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Varanasi to Bodh Gaya Tour Package – Spiritual Journey of India

Bodhgaya, India | Spiritual Tour

Duration: 4N/5D

Cities: Varanasi | Bodhgaya

Itinerary
Day 1 - Arrival in Varanasi - Bazaar Walk & Cultural Exploration - Evening Ghat Experience Arrive at Varanasi Airport or Railway Station / Meet and greet by our company representative Transfer to hotel for check-in and freshen up. **Bazaar Walk & Cultural Exploration (Start at 4:00 PM)** • Begin the Northern Bazaar Walking Tour, covering: • Kachori Gali – famous for local street food and snacks. • Thatheri Bazaar – known for brass and copper items. • Perfume Market (Ittar Bazaar) – explore traditional Indian fragrances. • Flower Market – vibrant stalls offering garlands and fresh blooms. • Manikarnika Ghat – witness the sacred cremation rituals along the Ganges. **Ganga Aarti Ceremony (Approx. 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM)** • Proceed to Dashashwamedh Ghat. • Enjoy the Evening Ganga Aarti from a private balcony with reserved seating. • Watch as priests perform the mesmerizing ritual with fire lamps, chants, and incense on the riverbanks. **Return & Overnight Stay** • Return to the hotel by 8:30 PM. • Dinner • Overnight stay in Varanasi
Day 2 - Sunrise Boat Ride - Varanasi Temples - Sarnath Visit **05:00 AM – Sunrise Boat Ride on the Ganges** • Pick-up from your hotel lobby at 5:00 AM. • Transfer to Dashashwamedh Ghat. • Board a private hand-rowed boat for a serene Sunrise Boat Ride on the River Ganges.

- Witness morning rituals, floating diyas, and the vibrant life along the ghats.
- Sail from Dashashwamedh Ghat to Manikarnika Ghat, observing Varanasi's spiritual and cultural heritage.

After the boat ride, visit prominent temples in the city:

- Birla Temple (located within Banaras Hindu University – BHU)
- Tulsi Manas Temple – dedicated to Lord Rama
- Mother India Temple – features a unique marble map of undivided India

Breakfast & Refresh - Return to hotel by mid-morning & Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and freshen up.

Afternoon Visit to Sarnath

- In the afternoon, depart for Sarnath (approx. 10 km from Varanasi).
- Explore the sacred site where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon.

Key highlights include:

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

Return & Overnight Stay

- Return to the hotel in the evening.
- Dinner
- Overnight stay in Varanasi

Day 3 - Morning at Leisure - Optional Activities - Drive to Bodhgaya

Morning at Leisure

- Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the hotel

Spend the morning at your own pace or choose from the following optional activities

- Death & Rebirth Walk Tour – a guided spiritual walk exploring Varanasi's cycle-of-life philosophy and sacred rituals
- Visit to Ramnagar Fort – an 18th-century fort and museum located on the eastern bank of the Ganges

Afternoon Drive to Bodhgaya

- Depart for Bodhgaya in the early afternoon
- Distance: Approx. 250 km | Duration: 5–6 hours by road
- Scenic countryside drive with possible refreshment stop en route

Evening Arrival in Bodhgaya

- Check-in at your Bodhgaya hotel upon arrival
- Evening at leisure to rest or take a short local walk (optional)
- Dinner
- Overnight stay in Bodhgaya.

Day 4 - Full-Day Sightseeing in Bodhgaya

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Begin your day with a visit to:

- Mahabodhi Temple – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the sacred Bodhi Tree, where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment
- Explore the Vajrasana (Diamond Throne) and Animesh Lochana Chaitya, significant spots within the temple complex

Great Buddha Statue & Monasteries

- Visit the Great Buddha Statue – a majestic 80-foot tall statue of Buddha in meditation pose.
- Explore various Buddhist monasteries and temples, each built by different countries such as Thailand, Japan, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka, showcasing unique architectural styles and cultural traditions.

Afternoon – Cultural & Historical Exploration

- Visit the Bodhgaya Archaeological Museum – view relics, sculptures, and artifacts related to Buddha's life and the region's Buddhist heritage.
- Proceed to Sujata Village – the place where Sujata offered kheer (rice pudding) to Buddha, marking the end of his extreme asceticism.

Evening – Dungeshwari Cave Temples

- End your sightseeing with a visit to the Dungeshwari Caves (Mahakala Caves) – the meditation site of Buddha before his enlightenment.

Return & Overnight Stay

- Return to your hotel by evening.
- Dinner
- Overnight stay in Bodhgaya.

Day 5 - Leisure Morning - Departure from Bodhgaya

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the hotel.

Free time in the morning for:

- Personal exploration
- Last-minute souvenir shopping
- Quiet reflection or rest before your journey

Check-out & Departure

- Check out from the hotel.
- At a suitable time, transfer to Bodhgaya Airport or Railway Station for your onward journey.

Package Description

Varanasi, also known as Kashi or Banaras, is a historic city located on the banks of the River Ganga in Uttar Pradesh, India. It is considered one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world and the spiritual capital of India.

Spiritual Significance: It is believed that Lord Shiva founded Varanasi.A holy city for Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains.Kashi Vishwanath Temple is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva.

Bodh Gaya is one of the most important and sacred Buddhist pilgrimage sites in the world. It is located in the Gaya district of Bihar.

Bodh Gaya is the place where Siddhartha Gautama, later known as Lord Buddha, attained enlightenment (nirvana) around 2,500 years ago under the Bodhi Tree.

Inclusions

- Pickup and drop from Varanasi Railway Station/Airport
- 02 Standard Room on Double occupancy
- 04 Nights at Hotel.
- 04 Breakfast Per Person
- 04 Dinner per person
- Sightseeing/ Temple Visit
- All Tours & 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.