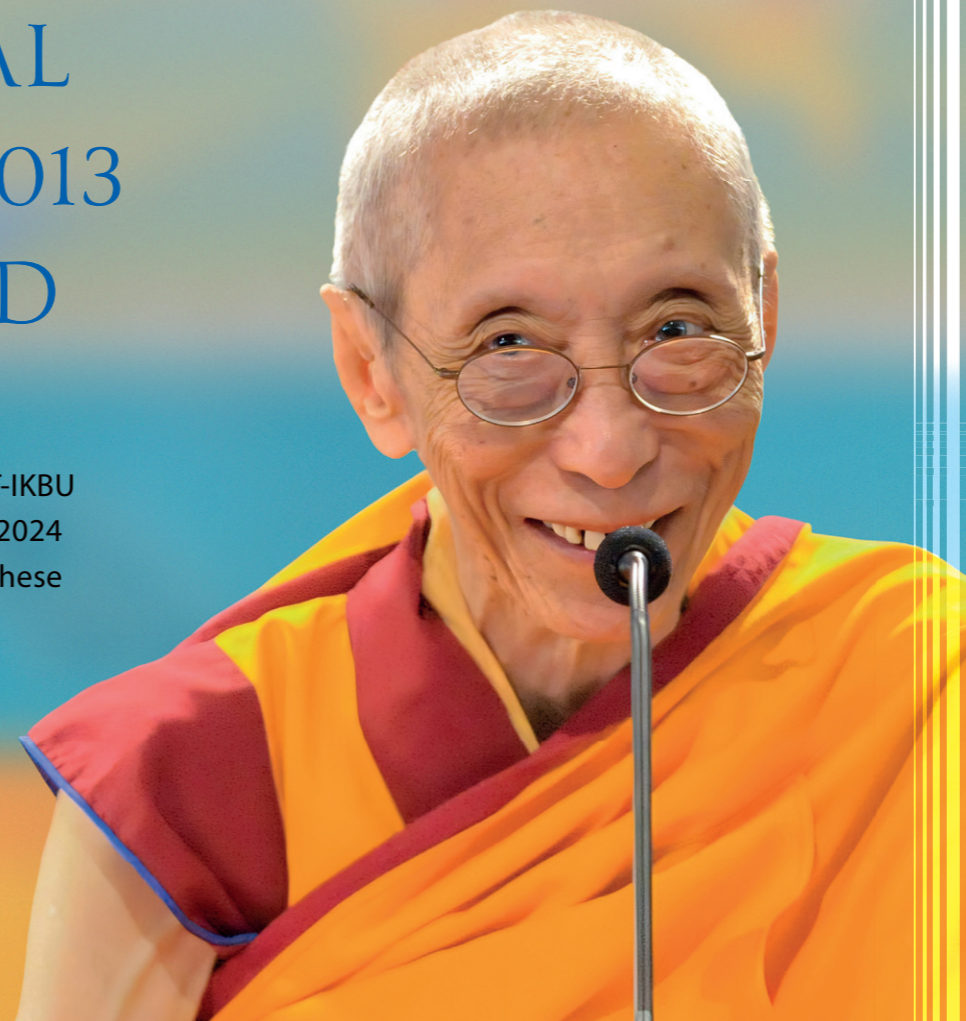


# PORTUGAL FESTIVAL 2013 REVISITED

## Summer 2024

Join us for an extraordinary NKT-IKBU  
International Summer Festival 2024  
to receive the transmission of these  
very special teachings.

Read on for more details



## My Wish...



'We have enjoyed the Summer Festival 2009;  
this is wonderful, but please keep the intention in  
your heart to enjoy the Summer Festival 2010,  
2011, 2013 until 2099. **This is my wish.**

Why I have this wish is because it will give you  
immense meaning in this life and in future lives.  
This is a wonderful spiritual holiday!

**Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche**



NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL  
**SUMMER**  
FESTIVAL 2024  
JULY 26 - AUGUST 10

## Profound Teachings from Buddha's Heart



**Prajnaparamita Empowerment  
and Teachings on the *Heart Sutra*,  
and Commentary to *Blissful Path*  
and *The Uncommon Yoga  
of Inconceivability***

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



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## Portugal Festival 2013 Revisited

**Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso  
Rinpoche gave his last public teachings  
in October 2013 in Portugal.**

During these teachings Geshe-la granted the empowerment of Great Mother Prajnaparamita, taught the *Essence of Wisdom Sutra (Heart Sutra)*, which contains the heart essence of Buddha's perfection of wisdom teachings, and gave commentaries to *The Blissful Path*, the condensed self-generation sadhana practice of Buddha Vajrayogini, and to *The Uncommon Yoga of Inconceivability*, the special instruction of how to reach the Pure Land of Vajrayogini with our present human body.

During this Festival, these teachings will be revisited by Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong and Gen-la Kelsang Jampa. By helping us to take these teachings deep into our hearts, we can attain deep experience of them, thus transforming our lives and drawing us closer to attaining full enlightenment.



## The Festival Play THE LIFE OF BUDDHA

Screened every year at the  
International Summer Festival



'This is not an ordinary play.  
Please, don't believe this...

This play shows how  
to accomplish the real  
meaning of human life.  
Understanding this, we  
should never be bored  
of this play! Every year  
we should look and take  
the meaning and make  
some good solutions.

This is my advice!

Venerable Geshe Kelsang  
Gyatso Rinpoche, 2009



NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL

# FALL FESTIVAL 2024

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 1

## The Gateway to Highest Yoga Tantra



Highest Yoga Tantra Empowerments of  
Heruka & Vajrayogini & Commentary  
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong



As Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche explains in *Modern Buddhism*, the gateway through which we enter Tantra is receiving a Tantric empowerment.

This bestows upon us special blessings that heal our mental continuum and awaken our Buddha nature. In this Festival Gen-la Dekyong will grant the empowerments of the principal Deities of Highest Yoga Tantra – Heruka and Vajrayogini – and introduce their essential practices.

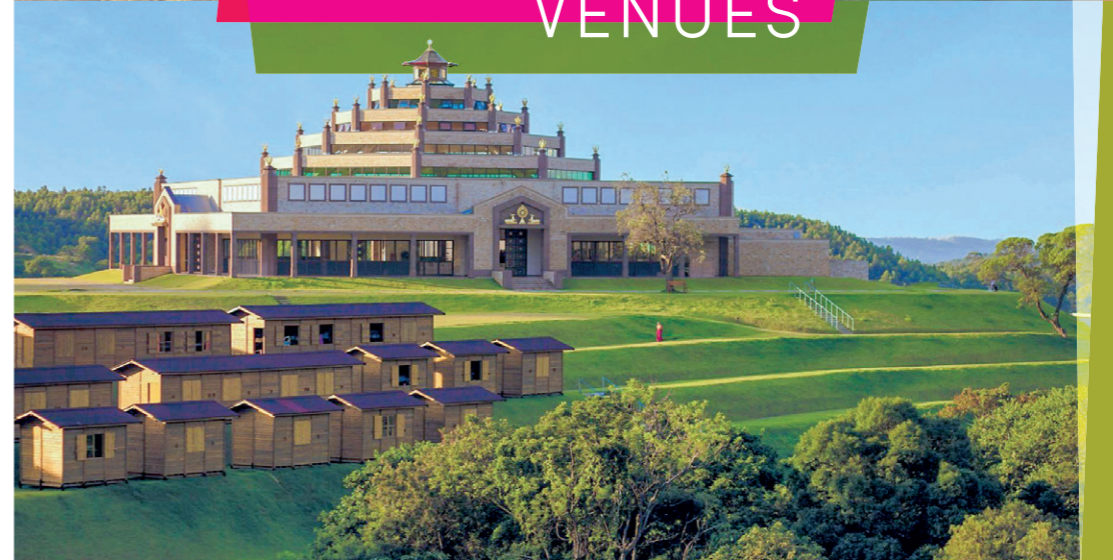
This is a rare and wonderful opportunity to receive from Gen-la Dekyong the Highest Yoga Tantra empowerments and teachings of Heruka and Vajrayogini according to the Ganden oral lineage, which is the special heart treasure of her Spiritual Guide, Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche.



at KMC Brazil  
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## FESTIVAL VENUES



### 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.

### KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTRE BRAZIL

Kadampa Meditation Centre Brazil is home to the largest Kadampa Temple for World Peace in the world. It is a lush and inspiring place that emerged from the pure vision and intention of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche.

Opened in 2010, KMC Brazil is located in Cabreúva, close to São Paulo in the midst of 73,000 m<sup>2</sup> environmentally protected area. It is the venue for the 2024 Fall Festival.



# year at a Glance

## February Event Teacher

2 - 4	Scottish DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
10 - 13	Brazilian DC	Gen Kelsang Mudita

## March Event Teacher

8 - 10	Mid-Atlantic US DC	Kadam Morten Clausen
8 - 10	Nordic NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
15 - 17	Irish DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
21 - 24	South African NF	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
22 - 24	Californian DC	Gen Kelsang Rigpa
22 - 25	East Asian DC	Gen Kelsang Tonglam
27 - 31	Spanish NF	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
28 - 31	Argentinian DC	Gen Kelsang Rinchung
28 - 31	Chilean DC	Gen Kelsang Chokyong
29 - 31	Southern US DC	Kadam Morten Clausen
29 - 01	Australian DC	Gen Kelsang Rabten
29 - 01	Swiss DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
29 - 02	Canadian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

## April Event Teacher

5 - 7	Florida DC	Kadam Morten Clausen
5 - 7	Midwest US DC	Gen Kelsang Demo
5 - 7	Peruvian DC	Gen Kelsang Sangden
5 - 7	Southwest US DC	Gen Kelsang Rigpa
5 - 8	German DC	Gen Kelsang Ananda
5 - 8	Southeast Asian DC	Gen Kelsang Rabten
12 - 15	Austrian DC	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
19 - 21	Northwest US DC	Gen Kelsang Rigpa
19 - 21	Portuguese NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
19 - 21	Southern UK DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
26 - 28	Mexican NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
26 - 28	Northeast US DC	Kadam Morten Clausen
26 - 29	New Zealand DC	Gen Kelsang Rabten

## May Event Teacher

★ 24 - 29	<b>International Spring Festival, UK</b>	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
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## June Event Teacher

21 - 24	Northern Spanish DC	Gen Kelsang Chokga
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## July Event Teacher

★ 26 - Aug 10	<b>International Summer Festival, UK</b>	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
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## September Event Teacher

6 - 9	Swiss, Italian & Austrian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
13 - 15	Colombian DC	Gen Kelsang Sangden
13 - 15	Southern German DC	Gen Kelsang Ananda
20 - 22	UK DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
20 - 25	US NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

## October Event Teacher

★ 25 - Nov 1	<b>International Fall Festival, Brazil</b>	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
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## November Event Teacher

15 - 17	South African DC	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
15 - 17	Western Canada DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
22 - 24	Mexican DC	Gen Kelsang Sangden
22 - 24	Nordic DC	Gen Kelsang Dragpa
22 - 24	Portuguese DC	Gen Kelsang Chokga

22 - 24	Québec DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
29 - 01	French DC	Gen Kelsang Eupamé
29 - 01	German NF	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
29 - 01	Ontario DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

## December Event Teacher

5 - 9	Spanish DC	Gen Kelsang Chokga
13 - 15	Welsh DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
13 - 16	Asian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

## January 2025 Event Teacher

3 - 5	Australian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
17 - 20	New Zealand NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

NF = National Festival DC = Dharma Celebration

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

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

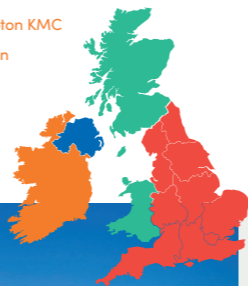


# UNITED KINGDOM

The UK is the birthplace of modern Kadampa Buddhism and the location of the Mother Centre of the New Kadampa Tradition. From here, this inspiring spiritual path has spread across the globe, touching the hearts of countless individuals seeking inner peace and universal compassion. With around 50 centres and counting, the UK remains a vital hub of Kadampa practice and learning, inviting people of all backgrounds to discover the transformative power of this ancient wisdom for themselves.

## the gallery

1. KMC Leeds
2. Manjushri KMC
3. Tara IKRC
4. Southampton KMC
5. KMC London



# MEXICO

Mexico is home to a thriving Sangha community and has many beautiful centres that exemplify how seamlessly Kadam Dharma can adjust to the customs and principles of diverse cultures. The richness of the Mexican Sangha community and its welcoming spirit make it an inspiration for anyone interested in learning how to lead a happier, more meaningful life.

## the gallery

1. KMC Mexico
2. KMC Cuernavaca
3. KMC Monterrey



# EUROPE



A very special centre for Granada where Venerable Geshe-la spent over 20 years writing many books and sadhanas.



Kadampa Buddhism has become an important and vibrant part of the spiritual landscape in Europe, offering a unique and practical approach to Buddhist teachings that is accessible to all.

Over the last 30 years, Kadampa centres have flourished and expanded, and this growth shows no signs of slowing down. With new centres emerging all the time, the Kadampa community is thriving and spreading its positive energy far and wide.

## the gallery

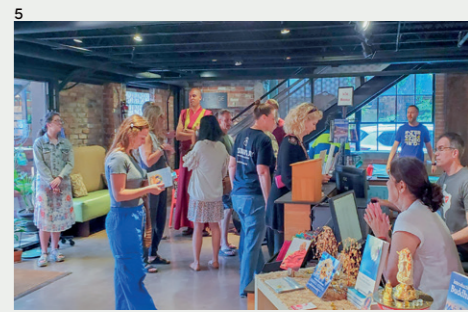
1. KMC Deuachen, Portugal
2. KMC Spain, Málaga
3. KMC France
4. KMC Barcelona
5. KMC Valencia
6. KMC Bilbao
7. KMC Granada
8. KMC Stockholm
9. Tharpaland KMC, Germany
10. Kailash IKRC, Switzerland



In the United States, Kadampa Buddhism has established itself as a significant presence in many towns and cities. In the past three decades, the growth of Kadampa centres has been remarkable, with new ones appearing on a regular basis. These centres are a testament to the flexibility and universality of the Buddhist teachings, demonstrating their ability to transcend borders and connect with people from all walks of life.

## the gallery

- 1. IKRC Grand Canyon
- 2. KMC Maryland
- 3. KMC New York
- 4. KMC New Mexico
- 5. KMC Dallas
- 6. KMC Georgia
- 7. KMC North Carolina
- 8. KMC Florida
- 9. KMC Los Angeles



# SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA



## the gallery

- 1. KMC Rio de Janeiro
- 2. KMC Chile
- 3. KMC Brazil
- 4. Meditation in the Park, Peru
- 5. KMC São Paulo
- 6. KMC Argentina

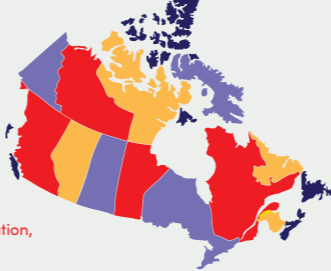


Dharma teachings were first given in Brazil over 30 years ago and in 2010 the third and biggest Kadampa Temple for World Peace was opened by Venerable Geshe-la. Since then Dharma centres have gradually developed in the vast continent of South and Central America – in Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, and Nicaragua. They offer thousands of people access to Buddha’s teachings, allowing them to experience inner peace, happiness, and fulfilment.

# CANADA



## the gallery



- 1. KMC Canada, Toronto
- 2. KMC Montreal
- 3. Western Canada Dharma Celebration, Vancouver



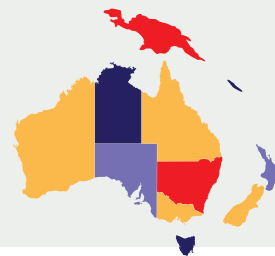
There are 15 Kadampa Centres in Canada with several branches offering modern Buddhism and meditation in their local areas. Since Canada is such a vast country with huge distances to travel between cities, this has been a wonderful development for Canadians interested in learning about Buddhist meditation for modern life.



# AUSTRALASIA

In Australia, the development of Kadampa Buddhism began in 1994 when the first Kadampa Buddhist Centre was established in Perth. Since then, the tradition has grown rapidly across the country, with centres now located in major cities, including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle. And there are now a number of centres in New Zealand.

## the gallery

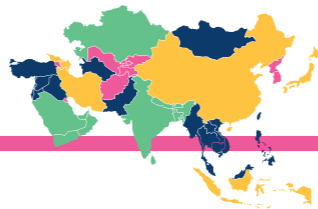


- 1. KMC Brisbane
- 2. KMC Perth
- 3. New Zealand Dharma Celebration
- 4. KMC Australia





# SOUTH AFRICA



# ASIA



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.



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.

the gallery 

1. South African National Festival, KMC Durban    2. South African DC, Tushita KMC, Cape Town    3. Official Opening of KMC Durban

1. KMC Hong Kong    2. KMC Singapore    3. Southeast Asian DC, Penang, Malaysia

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/itp](http://kadampa.org/itp)



## International Temples Project





To book for International Festivals go to  
[kadampafestivals.org](http://kadampafestivals.org)

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