

# BUDDHIST CIRCUIT TOUR PACKAGE (GOLD)

It is a spiritual circuit one must experience. Varanasi is a city in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh as the spiritual capital of India, the city draws Hindu pilgrims who bathe in the Ganges River's sacred waters and perform funeral rites. You can visit Bodhgaya, city's winding streets are some 2,000 temples, including Kashi Vishwanath, the Golden Temple, dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. 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, the Enlightened One. Lumbini is a Buddhist pilgrimage site in the Rupandehi District of Nepal. It is the place where, according to Buddhist tradition, Queen Mayadevi gave birth to Siddhartha Gautama.

## **DAY : 01 ARRIVE DELHI**

Upon arrival at Delhi meeting and assistance followed by transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 02 DELHI - LUCKNOW - SHRAVASTI**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to railway station to connect train for Lucknow. Upon arrival at Lucknow meeting and assistance followed by transfer to Shravasti. On arrival at Shravasti check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 03 SHRAVASTI - LUMBINI**

After breakfast visit Sahet & Mahet. Later drive to Lumbini enroute visit to Kapilvastu, Kingdom of king Suyodhan, father of prince Siddhartha. On arrival at Lumbini check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 04 LUMBINI - KUSHINAGAR**

Breakfast at the hotel and proceed to visit birth place of Lord Buddha, Ashoka pillar and Maya devi temple. Later drive to Kushinagar. On arrival at Kushinagar check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 05 KUSHINAGAR - PATNA**

Breakfast at the hotel and proceed to visit Rambhar stupa and Mahaparinirvana temple. Afternoon drive to Patna via Vaishali. On arrival at Patna check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 06 PATNA - BODHGAYA**

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Bodhgaya. On arrival at Bodhgaya check-in at hotel. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Bodhgaya. The Mahabodhi Temple built on the east of the sacred tree stands majestically 17 feet high on a base 5 feet square, and consists of a soaring pyramidal tower surmounted by a stupa. The Vajrasana or Diamond Throne lying between the Bodhi Tree and the temple marks the actual Spot. where Buddha sat in meditation and attained supreme knowledge. A gilded Buddha smiles upon the visitors from a niche in the wall of the temple, and his footsteps carved in stone hold flower offerings from the devout. Unbelievable peace pervades the atmosphere giving credence to legend, besides the Mahabodhi temple, we would visit several Buddhist temples built by the followers of Buddhism from all over the world. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 07 BODHGAYA - VARANASI**

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Varanasi. On arrival at Varanasi check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **DAY : 08 VARANASI**

Morning boat cruise at the river Ganges to observe the way of life of pilgrims by the Ghats. Later an excursion to Sarnath. It 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 a number of Buddhist sites that include the famous Dhamekh Stupa, the seat of the holy 'Buddha'. You can also visit the ruins of Dharmarajika Stupa and Mulagandhakuti 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 : 09 VARANASI - DELHI**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to airport to connect flight for Delhi. Upon arrival at Delhi meeting and assistance followed by transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

## DAY : 10 DELHI DEPART

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to international airport to connect flight for onward destination.

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## INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation as per package.
- Breakfast & Dinner.
- Transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Transportation as per the Innova.
- All toll tax, fuel and driver allowances.
- All applicable hotel and transport taxes.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Lunch, dinner and personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, etc.,
- Air/Train Ticket.
- Entry tickets, camera/video Camera fee.
- Local or accompanying guide charges
- 5% GST.
- Any items other than those mentioned in cost include.

## HOTELS NAME

Delhi : Hotel Connaught or Similar

Varanasi : Hotel City Inn or Similar

Patna : Hotel Pataliputra or Similar

Lucknow : Hotel Pataliputra or Similar

Bodhgaya : Hotel Mahabodhi or Similar

Kushinagar : The Imperial or Similar

**Rs.67999 / per person x 2 = Rs.135998**