

Tour Name: Jyotirlinga & Monasteries - Hindu & Buddhist Pilgrimage

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/46fhrth9>

Tour Overview

Embark on a profound journey through the heartlands of Eastern India with our "Jyotirlinga & Monasteries - Hindu & Buddhist Pilgrimage" tour, starting from Kolkata and winding through Bodhgaya to Varanasi. Begin in Kolkata with visits to iconic landmarks like Victoria Memorial and Dakshineswar Kali Temple, immersing in the city's rich cultural tapestry. Travel onwards to Bodhgaya, where the enlightenment of Lord Buddha under the Bodhi tree awaits discovery at Mahabodhi Temple and Sujata Kutti. In Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities globally, experience the spiritual intensity of Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the tranquil serenity of Sarnath, where Buddhism's foundational teachings began. Complete your pilgrimage with mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremonies along the sacred river, leaving you spiritually enriched and culturally enthralled.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Kolkata

- Arrival transfer from the airport to the hotel.
- Walk through the Indian Museum, the largest and oldest museum in India with extensive exhibits on art, archaeology, and natural history.
- Discover the vibrant atmosphere of New Market, a bustling shopping area with a variety of shops and eateries.
- Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the banks of the Hooghly River at Princep Ghat, a picturesque riverside promenade.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Victoria Memorial, a majestic white marble building housing a museum with a rich collection of historical artifacts.
- Explore St. Paul's Cathedral, an Anglican cathedral known for its Gothic architecture and serene ambiance.
- Visit Dakshineswar Kali Temple, a famous Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Kali, situated on the banks of the Hooghly River.

- Explore Belur Math, the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission, known for its beautiful temple architecture and peaceful surroundings.
- Tour the Marble Palace, a 19th-century mansion featuring a stunning collection of sculptures, paintings, and antiques.
- Experience the lively atmosphere of Park Street, a major thoroughfare known for its restaurants, bars, and shops.
- Enjoy a traditional Bengali dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Kolkata - Deoghar (Train No. 12023, JANSHATABDI EXP, HWH 1405hr / JSME 1817hr)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning at leisure to relax or explore more of Kolkata's attractions before departure.
- Board the JANSHATABDI EXP train from Howrah Station to Jasidih, enjoying scenic views along the way.
- Arrive in Jasidih and transfer to Deoghar, known for its spiritual significance and serene environment.
- Evening visit to Baidyanath Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas dedicated to Lord Shiva, a major pilgrimage site for Hindus.
- Explore local markets and savor traditional snacks and sweets unique to Deoghar.

Day 4: Deoghar - Bodhgaya (268kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning visit to Naulakha Mandir, a beautiful temple dedicated to Radha-Krishna, known for its unique architecture.
- Explore Tapovan Caves, ancient rock caves with religious significance, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscape.
- Visit Satsang Ashram, the spiritual center established by Sri Sri Thakur Anukulchandra, attracting devotees from around the world.
- Depart for Bodhgaya, the sacred place where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree.
- Evening at leisure to relax or explore Bodhgaya's local attractions and markets.

Day 5: Bodhgaya - Varanasi (250kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Mahabodhi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage centers, featuring the sacred Bodhi tree.
- Explore the Great Buddha Statue, an impressive 80-feet tall statue symbolizing peace and spirituality.
- Visit Sujata Kuti, the village where Sujata offered kheer to Buddha before his enlightenment, marking a significant event in Buddhist history.
- Depart for Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world and a major center for Hindu spirituality.
- Evening at leisure to relax or explore the ghats and narrow lanes of Varanasi.

Day 6: Varanasi

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Early morning boat ride on the Ganges River, witnessing the mesmerizing rituals and ceremonies at the ghats, including the famous Dashashwamedh Ghat.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas dedicated to Lord Shiva, an important pilgrimage site for Hindus.
- Explore Sarnath, where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment, visiting Dhamek Stupa and the Sarnath Archaeological Museum.
- Stroll through the narrow lanes of Varanasi, discovering hidden temples, vibrant markets, and traditional crafts.
- Attend the evening Ganga Aarti ceremony, a spectacular ritual of worship with lamps and chants, creating a magical atmosphere along the riverbanks.
- Visit Bharat Mata Temple, a unique temple dedicated to Mother India, featuring a relief map of India carved in marble.
- Explore Banaras Hindu University, one of the largest residential universities in Asia, known for its picturesque campus and the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum.
- Morning visit to Tulsi Manas Temple, dedicated to Lord Rama and known for its beautiful architecture and inscriptions from the Ramcharitmanas.

Day 7: Varanasi - Departure

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.

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- Depending on your flight schedule, explore more of Varanasi's attractions or enjoy some last-minute shopping for souvenirs.
- Transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey, carrying memories of a spiritually enriching pilgrimage tour.

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	1,906	1,039	896	889	795	784	732	693
4★ Deluxe	2,256	1,202	1,060	1,053	959	948	896	857
5★ Luxury	2,565	1,482	1,244	1,238	1,144	1,133	1,081	1,042

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,876	1,012	869	863	769	758	706	667
4★ Deluxe	2,165	1,157	1,014	1,007	914	902	851	812
5★ Luxury	2,429	1,421	1,184	1,177	1,083	1,072	1,020	981

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 250 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 436 | 5★ Luxury: USD 561

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 25 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 42 | 5★ Luxury: USD 59

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 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.

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- AC Train ticket Kolkata - Deoghar.
- 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 6 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Deoghar x 1 night: Hotel Imperial Heights/ GenX Rameshwaram By 1589/ Amrapali Clarks Inn
- Bodhgaya x 1 night: The Imperial/ Hotel Taj Darbar
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev

4 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By the Park
- Deoghar x 1 night: Hotel Imperial Heights/ GenX Rameshwaram By 1589/ Amrapali Clarks Inn
- Bodhgaya x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa

5 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern

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- Deoghar x 1 night: Hotel Imperial Heights/ GenX Rameshwaram By 1589/ Amrapali Clarks Inn
- Bodhgaya x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- 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.

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- **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.

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.