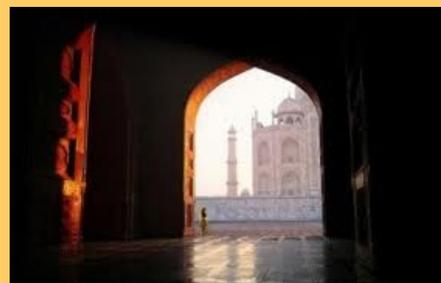




“INDIA BUDDHIST TOUR”

“Eastern Zone of India is rich in Cultural Heritage. You can have a taste of temples, monas tries, buddhist circuit with a rural touch...”



Tour Length 12 Nights – 13 Days
**DESTINATION TOUR :- Delhi-Gonda-Sravasti-Lumbini-Kushinagar-Patna-Nalanda-Rajgir-
 Bodhgaya-Varanasi-Allahabad-Kanpur-Sanksya-Agra-Delhi**

Day 1 : Departure - ✈️ - Arrive Delhi

Arriving **Delhi**, you will clear customs and immigration. Leaving the airport, you will be met by our representative, holding a play card with your name on it at the exit. Arrival transfer to your hotel and assistance for check-in will be provided. After check-in and overnight at hotel.

Day 2 : Delhi - 🚗 - Gonda

After Breakfast, enjoy full day city tour of **Delhi** which is India's bustling capital city. It was from here that Hindu, Muslim and Mughal dynasties as well as the British ruled. Old & New Delhi present a stunning juxtaposition of sights and sounds with the ancient city built by Emperor Shah Jahan the builder of the famous Taj Mahal, and the new garden city built in 1911 by the British. First of all visit India Gate which is a famous war memorial at the east end of Rajpath. Also visit Rajghat (the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi). Later on visit Lotus Temple(Bahai Temple) which is the newest most extravagant architectural wonder of the Bahai faith, located in Kalkaji, south of Delhi. In the late afternoon visit Qutab Minar which is 72.5 m in height and has a mosque at the base. It is a magnificent structure whose construction started in 1199 by a Muslim King Qutab-ud-din Aibak (after whom it was named) and was finished by his heir Iltutmish. Later on drive past President's House, Parliament House & Secretariat Building. Evening departure transfer to the railway station to board the train for **Gonda**. Overnight in train.

Day 3 : Gonda - Sravasti

Arrive **Gonda**, meet & assistance at the railway station. Later transfer to **Sravasti** (in Uttar Pradesh), capital of an ancient kingdom by the same name, is sacred to the Buddhists because it was here that Lord Buddha confounded his critics with a million fold manifestation of himself, seated on a thousand-petalled lotus, as fire and water emanated from his body.. The city believed to be founded by the mythological king Sravast. Lord Buddha preached here after he got his enlightenment. Buddha has 24 rainy seasons in the Jetvana Gardens at Sravasti and has performed some miracles here. After the death of Buddha, this monastery got royal patronage. On arrival, transfer in hotel, check-in and sightseeing in city. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 4 : Sravasti - Lumbini

After Breakfast, leave for **Lumbini** the birthplace of Lord Buddha. On arrival transfer to hotel and check-in. Afternoon half day city tour visiting some important places in Lumbini: The Lumbini Garden, the site marked by a certain stone pillar erected by the Indian Emperor Ashoka at about 245 B.C. The most important discovery in this place is a stone marked to suggest the exact birthplace of Buddha; Mayadevi Temple, a temple dedicated to the mother of lord Buddha- Maya Devi, was excavated a few years ago. Many sculptures and carving in which the figures and designs are only slightly projecting from their background are seen here; Pushkarni pond , the pond where Mayadevi is said to have had a bath before giving birth to Buddha; Ramagram that is believed to be the maternal home of Buddha. This is where we can see the biggest stupa, with important relics. It is said that it was built around 600 B.C. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Day 5 : Lumbini - Kushinagar

After Breakfast, leave for Kushinagar, on arrival transfer and check-in into hotel. **Kushinagar** is significant because it is the place where Buddha attained the state of Mahaparinirvana or Permanent Bliss at the age of 80. After freshening up, enjoy sightseeing of the Nirvana Temple and Ramabhar Stupa. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 6 : Kushinagar - Patna - Rajgir

After Breakfast, leave for Rajgir en route visit Vaishali and Patna and Nalanda. At **Vaishali** you will see Shanti Stupa. At **Patna** (the capital of Bihar), you visit important tourist places like Ashoka Pillar, Bawan Pokhar Temple, Buddha Stupas. On arrival at **Rajgir**, transfer and check-in into hotel. Rajgir, the erstwhile capital of the Magadhan kingdom has a prominent place in Buddhist and Jain religious history. It was blessed by the founders of both these religions and many of the current Tourist Attractions in Rajgir includes places which are in some way or the other associated with these religions. One of the foremost Tourist Attractions in Rajgir is the Venuvana Vihara, a much loved retreat of Lord Buddha gifted to him by King Bimbisara. The Griddhakuta or Vulture's Peak is yet another one. This is believed to be the spot where Lord Buddha preached many sermons and presently it is the site of the Shanti Stupa or Peace Pagoda built by the Buddhist Sangha of Japan. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 7 : Rajgir – Nalanda - Bodhgaya

After Breakfast, visit the world famous sites the ruins of Nalanda International University and Gridhikut Mountain. Afternoon leave for **Bodhgaya**, one of the four holiest cities of Buddhist faith. The Mahabodhi temple is the main attraction of this town and is located near the spot where Lord Buddha attained spiritual enlightenment. Bodhgaya is not only an important Buddhist pilgrim center, but it is also an important center for the study of Buddhism. On arrival transfer check-in into hotel, dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 8 : Bodhgaya

After Breakfast, sightseeing of Maha Bodhi Temple , Tree and the Chinese Temple. In the afternoon visit Niranjana Temple and River. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 9 : Bodhgaya Varanasi

After Breakfast, leave for **Varanasi**, the world's most ancient living city. Sunrise on the River front, as seen from a boat, can be spiritually uplifting sight.

Crowded with temples, and it's labyrinth of streets, the city attracts the maximum number of tourists. The religious capital of Hinduism, was previously known as Kashi – The city that illuminates. On arrival transfer to hotel and check in. In the afternoon, you may explore the traditional bazaars of Varanasi for some shopping in handicrafts and Banarasi Saris. After, visit the Dasaswamedh Ghat, for Ganga AArti ceremony. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 10 : Varanasi - Allahabad - Kanpur

Enjoy an early morning Boat Ride on the sacred Ganges River. Breakfast in hotel and after, drive to **Sarnath** - where the Buddha preached his first sermon in the Deer Park. In Sarnath, you can see the Dharmarajika, Chaukhandi and Dharnek stupas, as well as the Lion Capital of emperor Ashoka. Later, in the afternoon, leave for Kanpur en-route visit **Allahabad**, to see the Sangam (Meeting point) of the three rivers - Ganga, Yamuna & Saraswati. Here the Maha Kumbh Mela is held every 12 years which is a major Hindu festival. On arrival at **Kanpur**, transfer to hotel and check-in. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11 : Kanpur – Sanksya - Agra

After Breakfast, proceed to Agra. En-route visit Sanksya. Upon arrival, transfer and check-in into Hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 12 : Agra – Delhi - ✈️ - Departure your destination

After Breakfast, sightseeing tour of Agra. You can see Taj Mahal the famous monument of Love, built by Shaha Jahan in the loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz mahal. Also visit Agra Fort, Sikandra and local bazaars. Later, leave ake a drive towards Delhi. On arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel (day use) and rest of the days feel free to relax and independent activities. Later in the evening you will be driven to International airport to take your flight back to home.

END OF OUR SERVICES

Day 13 : - ✈️ - Leave

Flight back home...

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It will be a pleasure for us, to advise and to prepare a holiday for you, giving you the opportunity to know the places, traditions and cultures, through a customized itinerary.