

Tour Name: Four Sacred Sites Associated with Lord Buddha Life

Tour Duration: 8 Nights/ 9 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2y8e3bf3>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Four Sacred Sites Associated with Lord Buddha Life" tour, a transformative pilgrimage through key Buddhist sites. Begin in Bodhgaya, where Prince Siddhartha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree. Explore the Mahabodhi Temple Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site revered by Buddhists worldwide. Journey onward to Kushinagar, where Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana, visiting the serene Ramabhar Stupa and Mahaparinirvana Temple. Delve into the peaceful ambiance of Lumbini, birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama, now a pilgrimage site with the sacred Maya Devi Temple and Ashoka Pillar. This tour offers a profound immersion into Buddhism's origins and teachings, culminating in a spiritual experience amidst these revered ancient sites.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bodhgaya

- Arrive at Bodhgaya, the sacred place where Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree.
- Visit the Mahabodhi Temple Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the focal point of Buddhist pilgrimage, known for its ancient architecture and serene ambiance.
- Explore the Bodhi Tree, believed to be a descendant of the original tree under which Buddha meditated, offering a tranquil spot for meditation and reflection.
- Discover the Great Buddha Statue, a towering figure depicting Buddha in a meditative posture, surrounded by lush gardens and Buddhist monasteries representing different countries.

Day 2: Bodhgaya - Patna (180km)

- After breakfast, depart for Patna, the capital city of Bihar, known for its rich history and cultural heritage.
- Visit Patna Sahib Gurudwara, a significant Sikh pilgrimage site associated with Guru Gobind Singh, adorned with intricate marble work and a serene atmosphere of devotion.
- Explore Patna Museum, housing an impressive collection of artifacts spanning centuries, including Mauryan and Gupta period sculptures, coins, and historical documents.

Day 3: Patna - Vaishali - Kesariya - Kushinagar (260km)

- Journey to Kushinagar via Vaishali, an ancient city where Buddha preached his last sermon and the birthplace of Lord Mahavira.
- Visit the Ashoka Pillar, an important archaeological site marking Buddha's sermon and the announcement of the establishment of the Sangha.
- Explore the Ananda Stupa, a revered monument believed to house the ashes of Buddha's disciple Ananda, with intricate carvings and serene surroundings.
- Continue to Kesariya to see the Kesariya Stupa, one of the tallest and oldest Buddhist stupas in the world, offering panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Day 4: Kushinagar - Lumbini (160km)

- Explore Kushinagar, where Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana (final enlightenment), visiting the Mahaparinirvana Temple housing a reclining Buddha statue depicting his passing into nirvana.
- Visit the serene Ramabhar Stupa, where Buddha was cremated, surrounded by peaceful gardens and ancient ruins.
- Cross into Nepal to reach Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its sacred gardens and monastic complexes.

Day 5: Lumbini

- Spend the day exploring Lumbini's sacred sites, starting with the Maya Devi Temple, marking the exact birthplace of Buddha, with ancient ruins and a sacred pond.
- Visit the Lumbini Garden, where Buddha took his first seven steps, adorned with Ashoka Pillar commemorating Emperor Ashoka's pilgrimage.
- Explore various international monasteries, each representing unique Buddhist architectural styles and offering meditation spaces amidst serene surroundings.
- Reflect on the spiritual significance of Lumbini, where Buddha's teachings of peace and enlightenment resonate through the ages.

Day 6: Lumbini - Shravasti (160km)

- Travel to Shravasti, an ancient city where Buddha spent 24 monsoon seasons, exploring its rich Buddhist heritage and historical landmarks.
- Visit the Jetavana Monastery, one of the largest monastic complexes of Buddha's time, with ancient ruins and tranquil gardens.

- Explore the Anathapindika Stupa, built by a wealthy merchant to honor Buddha's chief lay disciple, showcasing intricate carvings and serene surroundings.
- Discover remnants of ancient stupas and monastic ruins, offering insights into Shravasti's significance as a center of Buddhist learning and spirituality.

Day 7: Shravasti - Varanasi (315km)

- Depart for Varanasi, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world and a major center of spirituality and pilgrimage.
- Stop at Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon, visiting Dhamek Stupa, a massive cylindrical structure with intricate carvings and archaeological significance.
- Explore the Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, a modern temple complex housing beautiful frescoes depicting Buddha's life and teachings.
- Visit the Sarnath Archaeological Museum, showcasing ancient artifacts, sculptures, and inscriptions from the Gupta and Mauryan periods, providing insights into India's rich cultural heritage.

Day 8: Varanasi

- Begin with an early morning boat ride on the sacred Ganges River, witnessing the sunrise and ancient rituals along the ghats, offering a spiritual and cultural experience.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the holiest Hindu temples, known for its vibrant spirituality and intricate architecture.
- Explore Tulsi Manas Temple, dedicated to Lord Rama and adorned with verses from the Ramayana, reflecting Varanasi's spiritual essence.
- Discover Bharat Mata Temple, honoring Mother India with a unique marble relief map depicting the country's unity in diversity.
- Wander through Varanasi's bustling markets, renowned for silk weaving, handicrafts, and traditional Banarasi sarees, offering a glimpse into local culture and craftsmanship.

Day 9: Varanasi - Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your onward journey, reflecting on your profound spiritual journey through the Buddhist sacred sites of Bodhgaya, Kushinagar, Lumbini, Sravasti, and Varanasi, enriched with history, culture, and spiritual significance.

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Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,778	1,510	1,305	1,335	1,185	1,161	1,079	1,017
4★ Deluxe	3,164	1,684	1,479	1,509	1,359	1,335	1,253	1,191
5★ Luxury	3,498	2,008	1,649	1,680	1,530	1,506	1,423	1,362

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 345 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 557 | 5★ Luxury: USD 720

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 33 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 62 | 5★ Luxury: USD 80

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 8 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Nepal Visa fee.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.

- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 8 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bodhgaya x 1 night: The Imperial/ Hotel Taj Darbar
- Patna x 1 night: Vijayatej Clarks Inn/ Hotel Patliputra Ashok
- Kushinagar x 1 night: The Imperial/ Hotel Sidharth Inn
- Lumbini x 2 nights: Hotel Nirvana/ Lumbini Bamboo Resort
- Sravasti x 1 night: Hotel Pawan Palace/ The Sravasti Residency
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev

4 Star Hotels

- Bodhgaya x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Patna x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Hotel Gargee Grand
- Kushinagar x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Lumbini x 2 nights: Buddha Maya Hotel/ Lumbini Hokke Hotel
- Sravasti x 1 night: Lotus Nikko Hotel/ Hotel Platinum
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa

5 Star Hotels

- Bodhgaya x 1 night: Hyatt Place Bodh Gaya
- Patna x 1 night: Maurya Hotel/ The Panache
- Kushinagar x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Lumbini x 2 nights: Buddha Maya Hotel/ Lumbini Hokke Hotel

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- Sravasti x 1 night: Lotus Nikko Hotel/ Hotel Platinum
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as

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weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.

- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.