

**Tour Name: Grand Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour**

**Tour Duration: 11 Nights/ 12 Days**

**Tour Map:** <https://tinyurl.com/56cztnb7>

### **Tour Overview**

Embark on the Grand Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour, a transformative journey through India's most sacred and iconic landmarks. Start in the spiritual city of Varanasi, where you'll witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti and explore the ancient site of Sarnath. Travel to Bodhgaya, the place of Buddha's enlightenment, visiting revered temples and international monasteries. Continue to Patna via the historic sites of Rajgir and Nalanda, and then to Kushinagar, the final resting place of Buddha. Cross into Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, and proceed to Sravasti and Lucknow, steeped in rich Buddhist history. Conclude your journey in Agra, marveling at the magnificent Taj Mahal, before ending in the bustling capital, Delhi. This odyssey offers a profound blend of spiritual pilgrimage and heritage exploration, leaving you enriched and inspired.

### **Tour Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Arrival in Varanasi**

- Arrive in Varanasi and transfer to your hotel for check-in.
- Visit Sarnath, where Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Explore the Dhamek Stupa, Chaukhandi Stupa, and the Sarnath Archaeological Museum, which houses a rich collection of Buddhist artifacts.
- In the evening, witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat, a spiritual ritual with chanting, lamps, and prayers by the River Ganges.
- Return to your hotel in Varanasi for overnight stay.

#### **Day 2: Varanasi - Bodhgaya (255kms)**

- Start the day with breakfast at your hotel in Varanasi.
- Embark on a serene boat ride on the River Ganges at dawn, witnessing the spiritual rituals and daily life along the ghats.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, a prominent Hindu pilgrimage site.
- Explore the bustling markets and vibrant lanes of Varanasi for local crafts and delicacies.

- Afternoon drive to Bodhgaya, a journey of approximately 255 km (6-7 hours).
- Check-in at the hotel upon arrival in Bodhgaya.

**Day 3: Bodhgaya**

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel.
- Visit the Mahabodhi Temple Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree.
- Explore the ancient monasteries and temples surrounding the Mahabodhi Temple, built by Buddhist communities worldwide.
- Visit Thai Monastery, known for its tranquil ambiance and traditional Thai architecture.
- Explore Bhutanese Monastery, showcasing intricate Bhutanese-style paintings and architecture.
- Visit Vietnamese Temple, renowned for its serene meditation halls and ornate pagoda architecture.
- Attend evening prayers at the Mahabodhi Temple, a serene experience amidst chanting monks.

**Day 4: Bodhgaya - Patna (170kms)**

- Start the day with breakfast at your hotel in Bodhgaya.
- Depart for Patna, a journey of approximately 170 km (4-5 hours).
- En route, visit Rajgir, ancient capital of Magadha Empire. Explore Gridhakuta Hill, Vulture's Peak, and Ajatshatru's Fort.
- Continue to Nalanda, renowned ancient university and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the ruins of monasteries, temples, and the Nalanda Archaeological Museum.
- Drive to Patna and check-in at your hotel upon arrival.

**Day 5: Patna - Kushinagar (225kms)**

- After breakfast, depart for Kushinagar, a journey of approximately 225 km (5-6 hours).
- Visit the Mahaparinirvana Temple, marking the site where Buddha attained Parinirvana (enlightenment) and his cremation.
- Explore the Ramabhar Stupa and various monasteries in Kushinagar.

- Check-in at your hotel in Kushinagar for overnight stay.

**Day 6: Kushinagar - Lumbini (180kms)**

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Kushinagar.
- Drive to Lumbini, birthplace of Buddha, in Nepal, a journey of approximately 180 km (4-5 hours).
- Visit Maya Devi Temple, marking the exact birthplace of Buddha, and the Sacred Garden.
- Explore various monasteries built by Buddhist countries around Lumbini.
- Return to your hotel in Lumbini for overnight stay.

**Day 7: Lumbini - Sravasti (225kms)**

- After breakfast, depart for Sravasti, a journey of approximately 225 km (5-6 hours).
- Visit Jetavana Monastery, where Buddha spent a significant amount of time and delivered many sermons.
- Explore Saheth Maheth, archaeological remains of ancient Sravasti.
- Check-in at your hotel in Sravasti for overnight stay.

**Day 8: Sravasti - Lucknow (170kms)**

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Sravasti.
- Drive to Lucknow, a journey of approximately 170 km (4-5 hours).
- Visit Bara Imambara, a historical complex famous for its unique architecture and labyrinthine Bhul Bhulaiya (maze).
- Explore the Chota Imambara and Rumi Darwaza in Lucknow.
- Check-in at your hotel in Lucknow for overnight stay.

**Day 9: Lucknow - Agra (350kms)**

- After breakfast, depart for Agra, a journey of approximately 350 km (6-7 hours).
- Visit Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Mughal architecture and historical significance.
- Explore the Buland Darwaza, Jama Masjid, and other monuments in Fatehpur Sikri.
- Continue drive to Agra and check-in at your hotel upon arrival.

**Day 10: Agra - Delhi (210kms)**

- Early morning visit to the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World, to witness the sunrise.
- Explore Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Mughal architecture and historical significance.
- Drive to Delhi, a journey of approximately 210 km (4-5 hours).
- Check-in at your hotel in Delhi for overnight stay.

**Day 11: Delhi**

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Delhi.
- Full-day sightseeing in Delhi including visits to Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, and India Gate.
- Explore Rajpath, Parliament House, and President's House.
- Visit Lotus Temple and Akshardham Temple for spiritual exploration.
- Return to your hotel in Delhi for overnight stay.

**Day 12: Delhi - Departure**

- Optional visit to local markets for souvenir shopping.
- Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour with cherished memories.

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**Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)****Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 April 2027**

| Persons     | Solo  | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3★ Standard | 3,609 | 1,956 | 1,663 | 1,723 | 1,536 | 1,510 | 1,407 | 1,329 |
| 4★ Deluxe   | 4,148 | 2,211 | 1,918 | 1,978 | 1,791 | 1,765 | 1,662 | 1,584 |
| 5★ Luxury   | 4,647 | 2,615 | 2,178 | 2,238 | 2,051 | 2,024 | 1,921 | 1,844 |

**Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027**

| Persons     | Solo  | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3★ Standard | 3,482 | 1,867 | 1,574 | 1,634 | 1,447 | 1,420 | 1,317 | 1,240 |
| 4★ Deluxe   | 3,838 | 2,056 | 1,763 | 1,823 | 1,636 | 1,609 | 1,506 | 1,429 |
| 5★ Luxury   | 4,315 | 2,436 | 1,998 | 2,058 | 1,871 | 1,844 | 1,741 | 1,664 |

**Single Room Supplement**

3★ Standard: USD 484 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 769 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,008

**Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)**

3★ Standard: USD 53 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 80 | 5★ Luxury: USD 113

**Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 11 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.
- 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 11 nights' accommodation**

**3 Star Hotels**

- Varanasi x 1 night: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: 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 1 night: Hotel Nirvana/ Lumbini Bamboo Resort
- Shravasti x 1 night: Hotel Pawan Palace/ The Sravasti Residency
- Lucknow x 1 night: La Place Sarovar Portico/ Golden Tulip
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel

**4 Star Hotels**

- Varanasi x 1 night: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: 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 1 night: Buddha Maya Hotel/ Lumbini Hokke Hotel
- Shravasti x 1 night: Lotus Nikko Hotel/ Hotel Platinum

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- Lucknow x 1 night: Lemon Tree Hotel/ Fortune Park BBD
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza

### **5 Star Hotels**

- Varanasi x 1 night: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Patna x 1 night: Maurya Hotel/ The Panache
- Kushinagar x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Lumbini x 1 night: Buddha Maya Hotel/ Lumbini Hokke Hotel
- Shravasti x 1 night: Lotus Nikko Hotel/ Hotel Platinum
- Lucknow x 1 night: The Centrum/ Renaissance Lucknow
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi

### **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.

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- 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 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.



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### **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.