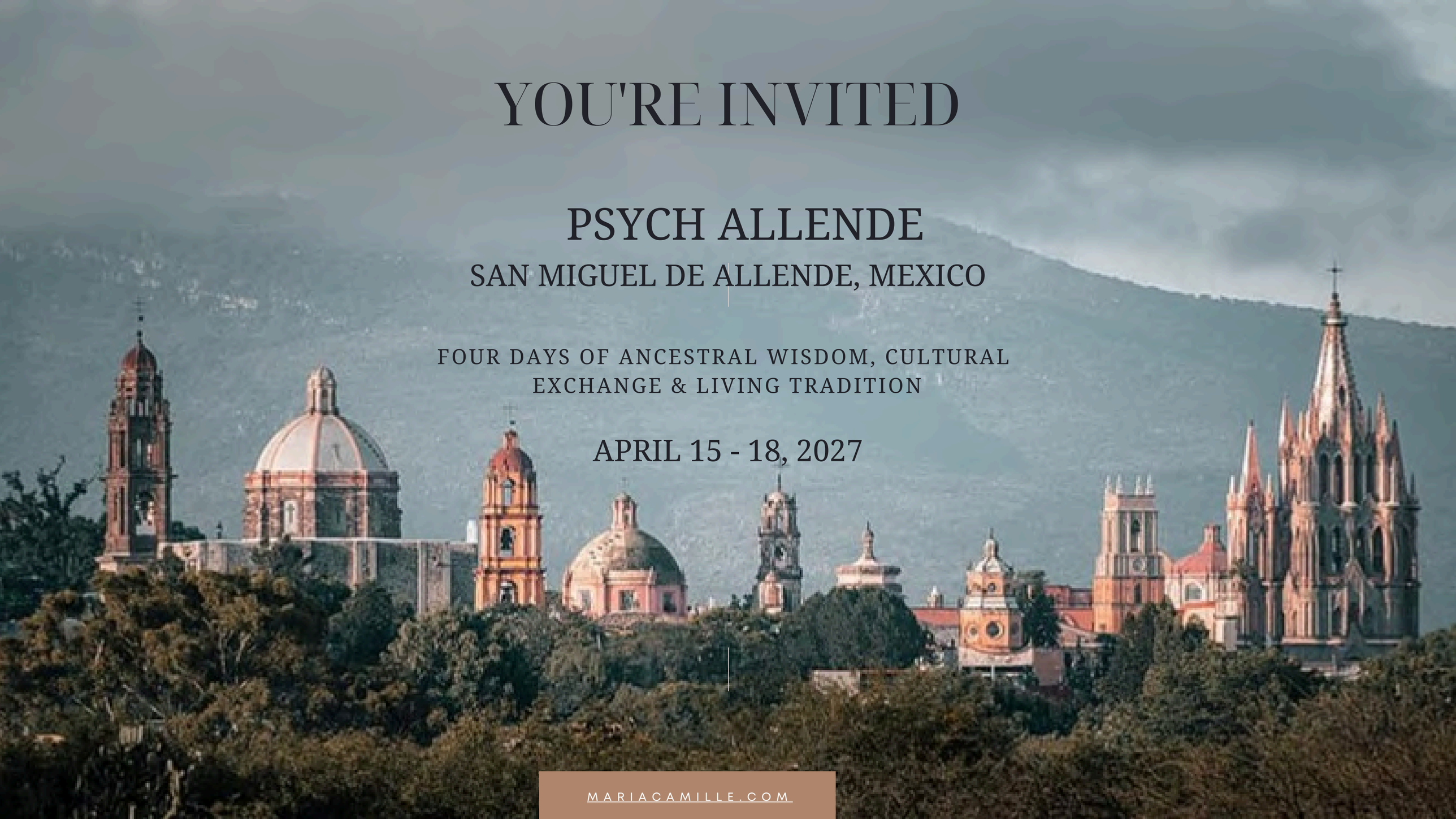


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PSYCH ALLENDE

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO

FOUR DAYS OF ANCESTRAL WISDOM, CULTURAL EXCHANGE & LIVING TRADITION

APRIL 15 - 18, 2027

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A PERSONAL WELCOME
Why We Are Gathering

For years, I've watched the world of psychedelic practice grow, bringing new research, training programs, protocols and professional approaches.
All of this has its place.

But I've also wondered whether, in our enthusiasm to develop new methods, we sometimes overlook the cultures and living traditions that have carried different forms of wisdom across generations.

That question inspired Psych Allende.

I hope you can join us!

Maria Camille and
The Church of the Sacred Plants



THE GATHERING

For psychedelic facilitators and integration professionals, Psych Allende offers an opportunity to deepen the understanding you bring to your work — exploring perspectives on human experience, cultural traditions, embodied awareness, and meaning-making that can enrich the way you accompany others through transformative journeys.

At the heart of Psych Allende are two remarkable Mexican teachers: **Mayra Armijo Ugalde and Marisela Ugalde Velázquez de León (Abuela Marisela).**

Their work brings together Mesoamerican philosophy, cosmology, ancestral knowledge, ritual, movement and living traditions that reach far beyond today's psychedelic movement.

Through teaching circles, conversation and shared experiences, participants will explore questions that conventional training programs seldom address.





THE EXPERIENCE

Psych Allende is not envisioned as a conference — and it isn't quite a retreat.

It’s a gathering.

A few days away from conference rooms and ordinary schedules, where people can sit together in gardens and beneath open skies, share beautiful meals, experience ceremony and movement, work with horses, and learn directly from people whose knowledge comes not simply from study, but from lineage and lived tradition.

That makes it an unusually fitting home for Psych Allende — because this gathering is also being imagined outside the usual boundaries of what a psychedelic event is supposed to look like.

We envision mornings beginning over breakfast outdoors. Teaching circles beneath the trees. Time with the horses. Small-group conversations in the gardens. Beautiful lunches prepared by some of San Miguel's excellent food providers. Afternoon experiences, movement and workshops. Evenings gathering around food, fire, ceremony and performance.

You can take part in a traditional Temazcal with ceremonial practitioners. Even a full circus apparatus suspended above the horse-training area.

There is a sense of imagination everywhere — but also extraordinary attention to how people will actually experience the land.



LEARNING FROM THE SOURCE

Marisela Ugalde Velázquez de León

An Elder Voice of Mexican Ancestral Tradition

Marisela Ugalde Velázquez de León, affectionately known as Abuela Marsiela, is recognized as a guardian of Mexican ancestral tradition. Her vocation has been to recover and transmit the wisdom of plant medicines, warrior women (Cihuateteo), and the philosophies of pre-Hispanic Mexico, bringing them into modern practice and daily life.

She is the creator of Xilam Mexican Arts, a unique martial system and philosophy of life that draws from ancestral knowledge to cultivate emotional strength, resilience, and human development.

Her work is spontaneous, inspiring, and warrior-like, blending art, philosophy, and tradition into a system that has impacted generations. In recognition of her lifelong contributions, Marsiela received an Honorary Doctorate in Mexican Tradition from Tamaulipas State College (2021).

Through her teaching, writing, and presence, Abuela Marsiela embodies the essence of ancestral wisdom — a living bridge between Mexico’s past and the facilitators and healers of the future.



LEARNING FROM THE SOURCE

Mayra Armijo Ugalde (Tonalpoulque)

Researcher, Teacher & Keeper of Cultural Knowledge

Mayra Armijo Ugalde is a researcher, teacher, and cultural bearer dedicated to the ancestral wisdom of Mesoamerica.

Rooted in the lineage of the time keepers, she specializes in Aztec Astrology, Pre-Hispanic symbology, psychology, and philosophy, applying these traditions in contexts of therapy, education, business, and social transformation.

Her work integrates plant medicine traditions, ritual practice, and ancestral knowledge with modern frameworks, offering a bridge between ancient cosmology and contemporary healing.

Mayra is an artist, author, columnist, lecturer, and producer whose work safeguards and shares the values, traditions, and spiritual philosophies of her lineage.

Her teachings offer participants an opportunity to explore unfamiliar ways of understanding time, personal patterns, ancestry and the larger world.



Anticipated Teachings & Experiences Related to Psychedelic Therapy

Mesoamerican Cosmology & Philosophy
Explore traditional perspectives on the natural world, cycles of life, human responsibility and our relationship with the larger cosmos.

Symbolism, Archetypes & the Traditional Calendar
Discover how symbolic systems and ancestral concepts of time have been used to explore personality, relationships, life passages and patterns of human experience.

The Body as a Sacred Landscape
Explore the relationship between movement, awareness, posture and traditional understandings of energy through selected practices inspired by Xilam and other ancestral teachings.

Ancestry, Identity & Personal Patterns
Consider how family histories, inherited beliefs and cultural narratives influence the ways we understand ourselves and our place in the world.



Bringing The Teachings Into Life

Story, Ceremony & Cultural Context
Explore the role of storytelling, sacred space, symbolism and ceremonial traditions in transmitting knowledge across generations.

Movement & Embodied Learning
Selected guided practices offer opportunities to explore ideas physically rather than only intellectually.

Ethics, Respect & Cultural Exchange
How can contemporary practitioners learn from ancestral traditions without reducing them to techniques or claiming authority they have not earned? We'll consider the importance of context, attribution, relationships, permission and responsible cultural exchange.

Reflection & Integration
Throughout the gathering, participants will have opportunities to reflect on what they are learning and consider how these perspectives may inform their own lives and professional work.
The aim is not to reproduce another culture's practices, but to deepen understanding through respectful encounter.

PSYCH ALLENDE LOCATION
RANCHO KHEPRI

Just outside San Miguel de Allende, Rancho Khepri is an evolving countryside gathering place with a personality entirely its own.

Horses, gardens, artistic spaces, open skies and an unconventional creative spirit make this a setting unlike a traditional conference venue.

The property includes equestrian activities, outdoor gathering areas and a temazcal. Additional facilities, including a restaurant, are being developed.

Rancho Khepri's founder, Desiree, has brought an imaginative vision to the property, creating opportunities for art, performance, community and unusual gatherings.

For Psych Allende, this environment offers a place where conversation can continue beyond the formal teaching sessions.

A walk beneath the trees. An unexpected exchange. A quiet moment looking across the countryside.

Sometimes the most memorable learning happens between the scheduled events.



YOUR GATHERING PASS

Psych Allende Gathering Pass: $895 USD per person

The gathering pass provides access to the main four-day educational program, including scheduled teachings, group learning experiences and community gatherings.

Included in the gathering pass:

- The scheduled educational program with our Mexican teachers
- Group learning sessions and planned experiential practices
- Opening and closing gatherings
- Access to designated gathering areas at Rancho Khepri during program hours

Not included: (Control your own budget)

- Accommodation
- Meals and beverages
- Flights and other travel expenses
- Airport transfers and transportation to Rancho Khepri
- Optional activities or experiences offered outside the main program
- Personal expenses

Details about registration, payment, cancellations and participation requirements will be provided before a reservation is finalized.







PLANNING YOUR VISIT — ESTIMATED COSTS

Make Your Visit Your Own

One of the pleasures of visiting San Miguel de Allende is the variety of places to stay. Participants may prefer to be close to the gathering, enjoy a countryside property or stay in the historic city itself.

We want participants to have the flexibility to make this gathering fit their own travel preferences and budget.

Psych Allende Gathering Pass: $895 USD

Additional estimated expenses:

- **Accommodations: $60–$150 per night**
- **Meals and beverages: approximately $40 per day**
- **Flights and airport transfers: depend on your departure city and travel arrangements**
- **Transportation to Rancho Khepri: shuttle details and any applicable costs will be provided**
- **Optional experiences: priced separately when confirmed**

For four nights and four days, the gathering pass, accommodations and meals would total approximately $1,295–$1,655 USD per person, before travel, transportation and optional activities.
These are planning estimates, not guaranteed rates. Participants are welcome to choose accommodations that suit their preferences and budgets.













OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES & PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

Beyond the Main Program

Depending on final arrangements, participants may have opportunities to explore additional experiences connected with Rancho Khepri and the surrounding region.

These could include selected activities involving the ranch, traditional wellness practices or other cultural experiences. Optional activities are not automatically included in the gathering pass and may require separate arrangements, additional payment or eligibility review.

A Note About the Peyote Ceremony

A traditional peyote ceremony is planned, but it is not part of the guaranteed Psych Allende program.

This additional offering depends on appropriate Indigenous ceremonial leadership, legal requirements, conservation considerations, participant eligibility and final arrangements.

Participants should not make travel decisions on the assumption that this experience will be available.





TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Air Travel

The principal airport options are:

- Querétaro International Airport (QRO) - (One hour from San Miguel)
- Bajío International Airport, near León (BJX) - (One and a half hours from San Miguel)
- Mexico City International Airport (MEX) - Bus travel is approximately 5 hours to San Miguel.

BajiGo is the shuttle of choice from QRO or BJX. They are very reliable and have been in business for over 20 years.

Getting to Rancho Khepri

There will be shuttle service daily from San Miguel to Rancho Khepri - morning and evening.

Travel Planning

International visitors should check current passport, immigration and entry requirements for their nationality before booking travel.

We recommend arriving with enough time to settle in before the opening gathering on April 15.



READY TO JOIN US?

Whatever brings you here, we invite you to begin a conversation.

To express your interest in attending:

Email **maria@mariacamille.com**

Once the participation process is completed and your reservation is confirmed, you'll receive further planning information.


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LET'S DO THIS !