



LOVE ADDICTION/ LOVE AVOIDANCE

The Rio Retreat Center at The Meadows one-of-a-kind workshops offer healing and empowerment to individuals in various stages of their recovery. Our workshops address the needs of those who have just begun a recovery process, as well as those who have been on a recovery path and may have hit a plateau or want to deepen their experience. Workshops can also be a source of renewal for anyone who has undergone treatment. Participants work on sensitive issues in a concentrated format allowing them to jump-start and enhance their personal recovery journey by gaining insight into unhealthy patterns and practicing new relational skills within a safe environment.

2021 WORKSHOP DATES

- January 25-29
- February 22-26
- March 22-26
- April 26-30
- May 24-28
- June 21-25
- July 19-23
- August 16-20
- September 13-17
- October 11-15
- November 8-12
- December 13-17

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop is based on Pia Mellody's ground-breaking work conveyed in her book, *Facing Love Addiction*. Love addicts assign too much value, time, and attention to another person, while neglecting to care for or value themselves. Focus on the partner is obsessive, and fear of abandonment drives the obsession. Love addicts can be addicted to anyone: lover, spouse, friend, parent, or child. It is a painful, obsessive, and addictive process that negatively impacts not only the love addict, but also the individuals with whom he or she is in relationships. In this workshop, self-love and self-care are enhanced, as is tolerance for feeling instilled.

The love avoidant systematically uses relational walls during intimate contact in order to prevent feeling overwhelmed by the other person, associating "love" with duty or work. The love avoidant's greatest fear is that of vulnerability, which is explored throughout the workshop. During this process, authenticity is encouraged, and an overdeveloped sense of responsibility is released. This workshop intervenes on the destructive cycles of both the love addict and the love avoidant, offering them intimacy with healthy boundaries.

REGISTRATION

Since workshops fill quickly, we encourage making reservations three to four weeks in advance. Register by contacting our Workshop Coordinator at **833.749.4891**.

COST

\$3,450 – All-inclusive are meals and evening activities: yoga, Tai Chi, auricular acupuncture, live music, 12-Step meeting, and equine therapy. Access to the Brain Spa and gym are also included in the cost of the workshop.

LOCATION

Rio Retreat Center at The Meadows
1245 Jack Burden Road, Wickenburg, Arizona 85390

LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION

The Rio Retreat Center provides lodging, and all workshop guests stay on campus to preserve a safe, supportive container. Rooms are simply appointed and designed to be conducive to the process of healing and recovery. We offer private rooms and the option to share a room for guests who are fully Covid vaccinated.

Ground transportation is available from and to the Phoenix airport with two convenient pickup times. Airport transportation details are provided with your confirmation email upon completion of the enrollment process.

PLEASE NOTE

Workshop groups run Monday through Friday from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The schedule is somewhat flexible to accommodate the size of the group and group process. Evening programming is provided after dinner. The Rio Retreat Center campus is strictly alcohol and drug free and has a dress code, cell phone, and smoking policy. Please consult our Workshop Coordinator for more information.

CANCELLATION/TRANSFER POLICY

We rely on an accurate attendance count to make important arrangements for your workshop. If a cancellation occurs more than 14 days prior to the start of the workshop, a full refund, less a \$600 administrative fee will be issued or an allowance is made for a one-time transfer to another workshop date. There is a \$100 transfer fee for this service. No cancellation or transfer within 14 days of the workshop date. If you have to cancel or transfer your workshop, please contact our Intake Department at **833.749.4891** as soon as possible — we often have a waiting list of people who want to attend.