



The Saori Experience Retreat

February 12-18, 2024

SAORI weaving, garment construction, and more!

at the beautiful Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula, California.



Join us for a peaceful week of joyful weaving with friends.
Gift yourself a creative jump to your New Year!

- **Monday Feb 12: Welcome!** Arrive anytime after 10am and join us for lunch. After lunch, **Warp 'n get started weaving.**
- **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: Full immersive weaving days.** Immerse yourself in the flow of weaving and creating while enjoying the peaceful environment, with the community and inspiration of others.
- **Thursday evening: a special session on "The Art of SAORI Garment Making".** Show 'n share your cloth, find inspiration, and get ready to construct.
- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Construct your wearable.**
- **Sunday Feb 18: Brunch and Fashion Show!** Depart by 2pm.



Join us in sunny Temecula for an all-inclusive week!
6 nights of lodging, all meals, extra evening festivities, and
daily SAORI creativity.

7 days/ 6 nights - \$1846 based on dbl occupancy

Private room supplement - \$350

Book before Christmas and save \$100!

(See more details and answers to FAQs on the back)

Spots are very limited!
Contact Suzanne to register.
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More details and answers to frequently wondered questions

- **Viña de Lestonnac Retreat Center** is centrally located in the beautiful Temecula Valley Wine Country. It offers a relaxing atmosphere featuring exceptional locally grown food and breathtaking views. Check out their website. <https://www.lestonnacretreatcenters.com/vina>
- **Lodging and 3 meals/day** are included in the retreat pricing. Rooms are clean and simple, each with 2 twin beds and an ensuite bathroom. Rates are based on double occupancy, so bring a friend! You can have the room to yourself for a small supplement. Some rooms are up a short flight of stairs; there is no elevator. We'll help with your suitcase, don't worry. Special diet needs are joyfully accommodated; snacks and additional beverages are BYO and allowed. No smoking is permitted.
- **The studio space** is a large meeting room, with plenty of space for us all. It is safe and secure, and exclusive to our group. We will set up our looms on Monday, and have them in place through Thursday. We will then transition to our sewing machines on provided tables on Friday. If you live too far to bring your loom, let Suzanne know you need to borrow one. She'll also help arrange to borrow a sewing machine. **If you don't yet have a SAORI loom - now would be a great time to order one and pick it up at the Retreat! How fun is that?!**
- **Warps** - so many options! 1) bring your warp, 2) chose a warp on Monday, 3) discuss with Suzanne ahead of time, and pick up your custom warp on Monday, or 4) whatever else you want to do that I haven't thought of. Which brings up the topic of...
- **Weft material** and other fiber fun - bring some! Or buy a kit. Or use what I bring and we'll weigh it. Or whatever works for you. This is a joyful weaving retreat. No rules, no required set ups or pre-Retreat homework.
- After dinner, **Evenings** can be spent weaving, making art yarn, chit chatting, knitting sleeves to add to a woven garment (you knew I'd get that in!), getting inspired by others' work, simply hangin' out in the studio, perhaps with an adult beverage, or resting in your room. I have special plans for a couple of the evenings - surprises.
- **Garment making** will be awesome. You can use the cloth you just wove, or other creatively woven cloth that you bring with you. If this is not your first rodeo, i.e. you've been to a SAORI garment making workshop before, you can choose what to make and get help and guidance as/if needed. If this is your 1st opportunity to construct with creatively handwoven cloth, you can follow along as we all make a Sleeveless Duster/Casual Coat (Jacket) together.
- The **Fashion Show** will also be awesome! For those that were at The SAORI Experience in 2022, you know it is not a typical fashion show, as we may not all be typical models. But it is kinda fun to see everyone wearing her handwoven, hand constructed and sewn, fabulous, unique wearable! So be ready to join the fun, and I may even treat to mimosas. It is brunch, after all.
- And finally, **Special requests** are always considered. Want to join but can't make the whole week? Live really close by and prefer to "commute"? Want to arrive Sunday night prior and need a recommendation of where to stay? Need a ride from SAN airport? Just ask.

Still more questions?

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