

BUDDHIST TRAIL



Day 01: Delhi – Patna (by air) –Nalanda – Rajgir- Bodhgaya by surface (185 Kms./ 4 Hrs)

Transfer to airport to board flight to Patna (G8 135 – 0620 / 0850 Hrs)

Meeting assistance on arrival and drive to Bodhgaya, Enroute visit Nalanda and Rajgir. Nalanda-a great center of Buddhist learning and one of the most famed university citadels of ancient times. Rajgir-it was once the ancient capital of the powerful kingdom of Maghada. From the out skirts of Rajgir, a historic road leads to Gridha - Kuta or vultures peak where the Buddha preached, here the first Buddhist Council was held after the Lord's Mahaparinirvana. En-route Lunch at Local restaurant.

Arrive Bodhgaya & check in at Hotel

Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 02: In Bodhgaya

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: visit Bodhgaya. Here under the Bodhi Tree, Shakyamuni Gautama attained supreme knowledge to become Buddha, "the Enlightened one" the propounder of one of the great religious of the world. River Nirajnana in which the Buddha bathed after attaining elightment flows qulitely outside the tiny hamlet.

Afternoon: excursion Gaya visit Vishnupad temple. This temple was built in the Hindu Shikhar style of architecture and is located on the west bank of Falgu River at the southeastern edge of the town.

Lunch, dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 03: Bodhgaya – Sarnath -Varanasi by surface (250 Kms./ 6 Hrs)

Breakfast at hotel

Leave by surface to Varanasi, en-route visit Sarnath- The buried Buddhist city where Lord Buddha gave his First Sermon. Visit Buddhist temple, Stupas, Museum and ruins.

Arrive & check in at Hotel, Lunch at Hotel

Evening witness of Aarti Ceremony at DashaswamedhaGhat on Holy River Ganges

Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 04: Varanasi - Kushinagar by surface (260 Kms./ 7 Hrs)

Early morning boat ride on river Ganges to see the Bathing & Cremation Ghats. Breakfast at hotel. Full day city tour of Varanasi visiting Bharat Mata temple, TulsiManas, Banaras Hindu University etc.

Back to hotel for breakfast

Leave by surface to Kushinagar, Enroute- Lunch at local restaurant

Arrive and check in at Hotel.

Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 05: Kushinagar - Lumbini by surface (170 Kms./ 4 Hrs)

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: visit MahaPari Nirvana temple & Ramabhar Stupa (cremation place of Lord Buddha).

Lunch at Hotel

Leave by surface to Lumbini, arrive and check in at Hotel

Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 06: Lumbini – Sravasti by surface (190 Kms./ 5 Hrs)

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: visit Lumbini is the birthplace of the Buddha, Three hundred years after the Mahaparinirvana, Emperor Ashoka visited Lumbini and erected a pillar there. This pillar, though broken, still remains at the site. It is known as the Rummendei Pillar after the earlier name of the place (modern name Rupandhei) in Nepal

Lunch at Hotel / local restaurant

Leave by surface to Sravasti, arrive and check in at Hotel

Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 06: Sravasti - Lucknow by surface (170 Kms./ 4 Hrs) & Lucknow – Delhi by air

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: visit Sahet Mahet, capital of ancient Kingdom of Kosala, JetvanaVihar& Buddhist temples.

Lunch at Hotel

Leave by surface to Lucknow airport to board flight for Delhi (G8-188 – 1820 /1940 Hrs)

END OF THE TOUR.