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Buddhist Circuit - 8N/9D

Visit: Varanasi 1N | Bodhgaya 1N | Patna 2N | Kushinagar 1N | Saravasti 1N | Lucknow 2N |

Sightseeing: Varanasi: City Tour | Sarnath | Bodhgaya: Maha Bodhi Temple | Rajgir: Ruins of Rajgir | Patna: City Tour | Vaishali: Stupas | Lumbini: Mayadevi Temple | Sarasvati: City Tour |



Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Varanasi

Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. Evening you'll be taken for a local city tour of Varanasi visiting Banaras Hindu University (B.H.U.) & New Vishvanath temple inside the B.H.U. campus, Sankat Mochan Hanuman temple, Durga temple and Tulsi Manas temple. Also visit Bharat Mata temple dedicated to Mother Land India. Then visit Benarasi Saree centre. Overnight stay will be at Varanasi.



Day 02: Varanasi: Enroute Sarnath – Bodhgaya (240 Kms/6 Hrs)

Early morning you'll have a boat ride on river Ganga. In this ancient city of pilgrimage, the bathing ghats are main attraction. Then to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple which is dedicated to Lord Shiva. After breakfast you will be taken to Sarnath - the site where Buddha delivered his first sermon to





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his five disciples, preaching the middle path for attaining 'Nirvana'. After lunch proceed to Bodhgaya which holds extreme religious importance. Overnight at Bodhgaya. (B)

Day 03: Bodhgaya: Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Enroute Visit Rajgir - Patna (120 Kms/2.5 Hrs)

Morning visit Maha Bodhi Temple, the main place of worship. Then proceed to Patna enroute visiting Rajgir, which is a great holy place of the Buddhists. The ruins of Rajgir, which have been partly excavated, cover an extensive area within and outside the hill enclosure and include the ancient defenses and remains of habitations, shrines, stupas and monasteries. A monastery with large elliptical halls has been recently excavated and identified as Jeevak Amravan, mentioned in



the Buddhist texts as a favorite retreat of Buddha. On arrival Patna, check into hotel. Overnight at Patna. (B)

Day 04: Patna: Sightseeing

After breakfast full day city tour of Patna visiting Golghar, Patna museum, Kumhrar – excavation site of Pataliputra, Agam Kuan – the well dating back Ashokan period, etc. Evening you'll visit Mahatma Gandhi Setu (bridge) at river Ganga, for a sunset view. Overnight stay will be at Patna. (B)



Day 05: Patna: Enroute Visit Vaishali - Kushinagar (270 Kms/6.5 Hrs)

Morning drive to Kushinagar, enroute visit Vaishali which derives its name from King Vishal, whose story of valour is narrated in the Ramayana. Being associated with Buddha, Vaishali has emerged as a historical and scenic place. Lord Buddha came thrice here and also gave his last sermon at Vaishali. Amrapali, a courtesan, gifted a mango grove to Buddha and later she became a Buddhist nun. Vaishali was also the venue for the second Buddhist council, 100 years



after the death of Buddha. The stupas found in Vaishali had stone caskets, which contained the relics of Buddha. Continue drive to Kushinagar. On arrival Kushinagar, check into hotel. Overnight Stay at Kushinagar (B)



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Day 06: Kushinagar: Enroute Lumbini - Saravasti (270 Kms/6.5 Hrs)

Morning drive to Saravasti enroute visit Lumbini - the birthplace of Lord Buddha. In the afternoon visit the Mayadevi temple and proceed to Saravasti. On arrival Saravasti, check into hotel. (B)



Day 07: Saravasti: Sightseeing - Lucknow (250 Kms/6 hrs)

In the morning proceed for the sightseeing tour of the city visiting Sahet Mahet, Angulimar's cave and Sujata's House. In the afternoon proceed to Lucknow. On arrival Lucknow, check into hotel. (B)



Day 08: Lucknow: Full Day Sightseeing

After breakfast full day city tour visiting Bara Imambara with its famous Bhul Bhulaiya (meaning labyrinth), Chota Imambara, Roomi Darwaza, Dilkhusha Garden, The Residency, Shah Najaf, La Martiniere, Ram Krishan Math (Nirala Nagar). Also visit the chikan embroidery work, famous at Lucknow. Evening you'll be free at leisure on your own. Overnight at Hotel in Lucknow. (B)



Day 09: Lucknow

After breakfast departure to airport/ railway station for the onward destination, along with unforgettable memories. (B)



Inclusions:

- Accommodation for 8 nights with Breakfast
- Transportation by AC INDIGO as per above itinerary
- Services of an English speaking chauffeur guide/driver



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Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Entrance fees for attractions other than what is covered in the itinerary
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Any other services not specified above.
- Video and Camera permits.

ACCOMODATION IN BELOW HOTEL OR SIMILAR

LOCATION/CATEGORY	Deluxe
Varanasi	Palace on Ganges
Bodhgaya	Hotel Thai International
Patna	Hotel Chanakya
Kushinagar	Hotel Lotus Nikko
Sarasvati	Hotel Lotus Nikko
Lukhnow	Hotel Piccadily

PRICE PER PERSON IN INR EXCL ST @ 9.00%

ROOMING BASIS/CATEGORY	Deluxe
ADL IN TWIN	40900

PACKAGE PRICE: VALIDITY UPTO 30 SEP'17 BARRING PEAK AND BLOCK OUT PERIODS

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- As you are aware, airlines offer dynamic fares, it is advantageous to book flight tickets as early as possible.
- Also, booking the flight early helps you get the desired flight schedules.
- Likelihood of getting the desired hotel and room category is higher if you book early, thereby saving money.
- We highly recommend to opt for accommodation suggested by us as per the price points.
- Precise information with regard to date of travel, duration, number of tour participants, accommodation category and sightseeing helps to get appropriate quotation in quickest time.

