

# Sri Vraja-mandala Parikrama 2008

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"Today or tomorrow this worthless material body will leave me, and all the material happiness connected with it will also leave. Because material happiness is temporary, it should be understood to be only a mirage of real happiness. O my mind, please abandon this false happiness and enjoy the real, eternal happiness of devotional service within the land of Vrindavan."

(Srila Prabhodhananda Sarasvati's *Sri Vrindavan-mahimamrta*, Sataka 1, Text 24)

"Where do all people automatically and effortlessly obtain pure ecstatic love for Krsna? Where does the Supreme Personality of Godhead manifest His supremely wonderful pastime form? Where is the empire of the bliss of devotional service to Krsna's lotus feet manifest? O brother, listen as I will tell you a secret. All this is present here in Vrindavan."

(Srila Prabhodhananda Sarasvati's *Sri Vrindavan-mahimamrta*, Sataka 1, Text 47)

"Vrindavan is wonderful. The two sweet fair and dark splendors, named Radha and Krsna are wonderful. Pure love for Their lotus feet is wonderful. He who has faith in Them and rises to the spiritual world is wonderful. The rare soul who understands these truths is wonderful."

(Srila Prabhodhananda Sarasvati's *Sri Vrindavan-mahimamrta*, Sataka 1, Text 57)

Dear Devotees,

We would like to invite all of you to attend the festival of Sri Vraja-mandala Parikrama 2008, organized under the auspices of *om visnupada* Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja.

For more than half a century, Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja has conducted this annual parikrama, humbly facilitating and nourishing fortunate pilgrims from all parts of India, as well as from many other countries, with his beautiful *hari-katha*.

Sri Vraja-mandala Parikrama 2008 will start on 14 October and end on 13 November. There will be *kirtanas*, lectures on *Sri Damodarastakam*, *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, *Sri Caitanya-caritamrta* and other *bhakti* literatures, as well as *darsanas* of the famous pastime-places in Vraja-mandala.

We cordially invite everyone to come and join this beautiful festival, which is always an unforgettable, unbelievable transcendental experience, and hear the unprecedented *hari-katha*.

For those who are so fortunate to stay the entire month, a minimum contribution of Rs. 6500 is required, in order to help cover the basic *parikrama* expenses throughout this month, thus enabling you to use the simple accommodations and general facilities, travel on the buses and honor the delicious *maha-prasadam*.

For further information regarding facilities, hotels in Vrindavan and Govardhan, transportation from Delhi and so forth, please see website posted on [www.purebhakti.com/parikrama](http://www.purebhakti.com/parikrama). Please forward your attendance details, preferably by e-mail, as soon as possible to [brajanath@gmail.com](mailto:brajanath@gmail.com) or [vrindadidi@gmail.com](mailto:vrindadidi@gmail.com)

If, by destiny, you are not able to come to Vrindavan this year:

"He who yearns to attain the sweetness of pure love in Vrindavan, but by destiny is forced to live elsewhere, laments and always remembers Vrindavan, beautiful with splendid groves where Sri Sri Radhika-Krsna enjoy pastimes. He meditates on entering Vrindavan and thinks "Now I am serving the divine couple".

(Srila Prabhodhananda Sarasvati's *Sri Vrindavan-mahimamrta*, Sataka 1, Text 75)