



ITINERARY for 7 nights 8 days Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour to Bodhgaya in India

Day 01: Arrival to Bodhgaya, By Flight

(Lunch / Dinner)

Welcome on arrival, meet and assist by our company rep. At Gaya Apt. On arrival Gaya and transfer to hotel. Evening visit Mahabodhi temple. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel in Bodhgaya.

Day 02: Bodhgaya/Rajgir-Nalanda/Bodhgaya, 95 KMs, 4 Hrs. Approx., (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast drive to Rajgir and Nalanda. On arrival Rajgir visit Gridhakuta, Jeevak Hospital, and Bamboo garden etc., Check-in hotel. After lunch visit Nalanda old university. Evening back to Bodhgaya. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel.

Day 03: Rajgir/Patna/Vaishali, 180 KMs, 8 Hrs. Approx., (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Morning Drive to Vaishali. On arrival Vaishali, Check-in hotel for Lunch. After noon visit Buddhist Monuments. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel.

Day 04: Vaishali/Kushinagar, 280 KMs, 5 Hrs. Approx., (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Morning drive to Kushinagar. On arrival Kushinagar, Check-in hotel for lunch. After noon visit Mahaparinirvana temple and rambhara stupa. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel.

Day 05: Kushinagar/Lumbini, 185 KMs, 5 Hrs. Approx., (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Morning drive to Lumbini. On arrival Lumbini and check-in at hotel for lunch. After lunch visit Birth Place of Lord Buddha. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel.

Day 06: Lumbini/Kapilvastu/Sravasti, 210 KMs, 6 Hrs. Approx. (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Morning Drive to Sravastien route visits Kapilvastu. On arrival sravasti and check-in at hotel for lunch. After lunch visit Jetvana Rama. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel.

Day 07: Sravasti/Varanasi, 380 kms. 8 hrs. Approx. (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast drive to Varanasi with pack lunch. On arrival Varanasi en route s/seeing of Sarnath. After that check-in at hotel. Evening Free for leisure or shopping. Dinner & O/night stay at hotel in Varanasi.

Day 08: Varanasi/Departure, by flight

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Early morning visit River Ganges for boat ride. After breakfast transfer to Varanasi Apt. for Bangkok.

Tour Ends with Sweet Memories.

Thanks for your visit to India

SEENU GANANAM GLOBETROTTERS TRAVELS AND TOURS

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BODHGAYA

As the place of the Buddha's Enlightenment, Bodhgaya is the spiritual home of Buddhists. It attracts tens of thousands of believers from all over the world. Bodhgaya situated near the river Niranjana, is one of the holiest Buddhist pilgrimage centers since it was here that Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. The population of this town is 22,000 and is situated at an altitude of 113 m. Maximum temperature in summer rises to 45-47 degree Celsius and minimum is 27 degree, while in winter maximum is 28 degree and minimum is 4 degree. It receives an annual rainfall of 1,860 mm. Most countries with vast Buddhist population have a temple or monastery here.



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NALANDA

Nalanda was the most renowned university in ancient India. It derived its name from Na-alam-da, meaning Insatiable in Giving, one of the names by which the Lord Buddha was known. Established in the 5th century B.C. it remained a live center of learning till the 12th century A.D. when it was destroyed by the invader BakhtiarKhilji. Lord Mahavira and the Buddha both taught here for years. Hsuan Tsang. The Chinese traveler studied here in the 7th century A.D. and there is a monument in his memory. He was one amongst many of those from East and Southeast Asia who came here to study logic, meta-physics, medicine, prose composition and rhetoric. The University of Nalanda offered free educational and residential facilities to as many as 10,000 students and 2000 teachers, for it were supported by a number of villages. Its library, RatnaSagar, is believed to have contained nine million volumes. It is not surprising, then, that the destruction of this university dealt a crippling blow to Buddhist education in India. The Archaeological Survey of India maintains the Nalanda Museum across the road which houses some exquisite bronzes of the 9th and 10th centuries, Pala dynasty, and other remains excavated at the site. The beautiful Thai Temple and the Nava NalandaMahavihara, a center for research in Pali and Buddhist studies, are 2 kms from the main site.



RAJGIR

The picturesque Rajgir, or Rajagriha as it was known in the past (literally, the abode of kings) is surrounded by the meandering river Ganges and 5 hills. During the lifetime of the Buddha this was the capital of the powerful Magadha kingdom, ruled by the virtuous King Bimbisara. The hills and caves surrounding Rajagriha were home to spiritual teachers ranging from the materialism of the early Charavaka School to the metaphysics of Upanishad philosophers.

Like many others in search of truth, Prince Siddhartha, after he renounced his royal heritage came to this city to seek the path of

enlightenment. Siddhartha overwhelmed the citizens of Rajagriha with his serenity and grace. Even the king went to meet the ascetic and was amazed to learn that he was a Kshatriya of royal descent. Bimbisara offered half his kingdom to Siddhartha but all he received was an assurance that when Siddhartha achieved his goal he would return to Rajagriha. The first Buddhist structures at Rajgir were raised when Ajatsatru built a monastery and a stupa over his share of the Buddha's ashes.



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