

Tour Name: Spiritual Tour of Bodhgaya & Varanasi

Tour Duration: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/47r7akbc>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Spiritual Tour of Bodhgaya & Varanasi," a transformative journey through India's spiritual heartlands. Begin in Bodhgaya, where the Mahabodhi Temple and the Great Buddha Statue await, surrounded by serene gardens and the Bodhi Tree. Witness the tranquil site of Sujata Garh, pivotal in Buddha's path to enlightenment, before exploring international monasteries. Travel to Varanasi, where the ancient city's energy unfolds through a mesmerizing Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat. Experience sunrise on a serene Ganges boat ride, visit the revered Kashi Vishwanath Temple, and delve into the sacredness of Sarnath, where Buddha preached his first sermon. This odyssey culminates in Varanasi, offering a profound immersion into India's spiritual heritage and enlightenment teachings.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Patna - Bodhgaya (175kms)

- Drive from Patna to Bodhgaya, passing through scenic rural Bihar landscapes.
- Enroute visit Nalanda:
- Nalanda University Ruins: Explore the ancient ruins of one of the world's oldest universities, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its historical and architectural significance.
- Nalanda Archaeological Museum: See artifacts and sculptures excavated from the Nalanda site, offering insights into ancient Indian education and culture.
- Enroute visit Rajgir:
- Griddhakuta Hill: Visit the hill where Buddha preached many of his famous sermons, offering panoramic views of the surrounding hills and valleys.
- Venu Vana: Explore the Bamboo Grove where Buddha meditated and where the first Buddhist Council was held after his death.

Day 2: Bodhgaya

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Mahabodhi Temple: Begin your day with a visit to this UNESCO World Heritage site, marveling at its ancient architecture, serene gardens, and the sacred Bodhi Tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment.
- Great Buddha Statue: Discover the 80-feet tall statue of Buddha in meditation posture, surrounded by lush gardens and offering a tranquil environment for contemplation.
- Sujata Garh: Visit the peaceful site where Sujata offered rice milk to Buddha, marking a significant moment in his journey towards enlightenment.
- Visit International Monasteries: Explore monasteries built by various Buddhist countries, each showcasing unique architectural styles and offering insights into their cultural heritage.

Day 3: Bodhgaya - Varanasi (250kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Varanasi, experiencing the transition from Bihar to Uttar Pradesh's vibrant culture and landscapes.
- Evening Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat: Witness the mesmerizing ritual on the banks of River Ganges, where priests perform prayers with oil lamps and incense, creating a spiritual ambiance.

Day 4: Varanasi

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Boat Ride on River Ganges: Experience the early morning tranquility on a boat ride, witnessing the sunrise and observing the rituals along the ghats.
- BHU Complex: Visit Banaras Hindu University, one of the largest residential universities in Asia, known for its sprawling campus and the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum showcasing historical artifacts.
- Kashi Vishwanath Temple: Visit one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its gold-plated spire and intricate architecture.
- Bharat Mata Temple: Explore this unique temple dedicated to Mother India, featuring a marble relief map of undivided India, symbolizing unity in diversity.

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- Sarnath: Explore the sacred site where Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Visit Dhamek Stupa, Mulagandha Kuti Vihar, and the Archaeological Museum to see ancient artifacts and relics.

Day 5: Varanasi - Departure

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depending on your flight time, visit local markets or additional sites in Varanasi.
- Transfer to Varanasi airport for your departure, concluding your enriching journey through Bodhgaya and Varanasi's cultural and spiritual landmarks.

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	1,352	726	630	636	562	553	512	482
4★ Deluxe	1,579	824	728	735	661	652	611	580
5★ Luxury	1,973	1,122	940	947	873	864	823	792

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 – 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,306	688	592	598	525	515	474	444
4★ Deluxe	1,473	771	675	682	608	599	558	527
5★ Luxury	1,852	1,069	887	894	820	811	770	739

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 167 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 295 | 5★ Luxury: USD 477

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 15 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 28 | 5★ Luxury: USD 59

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.

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- 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 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: The Imperial/ Hotel Taj Darbar
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev

4 Star Hotels

- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa

5 Star Hotels

- Bodhgaya x 2 nights: Hyatt Place Bodh Gaya
- 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.
- 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.