

BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE TOUR

(AAT-IND-004-D&P)

(10 DAYS/ 09 NIGHTS)



Buddhism is one of the most primitive and the largest religions of the world. This religion has been thrived in India from the 3rd century BC. Scores of Buddhist pilgrims come to India every year in quest of utter serenity offered by Buddhist destinations. These destinations are linked to the life and sermons of Buddha in a significant way.

Our finely crafted Buddhist Tour Packages are designed to cater an all-inclusive Buddhist Tour to India within a span suited to the tourist. Buddhist Tour Itineraries offered by us, cover nearly all the imperative Buddhist destinations in India. These sacred Buddhist sites are majestically incorporated within your tour Itinerary. Through availing our tour package, you can explore a great assortment of all the consecrated and important Buddhist destinations and that too in a reasonably affordable way. You can pick an itinerary according to your preferences, needs and time-availability and we will make certain that you return with a congenial tour memory of the significant Buddhist sites in India!

DETAILED ITINERARY:

Day 01: ARRIVE NEW DELHI AIRPORT

Meet upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport and transfer to hotel.

Relax at Hotel & free at leisure.

- Overnight stay at hotel.



Day 02: DELHI – AGRA (ENROUTE VISIT MATHURA & VRINDAVAN) – (230KMS/4hrs by drive)



After breakfast drive to Agra. En-route visit Mathura, Vrindavan. Arrive Agra and transfer to hotel.

- Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 03: AGRA – VARANASI (Overnight by Train)

After breakfast visit Taj Mahal, later visit Agra fort. Evening transfer to Railway station for Varanasi. Overnight on board.

Taj Mahal, the pinnacle of Mughal architecture, was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan (1628-1658), grandson of Akbar the great, in the memory of his queen Arjumand Bano Begum, entitled 'Mumtaz Mahal'. Mumtaz Mahal was a niece of Empress Nur Jahan and granddaughter of Mirza Ghiyas Beg I'timad-ud-Daulah, wazir of emperor Jehangir.



- Overnight Journey by Train

Day 04: ARRIVAL VARANASI



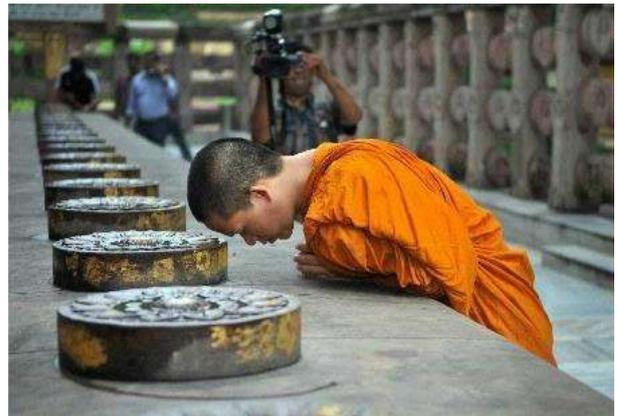
Morning met on arrival at Railway station and transfer to hotel, (We may get rooms after 12:00 hrs, but would try to get few rooms at least to wash & change) Later Visit SARNATH (where Buddha delivered his first sermon). Then city tour and some shopping in Varanasi,

Sarnath enjoys the extraordinary privilege of Lord Buddha delivering his first sermon after attaining enlightenment 2500 years ago. It is about 10 km from Varanasi and holds many Buddhist sites that include the famous Dhamekh Stupa, the seat of the holy 'Buddha'. You can also visit the ruins of Dharmarajika Stupa and Mulagandha Kuti Temple, where Lord Buddha is said to have rested and meditated while in Sarnath. The Ashoka Pillar built by the emperor Ashoka is a must see in Sarnath. The Lion Capital on top of this pillar is now the National Emblem of India and stands apart for its excellent artistry and carvings.

- Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 05: VARANASI – BODHGAYA (260KMS/7- 8hrs by Drive)

Early morning drive 7-8 hours to Bodhgaya. Arrive Bodhgaya and transfer to hotel. Afternoon, visit Mahabodhi Temple & Bodhi Tree, Great Buddha Statue, Niranjana River, Sujata Temple - which is across the Niranjana River & it's 30 minutes' walk through the paddy fields. Also visit various other Buddhist Temples in Bodhgaya. Evening transfer to hotel.



Bodhgaya is one of the most important and sacred Buddhist pilgrimage center in the world. It was here under a banyan tree, the Bodhi Tree, Gautama attained supreme knowledge to become Buddha.

- Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 06: BODHGAYA – KUSHINAGAR (370KMS/9hrs by Drive)



Early morning drive to Kushinagar. On arrival check in at hotel.

Located at 55 km from Gorakhpur, Kushinagar is the place where the Lord Buddha uttered his last words "Behold now, brethren, I exhort you, saying, decay is inherent in all component things! Work out your salvation with diligence!" and left for the heaven. A temple dedicated to the event - the Mahaparinirvana temple, stands testimony to the mournful demise.

Among the various Stupas of Kushinagar, Rambhar Stupa needs your exploration for it is the place where Lord Buddha was supposedly cremated.

- Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 07: KUSHINAGAR – LUMBINI (175KMS/ 5hr by Drive)

Morning after breakfast visit Mahaparinirvana Temple (where Buddha took his last breath) 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.



- Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 08: LUMBINI – SRAVASTI (195KMS/6Hrs by Drive)



In the morning visit Lumbini, the Birth place of Lord Buddha. Afternoon drive to Sravasti. On arrival check in at hotel. Sravasti situated 134 km from Lucknow and 29 km from Balrampur, Sravasti, the capital of the ancient kingdom of Kosala, has the honour for sheltering Buddha for 24 rainy seasons in the Jetavana Gardens. It is sacred to Buddhists because it is here that Lord Buddha performed the Tirthika heretics.

- Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 09: SRAVASTI – LUCKNOW (Overnight by Train)

Morning visit Sravasti, where Buddha spent his 24 monsoons, visit Jetavana and Ananda Bodhi Tree, later drive to Lucknow. Arrive Lucknow and transfer to Railway station for Delhi.

- Overnight Journey by Train



Day 09: ARRIVAL DELHI & DEPARTURE

On arrival at Delhi railway station meet with our representative and transfer to the hotel for fresh-n-up. Later city sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi. In the evening transfer to the airport to board the flight for onward destination.

***** Tour ends with sweet memories *****

HOTELS ENVISAGED:

Location	DELUXE Package	PREMIUM Package
New Delhi	Hotel Surya International/Hotel Regent Intercontinental/Hotel Rockland/Similar	Leela Ambience Convention Holte/Vivanta By Taj/Similar
Agra	Hotel Utkarsh Vilas/Hotel Taj Resorts/Hotel Taj Villas/Similar	Radisson Blu Hotel Agra/Hotel Horward Plaza – Agra/Crystal Sarovar Portico/Similar
Varanasi	Hotel Surya/Diamond Hotel/Hotel Heritage Inn/Similar	Radisson Hotel Varanasi/Grapevine Varanasi/Similar
Bodhgaya	Hotel Bodhgaya Regency/Hotel Orchid Bodhgaya/Hotel Taj Darbar/Similar	Hotel Bodhgaya Gautham/Maha Bodhi Hotel/Similar
Kushinagar	Hotel Adelphi Grande/Buddha Hotel/Similar	Lotus Nikko Hotel/The Grand/The Imperial/Similar
Lumbini	Hotel Nirvana/Hotel Peace Palace/Lumbini Buddha Garden/Similar	Lumbini Garden New Crystal/Budha Maya Hotel/Similar
Sravasti	Hotel Rajgir Residency/Similar	Lotus Nikko Hotel/Hotel Pawan Palace/Similar

Per Person Cost on Twin Sharing basis:

Category	DELUXE Package	PREMIUM Package
No. of Pax	Per Person Cost	Per Person Cost
(Min 2 Pax)	4499 MYR	4860 MYR

Please note: Above package cost is valid for a couple on Double sharing basis

Validity: From 01st March 2018 to March 31st, 2019

Christmas Peak & New Year season supplementary hike as per actual basis.

Inclusions:

- Accommodation on Twin/Double sharing based on above package
- Daily Breakfast at all hotel as per above mentioned package
- A/c Train Tickets from Delhi – Varanasi & Lucknow – Delhi
- Transfers/Sightseeing will be provided by A/c Individual Vehicle at all places
- Assistance at Airport
- English Speaking Tour Guide
- All permit fees & hotel taxes (as per itinerary).
- All toll taxes, parking fee, fuel surcharges, driver bata includes
- **Includes GST on the above package cost**

Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Visa / Travel Insurance charges.
- Camera fee at monument.
- Local Guide
- Entrance Fees
- Monument charges
- Any other services which are not mentioned in the tour cost inclusions.
- Any meals / en-route meals unless specified.
- Items of personal nature viz, tips, portorage, room service, laundry, mineral water, alcoholic or non- alcoholic beverages, phone calls, additional sightseeing tours and excursions not included in the itinerary.
- Any rides, safaris, boating charges, additional sightseeing tours other than the mentioned in the inclusions.
- Supplement charges applicable for Long weekends and festive period.
- Entrance fees and guide charges, unless specified in the inclusions.
- Any increase in fuel cost, intra and interstate taxes etc, the tour price will be amended in accordance.

Terms & Conditions:

- Booking rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- **Hotel timings: Check in – 1400hrs; Check out – 1200hrs**
- Pricing of the booking is based on the age of the passengers. Please make sure you enter the correct age of passengers at the time of booking. Passengers furnishing incorrect age details may incur penalty at the time of check in at hotel
- Airline seats and hotel rooms are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- In case of unavailability in the listed hotels, arrangement for an alternate accommodation will be made in a hotel of similar category
- A maximum of 3 adults are allowed in one room. The third occupant shall be provided a mattress/rollaway bed.
- The itinerary is fixed and cannot be modified. Transportation shall be provided as per the itinerary and will not be at disposal.
- All transfers and sightseeing shall be provided by an exclusive vehicle unless otherwise specified.
- Due to operational reasons, the routing of this tour may be amended. However, all mentioned services will remain unchanged.
- Cost of deviation and cost of extension of the validity on your ticket is not included.
- Above package cost does not valid for New Year, Christmas, Diwali, Long Weekends Etc.

Cancellation Policy:

- If the booking cancels before 45 days than full refund will be back **(Except GST + Service charges will be applicable)**
- If the booking cancels within 45 days – 30 days than 25% amount will be deducted
- If the booking cancels within 30 days – 15 days than 50% amount will be deducted
- If the booking cancels within 15 days, then non-refundable