

Buddhist Tour



Complete Itinerary (7 Nights / 8 Days)

Varanasi- Sravasti- Lumbini- Kushinagar- Vaishali- Patna- Rajgir- Bodhgaya- Patna

Day 01: Arrival Varanasi: Arrival Varanasi by air/fast train at 10:00 hours from Delhi, transfer to hotel. Post lunch at 14:30 hours an excursion to Sarnath - where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon after Enlightenment. At Sarnath in the Ganges Valley of India, the Buddha proclaimed the law of faith. It was here that he taught the keys aspects of Buddhism the four noble truths, the eightfold path and the middle way philosophy. Evening at 17:00 hours back to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 02: Varanasi - Sravasti: Early morning at around 05:00 hours boat ride at river Ganges to view Sunrise. The best time to take the boat ride is at dawn when the temples at the river front are bathed in a lovely hue of orange and the Ghats are just beginning to bustle with various activities and rituals. Back to hotel at 06:30 hours for breakfast and check out at 08:30 hours & start drive to Sravasti (300 kms / 07 hours drive). On arrival at 15:30 hours transfer to hotel. Evening at leisure. Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

Day 03: Sravasti – Lumbini: Sravasti - Lord Buddha is believe to have spent 25 rainy seasons here preaching his teachings. Morning post breakfast at 08:30 hours visit Sahet Mahet, capital of ancient Kingdom of Kosala, Jetavana Vihara and Buddhist temples. In between Lunch in a local restaurant at 13:00 hours and drive to Lumbini (225 kms/ 5.5 hours drive). On arrival, transfer to hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

Day 04: Lumbini – Kushinagar: Morning after breakfast at 08:30 hours visit Mahadevi Temple - the birth place of Lord Buddha. Lunch in a local restaurant followed by drive to Kushinagar (180 kms / 05 hours drive). On arrival Kushinagar, check in to hotel for dinner & overnight.

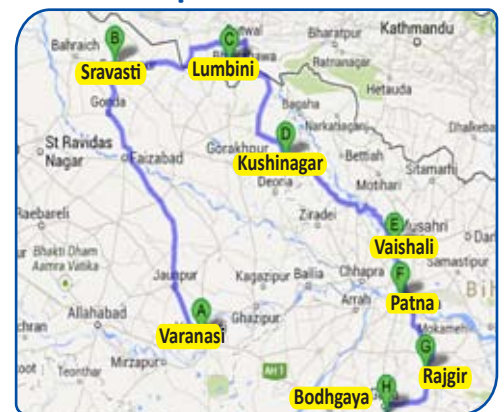
Day 05: Kushinagar - Vaishali – Patna: After breakfast at 08:00 hours drive to Patna via Vaishali (240 kms / 5.5 hours drive). Vaishali is believed to be the first republic of the world, having an elected body of representatives hold special significance for Buddhist devotees. After the tour of Vaishali lunch in a city restaurant. Post lunch continue drive to Patna (55 kms / 1.5 hours drive from Vaishali). On arrival Patna, check in to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 06: Patna - Rajgir – Bodhgaya: Morning post breakfast at 08:00 hours, leave Patna for Bodhgaya (182 kms / 6 hours drive) enroute visiting Rajgir and Nalanda. Rajgir was the capital of Magadh Empire around 800 BC and an important Buddhist pilgrimage site since the Buddha spent 12 years here. Visit Gridhakuta Hill, Bimbisara jail. At 13:00 hours, lunch in a local restaurant in Rajgir. Post lunch visit to Nalanda - of the oldest Universities of the World and International Centre for Buddhist Studies. Later drive on to Bodhgaya. On arrival check in to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 07: In Bodhgaya: Bodhgaya - the most important Buddhist pilgrimage center, is the place where Lord Buddha entered into meditation after being moved by the sufferings of mankind. Morning post breakfast at 08:30 hours leave for day long sightseeing visiting Mahabodhi Temple, Niranjana River and Sujata Village. In between lunch in a city restaurant. After the tour at 17:00 hours back to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 08: Bodhgaya – Patna (Departure): Morning after breakfast at 08:30 hours transfer to Patna airport (130 kms / 2.5 hours drive) on time to board return flight at 14:00 hours to Delhi.

Route Map



Extension Tours



Agra

Agra- The "City of Tajmahal" often described as the most romantic place in India



Ajanta & Ellora

UNESCO World heritage site with Buddhist cave monuments



Leh

Leh- One of the few remaining abodes of Buddhism in South Asia