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Top Travel and Tours (P) Ltd. invites you to the special world; one not just of spectacular temples, monasteries and stupas but where you may actually walk in the footsteps of "The Enlightened One" the man who changed the world.

We present to you a perfect Buddhist pilgrimage tour package which covers all the pious and revered Buddhist destinations. Beautiful Buddhist monasteries and stupas over the relics have become an inseparable part of India art, culture and architecture. For an excellent introduction to Buddhism, make a visit to Buddhist sites atleast once in a life.

Ever since its inception in 1985; we have the experience of more than two decades in handling Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour. We take pride in introducing ourselves as No. 1 Tour Company for Buddhist Pilgrimage. With our experience, knowledge, creativity and ardor, we tailor all according to your needs. We have our own fleet of cars, coaches and offices in all Buddhist interest places.

Come and explore with us the majestic Buddhist destinations, the ancient monasteries and temples that were once reputed as the stronghold of Buddhism in India; experience India from a uniquely Buddhist perspective. This trip ensures that you will find your true inner self along with peace and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you to this vibrant and enchanting land



*Come To The World Of Man
Who Enlightened The World.*

Come to the world of Buddha

Siddharth Gautam, born the son of a king, grew up in Kapilvastu amidst luxury and splendour.

At the age of 29 he left earthly distraction behind, to begin his quest for the true meaning of life - a search that took him to the land of Magadha.

At Bodhgaya, after years of penance and deprivation, he attained "Enlightenment" under the sacred Bodhi tree-to become Buddha.

In the fabled deer park at Sarnath, the Buddha preached his first sermon. He then travelled widely preaching his philosophy.

At the age of 80, in the forest of Kushinagar, he entered perfect tranquility-the state of 'Parinirvana'.

Lumbini, Bodhgaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Sravasti, Vaishali and kapilvastu'-these sacred places of Buddha continue the legacy of this remarkable being who practised and preached peace, purity and love.

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Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

Delhi Or Calcutta / Patna / Nalanda / Rajgir / Bodhgaya / Varanasi / Kushinagar / Lumbini / Lucknow / Delhi / Agra / Delhi

Tour Highlights :

Visit the grove of Lumbini where the Enlightened one was born ; Bodhgaya where he attained enlightenment : Sarnath where the wheel of law was set into motion and



the city of the world famous Taj Mahal, Agra.

Kushinagar where he passed into Mahaparinirvana. Also included in this tour is sightseeing of Delhi and visit to

the most sacred pilgrimage places for the Buddhist. Enroute visit Nalanda and Rajgir. Nalanda - a great center of Buddhist learning and one of the most famed university citadels of ancient times. Rajgir - it was once the ancient capital of the powerful kingdom of Maghada. From the outskirts of Rajgir, a historic road leads to Gridha - Kuta or vultures peak where the Buddha preached, here the first Buddhist Council was held after the Lord's Mahaparinirvana.

Day 3 : Sightseeing of Bodhgaya including Mahaparinirvana Temple, Bodhi Tree and various temples. Overnight in Bodhgaya.

Day 4 : Morning leave Bodhgaya for Varanasi by Surface. Later, excursion to Sarnath. Overnight in Varanasi.

Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrive Calcutta / Delhi. Half Day Sightseeing of the city. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 2 : Leave Calcutta / Delhi for Patna by air. Drive to Bodhgaya where the Buddha attained enlightenment and which is one of



Day 5 : Early morning boat ride on the River Ganges to see the sun rise and the bathing ghats of an ancient Hindu city. Later, leave Varanasi for Kushinagar. Overnight in Kushinagar.

Day 6 : Leave Kushinagar for Lumbini by surface. Sightseeing of Lumbini where the Lord was born. Emperor Ashok, in the twenty first year after his coronation, visited the birthplace and raised a pillar on the spot. Later proceed to Balrampur.

Day 7 : Leave Balrampur for Lucknow enroute visit Sravasti (Sahet-Mahet) capital of the ancient kingdom of Kosala, an active centre for Buddhism. Overnight in Lucknow.

Day 8 : Leave Lucknow for Delhi by air. Half day sightseeing of Old and New Delhi visiting Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutab Minar and the Secretarial Buildings. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 9 : Full day excursion to Agra, city of the Taj Mahal. Also visit Agra Fort and Sikandra, Overnight in Delhi.

Day 10 : Day at leisure in Delhi.

Day 11 : Leave Delhi.

Follow the Footsteps of Lord Buddha

01 Day : Arrive Gaya / Bodhgaya

Arrive Bodhgaya. Our representative will meet you at airport and will assist for transfer. Check into hotel. Bodhgaya is the place where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. Afternoon visit Mahabodhi Temple, Archaeological Museum, Bodhi tree, Thai Temple, The Burmese Temple, Tibetan Monastery, International Buddhist House, Buddhist Monastery of Bhutan and The Chinese Temple and Monastery. Overnight stay at hotel.

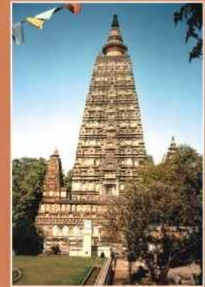


02 Day : Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda-Bodhgaya

Morning excursion tour to Rajgir & Nalanda. Nalanda was the most renowned university in ancient India. Established in the 5th century B.C. it remained a live center of learning till the 12th century A.D. Rajgir was the lifetime of the Buddha and was the capital of the powerful Magadhan kingdom, ruled by the virtuous King Bimbisara. Overnight stay at hotel at Bodhgaya.

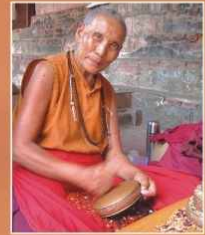
03 Day : Bodhgaya-Varanasi (Sarnath)

Morning drive to Varanasi (251 kms / 7 hrs), on arrival transfer to hotel. The blessed locale where more than 2,500 years ago Buddha chose to deliver his first sermon, after attaining Nirvana. The five disciples who had followed him were surprised to see the mesmerizing glowing countenance of Buddha, who convinced them and delivered his first sermon before them, now termed Dharamachakra Pravartan. Overnight stay at hotel.



04 Day : Varanasi-Kushinagar

Early morning boat ride on River Ganges. After breakfast leave for full day sightseeing of the city. The places of interest are Bharat Mata Temple, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas and the Banaras Hindu University. Afternoon drive to Kushinagar (275 kms / 8 hrs). Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.



05 Day : Kushinagar-Sravasti

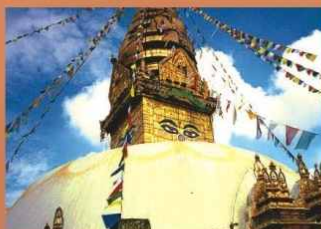
Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana at his eightieth year. Morning visit Mahaparinirvana Temple, Nirvana Chaitya, Ramabhar Stupa, Matha Kuar Shrina and various temples. Later drive to Sravasti (270 kms / 07 hrs). On arrival check into to hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.



06 Day : Sravasti-Lumbini

Lord Buddha spent 24 rainy season here and is the place of Lord's greatest miracles.

Morning visit Sahet Mahet (Capital of ancient kingdom of Kosla), Jetawana Gardens and various Buddhist temples. Afternoon drive Lumbini (In Nepal), which is 190 kms approx. 05 hrs drive. On arrival transfer to hotel. Evening visit Buddhist temples for prayer. Overnight at hotel. Lumbini is the place where enlightened Gautam Buddha was born.



07 Day : Lumbini-Kathmandu

Morning visit Buddhist temple & stupas. Later transfer to Bhairwa airport to connect flight for Kathmandu. Afternoon tour of Katmandu City - Durbar Square complex of palaces, courtyards and temples, built between the 12th and 18th centuries, used to be the seat of the ancient Malla kings of Katmandu (Nepal). Overnight stay at hotel.

08 Day : Kathmandu-Out

Morning transfer to Airport to connect flight for onward connection.



Buddhist Temple Tour - 8 Nights / 9 Days

Day 01 : Arrival Gaya / Bodhagya

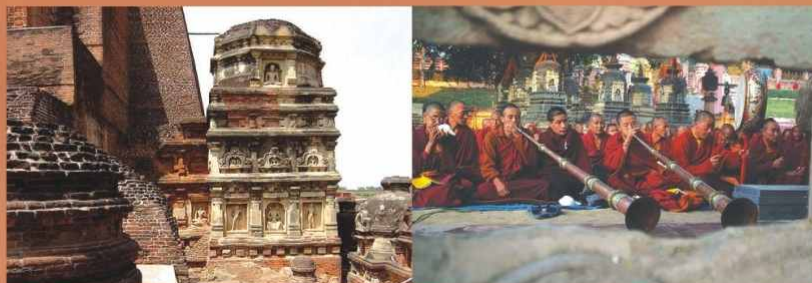
Arrive Gaya airport. Our representative will meet you and will assist you for transfer and check into hotel. Afternoon, visit Mahabodhi Temple, Archaeological Museum and Bodhi Tree. If time permits visit Thai Temple, The Burmese Temple, Tibetan Monastery, International Buddhist House, Buddhist Monastery of Bhutan and The Chinese Temple & Monastery. Overnight at hotel.



Buddha's Footprints

Day 02 : Bodhgaya / Rajgir/ Nalanda / Bodhgaya

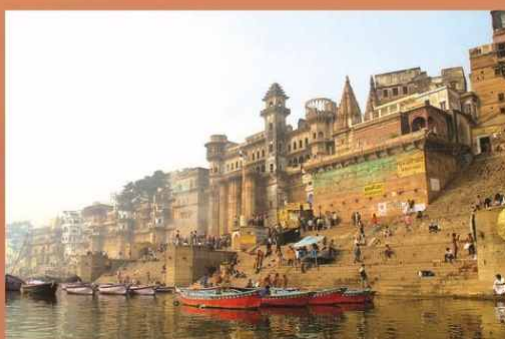
Morning excursion tour to Rajgir (74 kms / 2 hrs drive), the site of great sanctity and significance of Buddhists. Visit Gridhakuta Hill where Lord Buddha delivered many of his sermons &



Bimbisara jail where devoted Mauryan King Bimbisara who choose this as a place to spend his last days. Later proceed to Nalanda (18 kms) one of the oldest Universities of the World & International Center for Buddhist Studies. Afternoon drive back to Bodhgaya and check into hotel.

Day 03 : Bodhgaya / Varanasi (Sarnath)

Morning drive to Varanasi which is approx. 251 kms / 7 hrs drive. On arrival transfer to hotel. The blessed locale where more than 2,500 years ago Buddha chose to deliver his first sermon, after attaining Nirvana. The five disciples who had followed him were surprised to see the mesmerizing glowing countenance of Buddha, who convinced them and delivered his first sermon before them, now termed Dharamachakra Pravartan. Overnight stay at Hotel in Varanasi.





Day 04 : Varanasi / Kushinagar

Early morning boat ride on River Ganges. Later come back to hotel for breakfast. Check-out hotel and proceed to Kushinagar (275 kms / 8 hrs drive) - where Buddha entered perfect tranquility - the state of Mahaparinirvana. On arrival check into hotel. Afternoon visit Mahaparinirvana temple & Ramabhar Stupa (cremation place of Lord Buddha). Overnight stay at hotel in Kushinagar.

Day 05 : Kushinagar / Lumbini

Morning visit various stupas and temples. Later proceed to Lumbini (161 kms - approx. 04 hrs drive). There will be border crossing, you have to stop sometime for visa procedures. Lumbini is the place where enlighten Gautam Buddha was born. On arrival check into hotel.

Day 06 : Lumbini / Sravasti

Morning visit Buddhist temples for prayer. Afternoon drive Sravasti which is 190 kms / 05 hrs drive, on arrival check into hotel. Lord Buddha has spent 24 rainy season here. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 07 : Sravasti / Lucknow /Agra

Morning visit Sahet Mahet (Capital of ancient Kingdom of Kosla) Jetawana Gardens Buddhist temples etc. Afternoon drive to Lucknow Railway Station (171 kms / 4 hrs. drive) to connect overnight train for Agra.

Day 08 : Agra / Delhi

Arrive Agra in the morning. Visit world famous Taj Mahal built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan in AD 1630 to enshrine the mortal remains of his Queen Mumtaz Mahal . Also visit the nearby red sand stone Agra Fort. Afternoon drive to Delhi which is 203 kms. / 4 hrs drive. Check into hotel for overnight stay.

Day 09 : Delhi / Onward destination.

Morning visit Old Delhi, the 17th century walled city with its splendid gates, narrow alleys, the enormous Bazaar. Visit Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat. Afternoon tour of New Delhi with wide tree lined avenues, parks and fountains surroundings the imposing government and state Buildings. Visit Humayun's Tomb, an observatory called Jantar Mantar, Qutab Minar, India Gate and President House. Evening transfer to airport to connect flight for onward destination. (hotel checkout 12:00 hrs)



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