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Buddha Circuit Tour with Varanasi, Bodhgaya, Nalanda & Kushinagar

[Bodhgaya, India](#) | Spiritual Journeys

Duration: 6N/7D

Cities: Varanasi - Bodhgaya - Rajgir - Nalanda - Patna - Kushinagar

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival & Spiritual Immersion in Varanasi

Arrive at Varanasi airport or railway station, where our representative will greet you and assist with your transfer to the hotel.

Check-in at the Hotel and relax.

Afternoon:

- At 4:00 PM, begin your guided Northern Bazaar Walk.
- Stroll through the bustling lanes of Kachori Gali, Thateri Bazaar, the Perfume and Flower Markets
- Visit the sacred Manikarnika Ghat, witnessing the spiritual essence of Varanasi.

Evening:

- Experience the enchanting Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat from a private balcony with reserved seating—offering a serene and elevated view of the ceremony.
- Return to your hotel by 8:30 PM.
- Enjoy dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2 - Sunrise on the Ganges & Sacred Sights of Varanasi and Sarnath

05:00 AM: Pick-up from your hotel and transfer to the Ganges

Sunrise Boat Ride: Enjoy a peaceful hand-rowed boat ride from Dashashwamedh Ghat to Manikarnika Ghat, witnessing the morning rituals and ancient ghats of Varanasi

Temple Visits: Explore key temples including:

- Birla Temple at Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- Tulsi Manas Temple
- Mother India Temple

Breakfast: Return to the hotel for breakfast and freshening up

Afternoon Sarnath Tour: Visit the sacred site where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon, including:

- Dhamek Stupa
- Ruins of ancient monasteries
- Buddha Temple & large Buddha statue
- Archaeological Museum
- Deer Park

Evening: Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay

Day 3 - Morning at Leisure & Drive to Bodhgaya (250 km / approx. 5 hrs)

Morning: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Optional Activities: Based on your interests, choose between:

- Death & Rebirth Walk – an insightful tour through the spiritual cycle of life in Varanasi
- Visit to Ramnagar Fort – explore the historic royal residence and its museum

Afternoon: Begin your drive to Bodhgaya

Evening: Arrive in Bodhgaya, check in to your hotel, and relax

- Dinner & overnight Stay at your hotel in Bodhgaya

Day 4 - Bodhgaya Sightseeing

Morning: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

- Visit the Mahabodhi Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site), home to the sacred Bodhi Tree, Vajrasana (Diamond Throne), and Animesh Lochana Chaitya.
- Explore the Great Buddha Statue, an 80-foot sculpture of Buddha in meditation, along with various international monasteries representing different Buddhist traditions.

Afternoon:

- Visit the Archaeological Museum, showcasing artifacts from Buddha's life.
- Continue to Sujata Village, where Sujata offered rice pudding to Buddha after his fasting.
- Visit the Dungeshwari Cave Temples (Mahakala Caves), where Buddha meditated before enlightenment.

Evening: Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay

Day 5 - Rajgir & Nalanda Excursion and Transfer to Patna

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for Patna

- En route, visit Rajgir, an ancient city known for its holy sites and surrounded by scenic hills
- Explore Venu Vana Park, a serene area that once housed a Buddhist monastery
- Continue to Nalanda, famous as the site of the world's first residential international university and a major center of ancient learning
- Drive onward to Patna, check into your hotel, and unwind
- Dinner & Overnight stay in Patna

Day 6 - Patna to Kushinagar & Sightseeing (6-hour drive, 250 km)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

After early breakfast, depart Patna for Kushinagar, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site where Gautama Buddha attained Parinirvana

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel

- Visit the Mahaparinirvana Temple, home to a 6.1-meter reclining Buddha statue set amidst sal groves, the traditional site of Buddha's cremation
- Explore the nearby Ramabhar Stupa, marking Buddha's cremation spot and offering a serene spiritual setting
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (own expense)
- Continue to the Kushinagar Museum, featuring Buddhist artifacts and history
- Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay

Day 7 - Departure from Kushinagar

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel

- Check out and prepare for departure
- Transfer to Kushinagar airport or railway station at a convenient time
- Board your flight or train for your onward destination

Package Description

Begin an unforgettable journey of spirituality and heritage through the most sacred locations, following the steps of the Lord Buddha and exploring the timeless temples of spirituality, wisdom and fervor. It is a Buddha Circuit Tour that effortlessly blends religion, culture, and heritage, providing a memorable experience for pilgrims, seekers as well as heritage lovers.

Start your journey to Varanasi Varanasi, the oldest city in the world in which life takes place on the sacred River Ganga. Take in the stunning Ganga Aarti and visit the renowned Kashi Vishwanath Temple and take in the eternal rhythm of the city of devotion and faith. From here, head through Bodh Gaya, the most sacred site of Buddhism in which Lord Buddha achieved the state of enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree. It is the Mahabodhi Temple Complex which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a symbol of peace and the pursuit of enlightenment.

Continue to Rajgir as well as Nalanda. Two ancient cities that were flourishing centers of study and meditation. Nalanda University, one of the world's first institutions, attracted scholars from all over Asia as well as Rajgir was the place where Buddha taught some of his teachings. The next stop is Patna which is where was the home of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who was the 10th Sikh Guru who was the founder of the renowned Takht Sri Patna Sahib Gurudwara.

Complete your spiritual journey by visiting Kushinagar, which is the site in which Lord Buddha reached Mahaparinirvana and thereby indicating his ultimate liberation. It is believed that the Mahaparinirvana Temple and Rambhar Stupa stand as peaceful symbols of peace and love.

The Buddha Circuit Tour is much more than a simple travel experience. It's an experience of awakening and discovery of the inner providing profound insights into the spiritual roots of India and its eternal wisdom.

Inclusions

- Pickup from Varanasi Railway Station/Airport and drop at Patna airport/station
- 02 Standard Room on Double occupancy
- 06 Nights at Hotel (02 Nights stay at Varanasi, 02 Nights stay at Bodhgaya, 01 Nights stay at Patna, 01 Nights stay at Kushinagar)
- 06 Breakfast Per Person
- 06 Dinner per person
- Tours/ Sightseeing
- Tours and Transfer on Private Basis
- Assistance from Company end

Exclusion

- Flight Ticket
- Visa (If Applicable)
- Meals (Other Than specified in Inclusion)
- Travel Insurance (Recommended)
- Cost of any other services not specifically mentioned in inclusions
- Personal and incidental expenses
- Entrance ticket (Other Than specified in Inclusion)
- Transfers other than specified in the inclusions
- Early Check-In & Late Check-Out

Cancellation Policy

Amendments are not allowed once booking is confirmed and non-refundable

-No Shows are non refundable