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Your Retreat Planner Checklist will give you a clear timeline to follow to no how to plan, promote and prepare to lead your dream retreat.

Follow it carefully and you are guaranteed to lead a successful and profitable retreat that will make a deep impact on all of your participants.

12 months - The Idea Stage

This is the time to envision your retreat and brainstorm ideas about how you want your retreat to be.

Create the vision for your retreat.
Sit down and visualize how your retreat will feel, the location, venue, activities and who your ideal
participants will be. This is crucial to set the tone for every step to follow. Keep coming back to your
vision if you get stuck at any step along the way to leading your retreat. Write out your vision:

• Set the goals for your retreat.

What are the goals you have for this retreat? Is your goal to make a profound impact for your participants? To share a powerful experience with your clients? To deepen your connection with your participants? To make a nice sum of money? All of the above? List your overall goals for your retreat:

12 months - The Idea Stage continued

• Set the goals for your retreat con't. a. Goal for your participants. What do you want your retreat participants to get out of coming on your retreat? What will they learn? What will be their take away after the retreat? What are the realizations you would like to see them have? b. Goal for your business. How do you want your retreat to impact your business? Do you want to attract new clients through your retreat? Or deepen relationships with existing clients? Do you want to branch out and expand your services by offering retreats? Do you want to add another source of income for your business? c. Goal for you, professionally and personally. What are your professional goals for this retreat? To step up your leadership skills? To uplevel yourself as a successful entrepreneur? To take your coaching skills to the next level with the level of intimacy that a retreat provides? • Determine the transformation you want your participants to take away from your retreat. What is the transformation you want for your retreat participants? What is the benefit they are looking for by coming on this retreat? How can you change the life of your client by them attending this retreat?

12 months - The Idea Stage continued

• Identify your ideal retreat participants. One of the most important steps to filling your dream retreat is knowing exactly who are your ideal

participants. Your ideal retreat participant may not be the same as your ideal coaching client. Identify ех

actly who they are.
Gender
Profession or how they identify themselves, i.e., moms, single, entrepreneurs, etc.
Age range
Income level
Hobbies and interests
Religion/Spiritual
Where and how they live (big city, rural, apartment, home owner, etc.)
Create an avatar for your ideal retreat participant. Name (create a name for him/her)
Write a short description or bio for your retreat participant avatar
12 months - Creating Your Retreat
Pick the destination for your retreat. Now that you have your vision and goals identified, you want to pick a location that aligns with them.

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Pick your location based on the desires of your potential retreat clients, not your bucket list destination. List the top three locations for your retreat and their pros and cons, then circle the one that aligns the most with your retreat vision.

Location 1)_____ **Pros** Cons

• Pick the destination for your retreat con't. Location 2) **Pros** Cons Location 3) **Pros Cons** Now that you have listed the pros and cons of your retreat location, which is the obvious winner? Perfect Location • Choose and confirm the venue; hotel, retreat center, house rental. Will you choose a hotel which could be an all inclusive resort or small boutique hotel, or an established retreat center, or possibly rent an entire house through Air BnB? Think about the feel of each venue option and keeping your retreat goal and vision in mind, which type of venue is best for your retreat? Write which you have chosen and why.

Decide on any tours and activities for the What tours and activities (like cooking or art class them all below. Which ones align with the vision are participants will enjoy and will support the theme of Tours	sses) are available in the area of your retreat? List nd goal of your retreat? Pick ones that your
retreat? How about before the retreat, will you have organizing, website design or enrollment? You may	y do it all yourself if you prefer too.
Equipment and supplies What equipment and supplies will you need to public whiteboard, easel, sound system, arts and crafts su	purchase or rent for your retreat? Such as
• Insurance and legal. Will you have your participants sign a liability wa the hotel or venue contract? Will you get travel institutes will you need for your retreat?	

• Create a budget and set the price. Now that you have finalized all of the expenses of your retreat, create your budget in a spreadsheet and then set your price adding at least a 15-25% profit margin.
What is the cost per person for your retreat?
 Set the itinerary. Create a day to day schedule for your retreat. Here is an example for one day of a retreat itinerary: Day 1 7:00 am yoga 8:30 am breakfast 9:30 am content discussion 12:30 pm lunch 1:30 pm tour to local cultural spot 6:30 pm dinner at local restaurant 8:00 pm sharing circle and guided meditation
Create the itinerary for your retreat (Even if you don't know the exact times and activities, play around with creating your itinerary and I guarantee it will give you great clarity for your retreat.)
<u>Day 1</u>
<u>Day 2</u>

Day 4
Day 4
<u>Day 5</u>
Build a webpage with payment options.
Every retreat will need a website presence that you can refer your potential participants to so they
see all the details, itinerary, dates and price. You can have a dedicated retreat page on your busir site or you can build a stand alone website for your retreat.
Will you have a webpage on your business site or a stand alone website for your retreat?
Decide how you will take payments.
You can set yourself up with PayPal, get a merchant account to take credit cards, Eventbrite or eve e people mail in checks. Which method will you use?

- Announce your retreat to the world and open enrollment.
 Woo Hoo! You have everything in place now to announce your website to the world!
- Create a marketing plan to promote and fill your retreat.

You are only limited by your imagination in how you will spread the word to fill your retreat. Below is a list of possible ways for you to attract your ideal retreat participants. Put a check mark beside each one you plan to use and the date you plan to use it.

	Yes/no	Date
1. Email to your existing email list		
2. Public speaking		
3. Facebook Lives		
4. Instagram		
5. YouTube		
6. Blogs (Yours &/or guest blogging)		
7. Podcast (Yours &/or guest interviews)		
8. Radio & internet radio interviews		
9. Magazine articles & interviews		
10. Meetup groups (Yours &/or other people's)		
11. Webinar		
12 JV & referral partners		
13. List on retreat websites		
14.Facebook ads		
15. Magazine ads		
16. Other paid advertising		

6-9 months - Filling Your Retreat

 Focus on promoting your retreat. Keep promoting your retreat if you are not sold out yet. List which methods spread the word about your retreat. 	you will keep using to

6-9 months - Filling Your Retreat

ctivities? Now is t	b arrange airport transfers to he time to pay any deposits t ortation needs and the name	o confirm all your transporta	tion needs on your retreat.
Will you need to	o arrange airport transfers to	your venue? How about shu	
Contract for a	any transportation service	es you will provide.	
List the meals y Breakfast	ou will provide and make a cl	heck mark if you have come (L unch	up with a menu. Dinner
nenu being aware	you might have special dieta	ry requirements from your p	articipants.
estaurant? If so, n	ow is the time to come up with a you are planning in hiring a l	th a sample menu that fits yo	ur budget with the hotel or
	any meals you may provid any meals on your retreat? '		be able to order from a
	nembers, if any, you will hire t		
	e to hire them and get them i		emails and promotion?

6-9 months - Filling Your Retreat

Method of travel	Confirmation code	ode and times here. Date and time
6 months Einslizing D	<u>atails</u>	
6 months - Finalizing D	etalis	
Now is the time to get in touc tes and number of people on	d activities, make any necessary pay th with your venue, tour operators and a your retreat and make any final payment a check after you have contacted each o	ctivity leaders to confirm your
Vendor name	Confirmed	Date
	nt pooded for your retreat i.e. mic	crophone, white board,
Arrange for any equipme sound system, etc.	Tit Heeded for your retreat, i.e., fille	
sound system, etc. Make a list of all the equipment	nt you will need for your retreat and note	
sound system, etc. Make a list of all the equipment	•	
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3-6 months - Finalizing Details

• Collect final payments from participants.

By 3 months out from your retreat, you should collect all the payments from your participants. That way you have all the money you need to make all your final payments for all your retreat expenses so you do not have to think about the money while leading your retreat.

List the names of the participants who still ow Pasticipant name	Date
•	cipant, i.e., diet, medical issues, emergency
contact, etc.	
	n for each of your participants. Send out a form for
em to fill out their information for you.	
Here is an example of the questions to ask:	
1. Legal name (as on passport)	
2. Passport number (if traveling internation	ally)
3. Emergency contact name and phone n	numbers
	d mobility, etc.)
	.c.)
	ciency, hiking endurance, etc.)
You can also ask questions pertaining to the	•
the contract of the contract o	
8. Years practicing yoga	
9. Have you ever communicated with an	

10. **Do you get seasick?**

And so on.

3-6 months - Finalizing Details

• Send out and collect liability waivers for participants. It is a good idea to have each of your participants sign a liability waiver for the time they will be on the retreat. Consult your attorney to create a safe liablity waiver for you.

Waiver created Yes/No	Date sent to participants

• Send out packing list and travel info to participants.

Make it easy for your participants, create a packing list of things to bring on the retreat. Send them out any travel info details, such as where to meet you on the first day, address of the venue, etc.

Write the dates of each

Packing list created	Packing list sent	
Travel info written	Travel info sent	
	reat if you have any open spaces. Ontinue promoting your retreat if needed.	

• Make sure your participants have booked their travel to the location. Check with each of your participants to make sure they have booked their travel to the location and answer any questions they may have about booking their travel.

Write the date you will contact each of your participants.

Date contacted	

1-3 months - Preparing to Lead Your Retreat

•	Finalize the itinerary and create a daily schedule for you and the participants.
	Go over your itinerary and make any adjustments you may need and send to participants.

Date itinerary is revised	
Date sent to participants _	

1-3 months - Preparing to Lead Your Retreat

	u still need to make to your vendors and the	
Vendor	Amount due	Date paid
Now it's time to write t	you will present at the retreat. The content you will deliver at your retreat. St In with bullet points and then fill in the details	•
Content outline	Date completed	
Content bullet poin	ts	
Content details		
It is great to give a gift	er a gift for each participant, i.e., journa c, even if small and inexpensive to each of you ft and order it so it will arrive in time for your	r retreat participants. Now is the
Gift	Purchased/Ordered	Arrival date
to create connection Select a date, time and	d method, such as Zoom, teleconference, Sky	
	our retreat participants. Time	Method
Call date	Time	

1-3 months - Preparing to Lead Your Retreat

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r group's arrival.
confirmed, but it is always a good idea to do a
are ready and have everything they need from
heck in
dy to pack in your suitcase.

2-4 weeks - Finalizing the Details

: the supplies you need to purchas Name of supply	Date purchased
	•
Create a packing list for yours	self.
1 0	our participants and add anything else you need as the retreat
der.	
Here area few suggestions:	
Clothes	
Raincoat, jacket, sun hat, sun	glasses
	, etc
Personal toiletries	
Medicines, sun screen	
	self
Camera	
Gift for participants	
Supplies, equipment & handou	ıts
Passport	
Music for your room &/or to sh	nare with group
	d space in your room
Line up any at home care you	u will need for your family and/or pets, plants, etc.
	r while you are away? How about someone to water your plar
Care giver	Date contacted

2-4 weeks - Finalizing the Details

• Make sure your participants have everything they need and questions answered. Check in with all of your participants to make sure they are all set to go on your retreat and see if there are any last minute questions. **Check in date** Final check in 1-2 weeks - Getting ready to depart • Tune back in to your vision and goals, refocus on why you wanted to lead the retreat. Take a moment to get quiet and tune back into the original vision you had for your retreat. See how it feels now that it is almost ready to happen. See if you receive any new insights for your retreat. Reflect on what you saw and felt when you tuned back into your retreat vision. Make any last minute purchases. What's missing from your packing list? Do you have enough shampoo or deoderant? Now is the last opportunity to pick up the final items for your retreat. You don't want to worry about finding the time to go shopping while on your retreat. **Date purchased** Item Start packing. Date packed Suitcase packed _____ Arrange your ride to the airport._____

1-2 weeks - Getting ready to depart

• Arrange your ride to the airport. Make final arrangements to get to the airport, train station or start packing your car if you are driving to the retreat destination. Will you be using long term parking, Uber or Lyft, shuttle van or having a family member or friend take you to the airport? Method to get to airport **Date booked** 1-5 days - You Are Almost There! • Keep breathing and channel your excitement into productive time management this last week By now you should have almost everything ready to go for your retreat. It is important to take care of yourself and stay focused on your goal of providing a deep transformational experience on your retreat. Reflect on your thoughts and feelings only a few days away from leading your retreat. Honor and acknowledge any fears and doubts that may come up and let them go, because YOU GOT THIS! Set your voicemail and email auto-responders letting people know you will be away. Set your auto-responders **Date set** Notify your bank and credit cards if you are traveling internationally. List your bank and credit cards and the date you set your travel alerts. **Bank or CC** Date set

Departure Day – Here You Go!

	sure you packed everythir e sure you have not forgotten	0,	our retreat.
breath, grab your bags and	n. have been dreaming of and place tickets and away you go! Let o be traveling to your retreat o	the magic begin!	nere. Take a deep
and remember that they ar arrive. Your job is to set the	o meet and welcome each of ye excited and may be nervouse tone for the retreat. To of being will you embody as yopen, calm, etc.	s, unsure and maybe even a	little scared as they
door to powerful transform	you have been so anxiously w ation for your participants. inders of your retreat goal, vis	-	·

During the Retreat - Stay in the Moment

F wor	Have fun and enjoy the retreat. Remember, you set the tone for everyone else. Remember to relax, play, laugh and enjoy the retreat alongside your participants. Don't overthink or ry about what is going to happen. Trust, breathe and enjoy. List some ways to remind yourself to have fun and enjoy the retreat.
outa exp can	Go with the flow of the retreat, allow and embrace the unexpected. Stuff happens and it is often completely out of your control. Weather, transportation delays, power ages, etc. Don't resist it. Use them to think out of the box to create an even more powerful erience than you had planned for your clients. Have some extra activities in your back pocket that you pull out if something unexpected disrupts your plans. Make a list of some extra activities you can offer is something changes your retreat plans.
	Allow for play and spontaneity. Oon't be afraid to get silly, laugh out loud, sing and play on your retreat. If you let yourself play, then are giving permission to all of your participants to play, laugh and get silly too.
F - -	Reflect on how you feel when you allow yourself to get silly, laugh and play.

• Trust your heart. Do not listen to self-doubt or fears.

It is perfectly normal for your doubts, worries and fears to pop up during your retreat. Acknowledge them, thank them for sharing, but do not buy into them. Do not waste any time on them at all. Keep focused on your participants and the fact that they believed in you enough to come on your retreat.

During the Retreat - Stay in the Moment

• Trust your heart. Do not listen to self-doubt or fears, continued. List some methods to release and move past any doubts, concerns or fears that come up.	
 Practice self-care to stay rested and energized. While on your retreat it is important to take care of yourself and keep your energy high and you need to be. Practicing self care and giving yourself time to relax and rejuvenate is critical what are leading your retreat. 	
List the methods you will use to take care of yourself. Examples, get a massage, soak in a homeditate, take a nap, listen to music, talk to your family or a close friend, read, etc.	ot bath,
Celebration – Celebrate Your Success!	
• Do something nice for yourself to celebrate the success of your retreat. i.e., sta extra days on location to enjoy your retreat location on your own, or with friend family. Have a spa day. Buy yourself something nice. Jot down some ideas of ways you will celebrate after your successful retreat.	•

Celebration - Celebrate Your Success!

adı	Honor yourself for all of your hard work. What are some ways that you can honor yourself for successfully leading your retreat? For example, ding 'Retreat Leader' to your bio and signature. Sharing in peer groups in person or online about your complishment. Posting a group photo of your retreat participants and you in your office. List some ways you can honor yourself for completing your successful retreat.
ret	Show gratitude to your team, associates and your participants. What are some ways you can show your gratitude to those who supported you in leading your reat? Buy your team and JV partners a little gift. Print out the group photo and send to your rticipants. Take your team to dinner. List some ideas of how you can show your gratitude to all those who made your retreat possible.
Aft	er the Retreat – Follow Up
• las	Collect video testimonials on the last day of the retreat. One of the best ways to entice people to your next retreat is for them to see testimonials from your tretreat. The best time to get these testimonials is on the last day of the retreat when they are excited distill in the glow of the retreat energy. You can also ask for written testimonials too. Will you ask your retreat participants for a testimonial? If so, will they be video or written?
	Send out post retreat content, photos and videos to keep the magic of the retreat flowing. A great way to keep the energy of the retreat flowing afterwards is to send out your best photos by a gital file or DropBox. You can make a video from the retreat on YouTube. You can hold group calls to

connect or deliver follow up content.

After the Retreat - Follow Up

 Send out post retreat content, photos and videos to keep the magic of t flowing, continued. 	he retreat
How will you keep the energy of your retreat flowing for your participants? List some	e ways below.
 Offer upsell or ongoing support to your participants. Will you be offering another retreat, membership group, mastermind or 1-on-1 coac VIP day to your retreat participants after or on the last day of the retreat? Think about what you could offer to your participants that would continue to support transformation they just experienced on your retreat. 	
 Stay connected as a group. Creating a Facebook group just for your retreat participants is a great way for you all connected after the retreat. You can also hold regular Zoom calls on a quarterly or mon Think of some ways you can support your participants to stay connected to each ot appears of the retreat. 	nthly basis.
energy of the retreat.	
 Send out a participant feedback survey. One of the best ways to get honest feedback from your participants about your retrection out an anonymous survey. This information can be very helpful to you in planning retreat. Survey Monkey is a great website where you can create a free 10 question survey? 	g your next

After the Retreat - Follow Up

•	Send out a participant feedback survey. Here are some sample survey questions: What did you gain/learn on this retreat?
	What did you experience and take away on this retreat that you could not get otherwise?
	What did you like most about the retreat? Is there anything you would have liked to see, do or experience differently on the retreat? What did you like most about your retreat leader?
	Would you go on another retreat with the retreat leader?
	Were your expectations for the retreat met? If not, why not? Is there anything that you did not like about the retreat or retreat leader?
	What was your biggest benefit from coming on this retreat? What would you tell somebody who is thinking about going on this retreat? Why should
th	ey go?
	Is there anything else you would like to share your experience on this retreat? List some of your own questions.
•	Start planning your next retreat!
	When, where what will your next retreat be about?
	Start writing out your ideas for your next retreat!



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