

Tour Name: Kolkata, Bodhgaya & Varanasi Tour

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2eeydpu8>

Tour Overview

Embark on a profound journey through India's spiritual and cultural heartlands with the Kolkata, Bodhgaya & Varanasi Tour. Begin in Kolkata, the colonial city known for its historic charm and vibrant culture, visiting iconic landmarks such as the Victoria Memorial and Howrah Bridge. Travel to Bodhgaya, the revered site of Buddha's enlightenment, where the Mahabodhi Temple and international monasteries offer a serene spiritual experience. Continue to Varanasi, the sacred city on the banks of the Ganges, where the Ganga Aarti and a boat ride at sunrise provide deeply moving experiences. This tour beautifully blends historical exploration with spiritual discovery, offering an enriching adventure through India's most sacred sites.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

- Arrive in Kolkata and transfer to your hotel for check-in.
- Stroll along Park Street, known for its colonial-era charm, bustling markets, and vibrant nightlife.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before sightseeing.
- Visit the Victoria Memorial, a grand marble building dedicated to Queen Victoria, showcasing an impressive collection of paintings and artifacts.
- Explore St. Paul's Cathedral, an Anglican cathedral known for its Gothic architecture and beautiful stained-glass windows.
- Visit the Marble Palace, a 19th-century mansion known for its collection of sculptures, paintings, and antiques.
- Visit Howrah Bridge, an iconic cantilever bridge spanning the Hooghly River, offering panoramic views of the bustling city and river.
- Walk through the Indian Museum, the oldest and largest museum in India, housing a vast collection of antiques, fossils, and artifacts.

- Explore the Kalighat Kali Temple, one of the most famous Hindu temples in Kolkata, dedicated to the goddess Kali.
- Explore the bustling New Market, a historical shopping area offering a variety of goods from textiles to jewelry.
- Stroll along the Prinsep Ghat, a beautiful riverside promenade with colonial-era architecture and serene views of the Hooghly River.

Day 3: Kolkata - Patna (flight) - Bodhgaya

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before your flight.
- Fly from Kolkata to Patna and transfer to Bodhgaya by road.
- Enroute visit Nalanda, an ancient center of learning and one of the oldest universities in the world, with extensive ruins of monasteries and temples.
- Visit Rajgir, a historical city associated with Buddha and Mahavira, featuring ancient caves, hot springs, and the Vulture's Peak.
- Check-in to your hotel in Bodhgaya and relax for the rest of the day.

Day 4: Bodhgaya

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before sightseeing.
- Visit the Mahabodhi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree.
- Explore the Bodhi Tree, a sacred fig tree at the Mahabodhi Temple complex, considered to be the direct descendant of the original tree.
- Visit the Great Buddha Statue, a 25-meter-high statue of Buddha in meditation pose, a significant landmark in Bodhgaya.
- Explore various international monasteries such as the Thai Monastery, showcasing Thai architecture and tranquil gardens.
- Visit the Japanese Temple, featuring a giant Buddha statue and serene surroundings.
- Explore the Tibetan Monastery, adorned with vibrant Tibetan art and prayer flags.
- Visit the Sujata Stupa, built to commemorate Sujata, who offered Buddha food before his enlightenment.
- Explore the Archaeological Museum, exhibiting artifacts and relics from Bodhgaya's rich historical past.

- Visit the Dungeshwari Cave Temples, where Buddha meditated before his enlightenment.

Day 5: Bodhgaya - Varanasi (250kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before departing for Varanasi.
- Drive to Varanasi, a journey of approximately 5-6 hours.
- Arrive in Varanasi, check-in to your hotel, and relax for the evening.
- Attend the Ganga Aarti ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat, a mesmerizing evening ritual involving lamps, incense, and devotional music.

Day 6: Varanasi

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before sightseeing.
- Take an early morning boat ride on the Ganges River to witness the rituals performed on the ghats and the stunning sunrise.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, one of the most famous Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, located on the western bank of the Ganges.
- Explore the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), one of the largest residential universities in Asia, and visit the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum.
- Explore the Tulsi Manas Temple, dedicated to Lord Rama, with walls inscribed with verses from the Ramcharitmanas.
- Stroll through the Varanasi Ghats, including Assi Ghat and Manikarnika Ghat, to witness the daily life and rituals along the river.
- Visit Sarnath, where Buddha gave his first sermon, and explore the Dhamek Stupa, a massive stupa marking the location of Buddha's first teaching.
- Visit the Chaukhandi Stupa, an important Buddhist stupa marking the spot where Buddha met his first disciples.
- Explore the Sarnath Archaeological Museum, housing artifacts from the ancient Buddhist site.

Day 7: Varanasi - Kolkata/ Delhi/ Mumbai

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depending on your departure schedule, explore any remaining sights or indulge in some local shopping.

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- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Kolkata, Delhi, or Mumbai for your onward journey.

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	1,911	1,031	909	921	817	801	744	701
4★ Deluxe	2,298	1,210	1,087	1,100	996	980	923	880
5★ Luxury	2,592	1,511	1,257	1,269	1,165	1,150	1,093	1,050

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,865	993	871	883	779	763	706	663
4★ Deluxe	2,192	1,157	1,034	1,047	943	927	870	827
5★ Luxury	2,441	1,442	1,189	1,201	1,097	1,081	1,024	982

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 250 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 459 | 5★ Luxury: USD 583

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.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.

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- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Kolkata - Patna & Varanasi - Kolkata/ Delhi flight fare approx INR 9, 500 per person in economy class.
- 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
- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: 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
- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: 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
- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: 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.
- 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.

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- **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.