

Day 01: ARRIVAL-KOLKATA-BODHGAYA

Arrive by a schedule International Flight. Sightseeing of Kolkata Visiting Victoria Memorial. Later Transfer to Howrah Railway Station to connect Overnight Train for Gaya Overnight On Board

Day 02: ARRIVE BODHGAYA

Early morning Arrive Gaya Railway Station and Transfer to Bodhgaya one of the holiest Buddhist pilgrimage centres. It was here that Gautama attained enlightenment and became Buddha under the "Bodhi" tree. After some relax visit the Stupa and the various monasteries, Mahabodhi temple built by Ashoka the Great in 3rd Century BC One can visit the Sacred Bodhi tree Overnight stay at the Hotel

Day 03: BODHGAYA-RAJGIR-NALANDA-BODHGAYA

After Breakfast Full Day Excursion to Rajgir capital of 6th century Magadha empire. It was revered site of Buddhas discourses. Buddha spent many years here. Visit Gridhrakula, Sapataparni cave, Ajatsatru fort and Venuvana. & Nalanda - the world's oldest university founded in the 5th century. Also visit monasteries and temples with impressive Buddhist & Hindu images. The Institute for research into Buddhism and Pali literature which houses rare manuscripts is also worth visiting for the enthusiasts. Archaeological museum is also not to be missed for the rare collections

Return back to Bodhgaya. Overnight stay at the Hotel

Day 04: BODHGAYA-VARANASI

Early Morning after Breakfast Proceed for Varanasi. On arrival check into Hotel. Afternoon excursion to Sarnath, the principle centre of Buddhism. It was here around 530 B.C that Buddha preached his 1st sermon after gaining enlightenment.

Overnight stay at the Hotel

Day 05: VARANASI-KUSHINAGAR

Early morning boat ride on river Ganges to see the beautiful sunrise at Ganges. On arrival Kushinagar Check into Hotel. Afternoon Sightseeing of Kushinagar. Visit Ramabha stupa which stands on the spot where the body of the Lord was cremated. Also visit Natha Kumarka Kot enshrining the large recumbent figure of Buddha in the state of Nirvana Overnight stay at the Hotel



Day 06: KUSHINAGAR-LUMBINI-SRAVASTI

After Breakfast Proceed for Sravasti on the way Sightseeing of Lumbini the place where Buddha was born. An ancient shrine with an image representing the nativity of Buddha is still preserved. Continue your drive to Sravasti. On arrival check into Hotel Overnight stay at the Hotel

Day 07: SRAVASTI-LUCKNOW-DELHI-DEPARTURE

Morning visit Sravasti (Sahet-Mahet), capital of the ancient Kingdom of Kosala, an active centre for Buddhism. Later drive to Lucknow railway station and board train # 2003 Lucknow Shatabdi Express dep. 15:35 hrs. arr. Delhi at 22:00 hrs. On arrival, transfer to Airport to connect Flight back to home.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Day 07: SRAVASTI-GONDA-AGRA

Morning visit Sravasti (Sahet-Mahet), capital of the ancient Kingdom of Kosala, an active centre for Buddhism. After sightseeing proceed to Gonda Railway Station (40 kms) to connect train # 9038/40 Avadh Express dep. 16:30 hrs. Overnight on board.

Day 08: AGRA-DELHI-DEPARTURE

Arrive Agra at 04:50 hrs. After breakfast, visit Taj Mahal, monument of love that Emperor Shah Jahan built in the 16th century. You'll then visit Agra Fort, which served as the final living quarters for the Emperor to live in imprisonment. Proceed for Delhi Airport (203 kms / 4 hrs) to connect flight back to home.



Day 01: ARRIVAL DELHI

AGRA. Arrive Delhi. meet on arrival by Top Travels Rep. and drive to Agra (203 kms / 4-5 hrs). Checkin at hotel .O/N Agra.

Day 02: AGRA /VARANASI

After breakfast free for shopping Lunch at hotel, In afternoon visit the world famous Taj Mahal and drive thru Agra Fort.. After Dinner transfer to Tundla Railway station to connect train for Vns. (TAJ MAHAL IS CLOSED ON EVERY FRIDAY).

Day 03: VARANASI

Arrive Varanasi station then trsf to hotel, (We may get rooms after 12:00 hrs, but would try to get few rooms at least to wash & change) Later Visit SARNATH (where Buddha delivered his first sermon). Then city tour and some shopping in Varanasi, Overnight at Htl in Vns...

Day 04: VARANASI – BODHGAYA

Early morning drive 8 hours to Bodhgaya. Check-in at Hotel. Afternoon visit Mahabodhi Temple & Bodhi Tree, Great Buddha Statue, Niranjana River, Sujata Temple - which is across the Niranja River & it's 30 minutes walk through the paddy fields. Also visit various other Buddhist Temples in Bodhgaya. Overnight at Htl in Bodhgaya.

Day 05: BODHGAYA- KUSHINAGAR

Early morning drive to Kushinagar with hot lunch on way. On arrival checkin at hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 06: KUSHINAGAR – LUMBINI

Visit mahaparinirwana Temple (where Buddha took his last breathe) and Rambhar Stupa (cremation site of lord Buddha), Japan Temple.

Afternoon drive 5 hrs to Lumbini (Nepal). While going to Lumbini, stop at India/Nepal border for Visa/Immigration formalities. Later check-in at Hotel. 15 Min. drive from the Nepal Border. Dinner and overnight at Htl.

Day 07: LUMBINI -SRAVASTI

Noon visit Lumbini, the Birth place of Lord Buddha. Afternoon leave for Sravasti. On arrival checkin at hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Sravasti.



Day 08: SRAVASTI /LUCKNOW

Visit Sravasti, where Buddha spent his 24 monsoons, visit Jetvana and Ananda Bodhi Tree, then Drive 5 hrs to Lucknow Arrive Lucknow.

After Dinner at Lucknow hotel transfer to Railway station to board train to Delhi, Overnight in Train

Day 09: DELHI /DEPARTURE

Arrive Delhi station then trsf to hotel. Morning free for shopping & own activities after Lunch at local restaurant then transfer to Airport to connect flight for onward destination.

Day 01: ARRIVAL GAYA / BODHGAYA

Arrival Gaya Int'l airport. Meeting and Greeting at the airport. Transfer to hotel in Bodhgaya. Bodhgaya is the place of the Buddha's Enlightenment and spiritual home of Buddhists. It attracts many believers from all over the world. Bodhgaya situated near the river Niranjana, is one of the holiest Buddhist pilgrimage centres and in the second place of the four holy sites in Buddhism.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of Bodhgaya visiting Mahabodhi Temple - The temple, named after the Buddha, is a sacred place for the Buddhists in Bodh Gaya, Maha- bodhi tree - The tree is considered holy since Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under it. Also visit monasteries of different countries and Archaeological Museum. Overnight stay at Bodhgaya Hotel.

Day 02: BODHGAYA–RAJGIR–NALANDA-PATNA

Morning leave Bodhgaya for Patna (182 kms - 6 hrs) enroute visiting Rajgir and Nalanda. Rajgir is a site of great sanctity and significance for Buddhists. Rajgir is an important Buddhist pilgrimage site since the Buddha spent 12 years here and the first Buddhist council after the Buddha was hosted here at the Saptaparni caves. Afternoon visit Gridhakuta Hill, Bimbisara jail. Drive to Nalanda which is 14 kms drive and it was one of the oldest Universities of the World and International Centre for Buddhist Studies. Drive to Patna which is 90 kms, on arrival at Patna transfer to hotel for overnight stay.



Day 03: PATNA-VAISHALI-KUSHINAGAR

Morning proceed to Kushinagar (approx. 256 kms and 07 hrs drive) enroute visiting Vaishali - place where Buddha announced the approaching of his Mahaparinirvana. After that continue drive to Kushinagar (place where Lord Buddha had left the world behind him after offering an invaluable contribution to humanity, the great religion known as Buddhism). On arrival Kushinagar, transfer to hotel. Afternoon visit Mahaparinirvana Temple (where Buddha took his last breathe) and Rambhar Stupa (cremation site of Lord Buddha). Overnight stay at Kushinagar hotel.

Day 04: KUSHINAGAR-LUMBINI

Morning drive to Lumbini - the birth place of Lord Buddha (180 kms and 05 hrs drive). On arrival, transfer to hotel. . Afternoon visit the birth place of Buddha - Mayadevi Temple. This place is a blessed one for its serenity and the natural beauty, purely coinciding to the perception of a place where the legend was born. Overnight stay at Lumbini hotel.

Day 05: LUMBINI-KAPILVASTU-SRAVASTI

Morning leave for Sravasti (225 kms and 5.30 hrs drive) enroute visiting Kapilavastu - the childhood home of Gautam Buddha. Afterthat proceed to Sravasti where the Buddha preached most of his sermons. Here he is said to have performed many miracles, and levitated. During the monsoon, he used to stay at the Jetavana monastery on the outskirts of this town. Visit Sahet Mahet and Angulimal caves. Overnight stay in Sravasti.

Day 06: SRAVASTI-VARANASI

Morning proceed to Varanasi (300 kms / 08 hrs drive)- one of the oldest living cities of the world. On arrival Varanasi, trip to Sarnath (12 kms from Varanasi). Sarnath is the place where Lord Buddha had preached His first sermon to His five disciples after attaining enlightenment. Visit to Dhamekh Stupa - one of the most visited and most revered Buddhist Shrines in the world. Also visit Sarnath Museum. Evening back to Varanasi hotel for overnight stay.

Day 07: VARANASI-BODHGAYA

Early morning boat ride at River Ganges to view Sunrise. After breakfast, drive to Bodhgaya. which is 242 kms and 07 hrs drive. On arrival, transfer to hotel followed by visit to Dungeswari Caves where Buddha had meditated for some time and Niranjana River. Overnight stay in Bodhgaya.

**Day 08: BODHGAYA-ONWARD DESTINATION**

After breakfast, departure transfer to International airport to connect flight for onward destination.

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