



Prana Healing Holidays

AYURVEDA : The key to a long life free from disease and pain

I first traveled from Sydney to the very bottom of India in search of an Ayurvedic Doctor as part of my 25 year exhaustive search to find some physical relief from an undiagnosed muscular and neurological disorder.

I had first gone to do teachings with His Holiness, The Dalai Lama at his home in Dharamsala in the foothills of the Himalayas. Sitting in his Temple alongside thousands of monks and Tibetans I felt both intense joy and sadness when I realised that I was having a miscarriage after discovering I was pregnant only one hour before departure from home 19 days prior.

So after 12 excruciating days, a second hair raising 13 hour bus ride back to Delhi plus a plane trip and crazy tuk tuk rides, I arrived in the paradise resort town of Kovalam in the state of Kerala to find “my” Doctor.

Kerala is the source of Ayurveda medicine, formed over 5,000 years ago. It is the oldest and most holistic medical system available on the planet today, and is a world medicine dealing with both body and spirit. It is said that Ayurveda is not just a medicinal science, but a complete and comprehensive system for a healthy and long life.

I experienced the profound healing of Ayurveda after being recommended to see Dr. Aju George BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) by Vim from Switzerland who was staying at my Hotel. He said that Dr. George had cured him of his agonising Sciatica Nerve pain when his doctors back home had given up. Vim’s problem was gone after only 14 days of treatment, and now this is his third year returning to Dr. George for a 10 day “tune-up”. Now in his mid-40’s, Vim says that his body is like when he was 12 years old again.

In order to treat all illnesses and disease Dr. George first eliminates toxins from the body using *Panchakarma*, Ayurveda’s primary purification and detoxification treatment. This is a series of five therapies that help remove deep rooted stress and illness causing toxins from the body while balancing the doshas (energies that govern all biological functions) over a 14 day period.

Dr. George specialises in rejuvenative Ayurvedic Panchakarma Therapy, Kayakalpa Therapy and special treatments and has successfully practiced these methods for over a decade. He has a BA in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery from the University of Kerala, one of the most famous Ayurvedic academies in the world, and travels extensively to Western countries to introduce and help popularise Ayurvedic Therapy and conduct Ayurvedic treatment programmes.

I had tried almost every type of treatment, seeking both conventional and non-conventional medicine with little success. Yet after just one week of treatment with Dr. George, the inflammation was taken out of my body, and this was something that no specialist had been able to do in my 25 year search, let alone considering the state my body was in at the time.

While being treated by Dr. George in his beach front clinic I asked him a question that he is asked by many people from around the world, “**How and why do we get sick?**”

“According to Ayurveda we see that specific disease conditions are symptoms of an underlying imbalance, and perhaps the most important lesson Ayurveda has to teach is that our health is up to us,” explained Dr. George.

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“No matter where you live, every day of our lives, we can and do choose either health or illness. When we choose wisely, nature rewards us with health and happiness. When we persistently choose unwisely, nature, in her wisdom, eventually sets us straight: She makes us sick and gives us a chance to rest and rethink our choices.”

Dr. George says that “although Ayurvedic treatment looks to give relief of symptoms; its main focus however is on the big picture: to restore balance and to help you create a healthy lifestyle so that the imbalance or disease won’t occur again.”

Ayurveda – “Knowledge of Life

Ayurveda is an ancient science that covers many healing systems utilising herbal medicines and herbal oil massage plus considers climatic suitability, colours, diet, yoga, meditation, plus emotional and mental balance.

The Three Primary Life Forces in the Body relate to the three humors of air, fire and water. These three principle elements govern the growth, and decay of the human body. Whenever any of these three go out of ratio, or balance, then diseases start to appear in the body.

The air element governs inhalation, exhalation, movements, discharges, impulses and the human senses. The fire element deals with hunger, thirst, digestion, excretion, body warmth and circulation. It also relates to the body strength, energy, youth, intelligence and executive abilities. The water element controls the stability, lubrication, movements, body luster, digestive tract, glands and fluids of the body.

“With all patients, before treatment I first analyse their constitution to understand the body’s balance; it is also helpful if a patient has any previous doctor’s findings and scans. We then commence treatment using herbal medicines and 2 therapies a day,” says Dr. George.

“I also teach a patient to become familiar with their own body type, so it is up to them also to bring balance to their body through the food they eat and how they eat them, plus incorporate practices such as daily exercise, rest and massage, and five-sense therapies utilising colour, aroma, taste, touch, and sounds.”

How does Ayurvedic Treatment work?

Everybody has all three energies, though people experience each of them to a greater or lesser degree. Ayurveda can be a mirror that reflects our true nature and maps out the path for a return to the lives of vitality that we are meant to have.

Panchakarma is administered over a period of 14 days and the selection of the purification method depends up on the condition of the patient’s health and illness.

Why do you need 14 days for treatment?

Each human body is prone to diseases according to our fast life. We live in a world of experiencing stress, polluted environments, unhealthy food, and also use of medicines. Some people are more genetically prone to diseases; therefore toxins accumulate in the body from birth onwards. We may even experience toxins as early as through our mother’s milk due to her consumption of chemical medicines.

According to Ayurveda, there are many channels in the body. When toxins accumulate in these channels, the flow of healthy nutrition to the body tissue is blocked. Certain parts of the body may not get enough circulation due to diminished flow. Some parts of the body may need more nutritive factors for the tissues to function, and as a result they become over functioning or less functioning.

This happens over a long period of time and the symptoms will appear in or on the body as diseases; we can cure it by Ayurvedic medicines and massage treatments that eliminate the toxins to make the channels more clear to support the flow of different nutritive tissues.

Toxins are in different parts of the body and to eliminate that first the correct purification technique is chosen according to the disease and the nature of the body type. The body's vessels are dilated by the warming and oiling effect through massage and the use of special herbal massage oils create a flow of nutrition throughout the body.

After several days of treatment the toxins are eliminated out by the *Panchakarma* purification techniques, and the following days are used to heal where the channels of the body are purified and the tissues are getting more nutrition so they start to function in a healthy way.

Medicines are continued after the treatment to keep the process for longer. Therefore one of the concepts of Ayurveda is that after a minimum of 14 days the body gets its energy back to restore its nutrition and health, and then the healthy process continues.

Written by *Alison Holland*.

Alison and Bibin set up *Prana Healing Holidays* to work with Dr. George and help guests travel to Kovalam to receive Ayurvedic treatment, plus experience a fun and relaxing holiday that will enhance your life and give you the gift of profound healing and rejuvenation. You will not longer need to visit your specialists on a regular basis and can live a pain free life.

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Ask Dr. George any questions regarding Ayurvedic treatments and illness at <http://pranahealingholidays.blogspot.com>