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# PRESENCE: THE ULTIMATE MEDICINE FINDING THE CALM AT THE CENTRE OF THE STORM OF LIFE

# A 3-day weekend intensive with Jeff Foster in The Netherlands

"Whatever it is, stop trying to figure it out now. Let it remain unresolved a little while. Stop trying to fast-forward to the 'answer' scene in the movie of your life; trust the present scene of 'no answer yet'. Allow the question itself space to breathe and be fertilised. Relax into the mysterious ground of Now." - Jeff Foster

How can we find the calm in the midst of the storm of our busy lives? How can we rest deeply, even as the ground falls from beneath our feet, even as our hearts break open and our dreams turn to dust?

How can we stop running away from our pain, our grief, our exhaustion, our failures, even our longing for enlightenment, and start embracing all of it?

How can we find an effortless yes to the present moment, no matter how challenging or intense our physical or emotional pain becomes?

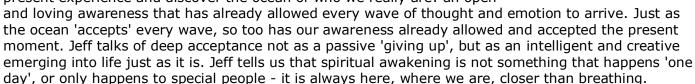
How can we find a conscious and loving way through our addictions, relationship struggles, illnesses and major life decisions?

Can true healing begin exactly where we are?

This weekend intensive with author and teacher Jeff Foster is an invitation to awaken to the beauty and poetry of your life, to stop your exhausting search for love, peace and enlightenment, and discover them here and now by turning towards yourself.

It is an invitation to remember who you are beyond your thoughts and feelings, to slow down, reconnect with your presence and the aliveness of your body, and experience what is truly within you. It's a chance to dive deeply into Jeff's message of deep acceptance and fearless living, in a safe and nurturing environment with like-minded friends.

Through talks, guided meditations, intimate dialogues, laughter, tears and silence, Jeff will invite us in his own unique way to take a fresh look at our present experience and discover the ocean of who we really are: an open



Candid, thoughtful, humorous - and deeply compassionate toward those searching for a way out of suffering - Jeff inspires us to stop trying to 'do' acceptance and start falling in love with 'what has already been allowed'. His simple, accessible and direct teachings point us back to who we really are in this moment - already perfect, whole and free.

Silence, laughter, lightness and a sense of real intimacy, honesty and friendship are the hallmarks of encounters with Jeff. His meetings are very spontaneous and informal, and there are plenty of opportunities to share and ask questions, if you are so moved.

We look forward to seeing you at this 3-day weekend with Jeff Foster in The Netherlands!



"This was a very good weekend, the catering and care were excellent, and Jeff was just Jeff: light, clear, funny, confronting, loving and touching. Enlightenment appeared again to be that 'forgotten' simplicity to 'just' live life.... I feel fulfilled, light and spacious after this weekend." – V.R., The Netherlands

"I am still very touched by your warm presence, compassion and humbleness last weekend.... I never saw unconditional love expressing itself so delightfully and so human before, although I've been to many wisdom teachers.... Thank you for your love, your clarity and patience, your humility, authenticity and humour... and thank you for listening and being so patient."



For more testimonials, please visit Jeff's website: testimonials

# The 3-Day Weekend Intensive

#### **Date**

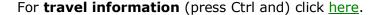
Starting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015; arrival between 16:30 & 17:30 hours (before dinner). Ending on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 10:00 hours (after breakfast).

Leaving on Sunday evening after the final meeting is an option, but will not influence prices.

### **Venue**

Huize Elisabeth Gravenallee 11 7591 PE Denekamp The Netherlands

Huize Elisabeth is located in the east of The Netherlands, in the beautiful and unspoiled landscape of Twente. It's part of an old convent, where an international community of Franciscan Sisters used to live. Although a small number of sisters still reside on the large premises, these days Huize Elisabeth is mainly a conference centre. The venue is spacious, and has a very quiet and peaceful atmosphere, ideally suited for retreats.





# **Program**

During the weekend Jeff will hold 7 group meetings of around  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours each. Attendance of all meetings is not obligatory, but very highly recommended. In the meetings there will be many opportunities to ask questions, to explore your experience, to engage in dialogue, or just to sit in silence and meet your present experience, exactly as it is. All meetings are English spoken, without translation.

#### Please mind that all meals during the weekend will be enjoyed together in silence!

On Saturday and Sunday before breakfast you are encouraged to take part in a 'mindful yoga' class. Free time during the days can be spent doing absolutely nothing! Or, for example, you could go walking or cycling in the lovely surroundings.

Monday morning after breakfast the weekend will end.





#### **Cost**

This is a fully catered event. Participants do NOT need to help prepare food or clean up after meals, as is sometimes the case at Jeff's events.

#### **PRIVATE RATES:**

You will not receive an invoice in this case; the bank transfer is your proof of payment.

- € 325 Full board and a shared **double room** with separate beds and a sink. Shared toilets & showers in the corridor. Price is per person.
- € 450 Full board and a **single room** with a sink. Shared toilets & showers in the corridor.

#### **COMPANY RATES:**

Prices are excluding 6% BTW, a business invoice will be issued for tax deductibility purposes.

- € 405 Full board and a shared **double room** with separate beds and a sink. Shared toilets & showers in the corridor. Price is per person.
- € 565 Full board and a **single room** with a sink. Shared toilets & showers in the corridor.

#### **DISCOUNTED RATE:**

Please contact Menno for a special rate if you are on social welfare.

Camping on site is not permitted.

#### **Included in the price are:**

- 7 Group meetings with Jeff
- Yoga session on Saturday and Sunday (optional)
- 3 Vegetarian meals per day
- Coffee, tea, water and fruit syrups all day



#### **Booking & payment**

Please send an e-mail to <a href="menno@freeflowevents.nl">menno@freeflowevents.nl</a> and check availability of your preferred type of room and inform him what rate you wish to have. A registration form will then be e-mailed to you to fill out.

The reservation of your room is confirmed only after a **deposit of € 125** is received.

Please note that the **full balance** is to be received in our bank account **by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**, otherwise it may be necessary to cancel your reservation.

If you book after 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 you will need to pay the full price upon booking.

See registration form for bank account details.

#### Cancellation terms - please note carefully!

- € 50 of your deposit is non-refundable.
- Fifty percent of the price paid is non-refundable if you cancel after 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- There is no refund, if you cancel after 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 or leave early during the weekend.
- We recommend taking out cancellation insurance.

## **ABOUT JEFF FOSTER**

For 4 consecutive years Jeff has been on the list of the world's 100 Most Spiritually Influential Living People, published by Watkins Mind Body Spirit Magazine (2014). He has published 5 well received books in over six languages. His latest book "Falling In Love With Where You Are" was published in 2013.

Jeff speaks in a very clear and simple way about the journey of awakening and self-realization. He presently holds meetings, retreats and private one-to-one sessions around the world, gently but directly pointing people back to the deep acceptance inherent in the present moment. He points to a discovery of who you really are, beyond all thoughts and judgments about yourself, even in the midst of the stress and struggle of modern day living and intimate relationships.

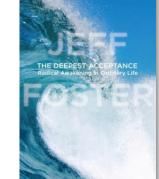
His teaching style is direct and uncompromising and yet full of humanity, humour and compassion. He believes that freedom is everybody's birth right. He belongs to no tradition or lineage, and makes his teaching accessible to all.

## JEFF'S BOOKS & CD'S

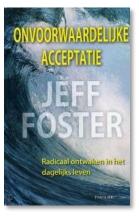
All books underneath are sold at the retreat, but can also be ordered now by sending an e-mail to menno@freeflowevents.nl.

For reviews and content of books, please visit Jeff's website book page. Click on books.









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Free delivery <u>within The Netherlands</u> on orders over € 20. Below this amount delivery costs are € 2.

Delivery costs <u>to the rest of Europe</u> are € 6 on orders over € 20. Below this amount delivery costs are € 8.

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# TRAVEL INFORMATION

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IN YOUR TRAVEL PLANNING PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE VENUE IS ACCESSIBLE ONLY FROM 16:30 HOURS ON THE DAY OF ARRIVAL!

# By car to Huize Elisabeth:

(Press Ctrl and) click on HuizeElisabeth for your personal Google Maps directions to the venue.

# By car from an airport near Huize Elisabeth:

Distance - estimated travel time:

- 155 km 1¾ hours → from Düsseldorf Airport (D)
- 180 km 1¾ hours → from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (NL)
- 155 km 2 hours → from Airport Weeze (D)
- 195 km 2 hours → from Eindhoven Airport (NL)
- 200 km 2 hours → from Cologne Bonn Airport (D)

#### By carpool to Huize Elisabeth:

On your registration form you will be able to indicate whether you like to be part of a carpool to the venue, as a driver or as a passenger. About a week before the start of the event the carpool list, with contact details of all drivers and potential passengers, will be e-mailed to the participants who have shown interest, so they can contact each other to arrange transportation.

#### By public transport to Huize Elisabeth:

• From The Netherlands, please consult: <a href="http://9292.nl">http://9292.nl</a>

• From Belgium, please consult: www.belgianrail.be

• From Germany, please consult: www.bahn.de

• From France, please consult: www.voyages-sncf.com

The nearest **train** station to Huize Elisabeth is called **Oldenzaal**, a town at 12 km distance. And although there are buses from Oldenzaal station, all together using public transport to the venue appears to be quite time consuming unfortunately.

Of course a **taxi** from Oldenzaal station to Huize Elisabeth is possible. It will take about 15 minutes and the costs should be € 33 at most. *Booking ahead is very much recommended!* 

Local taxi companies available: Taxi Oldenzaal: +31 (0)541 535 662, info@taxi-oldenzaal.nl

Taxi Brookhuis: +31 (0)541 514 444, info@taxibrookhuis.nl