

Yaakov's Gypsy & Jazz August 2026 Guitar Retreat

August 18 – August 24, 2026 At King's School, Rochester – England



What is included.

Daily Guitar Sessions (6+ hours per day)

You'll enjoy at least six hours a day of formal workshops with Yaakov Hoter and Michael Isabell (co-teacher and coach in Yaakov's Coaching Program), typically from 10 AM–1 PM and 4:00 PM–7:00 PM (with One full afternoon and evening free during the week)

Your workshop time will be a mix of learning and playing with the whole group, in small groups, and through one-on-one sessions with Yaakov. This flexible structure is designed to provide exactly what you need at every step, every day.

You'll find yourself jamming with Yaakov and friends throughout the day and evening.

First introduction: **Tuesday (Aug 18) afternoon**
Final session: **Sunday (Aug 23) evening**



The Location

The retreat takes place at **King's School, Rochester** (<https://kings-rochester.co.uk>), one of the oldest schools in England, set in the historic town of **Rochester**.



Accommodation (6 nights)

We'll be staying in a **dedicated building reserved exclusively for our group**, ensuring full privacy throughout the week. The building includes private student bedrooms, shared common areas for social time, and direct access to outdoor spaces.

Surrounding the building are a **swimming pool**, gardens, lawns, and open green areas — all available for our use. It's a calm, contained environment, ideal for focused learning, relaxed practice, and informal group playing.

All rooms are high-standard student rooms, recently renovated and renewed.

Check-in: Tuesday, Aug 18, from 10:00 AM
Check-out: Monday, Aug 24, by 10:00 AM



Meals

Three meals per day: **breakfast, lunch, and dinner**, are included.

Tea, coffee, beer, wine and cold drinks are available **throughout the day**.

Dietary requirements can be accommodated - Please let us know about any food restrictions you have so we can prepare accordingly.

Close Links to London

King's enjoys excellent transport links to London and beyond.

Rochester Train Station is less than a 10-minute walk from the school, with London just over **30 minutes away** by train to St Pancras International.



Set between rolling countryside and the nearby seaside, Rochester offers a rare balance of cultural access and the calm of a picturesque town.

Total cost: £1486 for 6 nights -

includes accommodation, full board (3 meals per day), and all tuition.

Non-participating partner

Partners are welcome. Accommodation is in student residence rooms; while most rooms are designed for single occupancy, a limited number can accommodate couples.

Rochester and the surrounding area offer plenty to explore, combining historic charm, countryside walks, and easy access to London.

Partners are welcome to join shared meals and social moments during the retreat.

An additional fee of £540 applies to a non-participating partner, covering accommodation for 6 nights in a shared student room (two single beds) and full board (3 meals per day).

What is not included?

Travel to and from Rochester.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

Payment Deadline: March 1st, 2026

Installment plans are available upon request.

To keep costs as low as possible, we did not include an additional fee to cover potential short-notice cancellations. This would have added approximately £300 to each participant's cost.

If the workshop is cancelled by Yaakov due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., another Covid outbreak, war, etc.), you will receive a 100% refund.

As we are not responsible for travel arrangements, airline tickets, etc. We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance and a flexible flight ticket.

If you are unable to attend for any reason, the following rules will apply:

- **If we find a full-paying replacement** (we'll do our best to help fill your spot), you will receive a full refund.
- **If a replacement is found at a discounted price**, you will be responsible for covering the remaining balance to meet the full cost.

I have made commitments to the property and staff. As a result, I will still need to pay these costs, even if someone cancels.

If no replacement is found, we will do our best to offer a partial refund or credit you toward a future workshop. The percentage of the refund or credit will depend on the number of participants, but please understand it may not exceed 50%.

We believe this policy is fair, but we welcome any feedback on how it can be improved.

Next Steps

Once you've registered, Yaakov will meet with you online to discuss your current playing level and main goals before the retreat. He'll also help you create a tailored practice schedule to ensure you arrive fully prepared. We welcome players of all levels, and each participant brings their own strengths and challenges. We'll learn, play, and improve together while having fun. All levels are welcome!

Once everyone has confirmed their attendance, we will set up a WhatsApp group where we can share workshop details, travel information, song choices, and anything else relevant to the retreat.

If you have any food allergies, need assistance with travel arrangements, or want recommendations for local sites to visit, the WhatsApp group is the perfect place to discuss these matters.

Travel Information

The closest international airports are **London Heathrow** and **London Gatwick**. If you're traveling by train, the nearest station is **Rochester**, located less than a 10-minute walk from the school, with direct connections to London St Pancras International in just over 30 minutes.

Final Thoughts

This retreat is not just about guitar—it's an opportunity to immerse yourself in music, discover the right mindset for efficient learning, and break through any barriers to your musical progress. It's about connecting with like-minded players, creating beautiful music together in a supportive environment, all while enjoying great company and having lots of fun.

Looking foreward to seeing you ☺



Yaakov & Michael