

12D11N India, Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Patna, Vaishali, Kessaputta, Kusinara, Lumbini, Savatthi, Sarnath, Varanasi

Greatest Values of All

- Mahaparinibbana Vihara
- Ramagama & Kesariya Stupa
- Isipatana, Deer Park
- Nalanda Mahavihara Ruins (UNESCO)
- Asokan Lion Pillar at Vesali
- Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak
- Mahabodhi Temple Complex (UNESCO)
- Brahmayoni Hill & Pragbodhi Cave
- Kapilavattu & Mayadevi Temple (UNESCO)

FREE upgrade to Excellent-Cuisine Restaurants & Private Tour*

Itinerary

Day 1 Practice Meditation at Mahabodhi Temple

- 1400 Arrive at Gaya Airport by Thai Smile WE 327
- 1500 Meet & greet by tour guide at the airport's arrival gate
- 1530 Check in hotel in Bodh Gaya for 2-nights
- 1700 Enjoy Indian Set Dinner at the hotel
- 1800 **Walk to the Mahabodhi Temple, UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- 1815 Pay homage to the Buddha at the Mahabodhi Temple
- 1830 Perform evening puja & meditate at the Mahabodhi Temple
- 2000 Explore the surroundings of the Mahabodhi Temple
- 2200 Before we say good night

Day 2 Discover the Holy Sites in Mahabodhi Temple

- 0500 Walk to Mahabodhi Temple for morning puja & meditation
- 0515 Perform puja & practice meditation at the Sacred Bodhi Tree
- 0630 **Discover the holy sites in Mahabodhi Temple Complex, built by Emperor Asoka in the 3rd century B.C, a UNESCO World Heritage Site:**
 - **The Main Temple**, faces east and contains a gilded statue of the seated Buddha holding earth as witness to his Enlightenment achievement
 - **Sacred Bodhi Tree**, to the west of the main temple, the shades under which Siddhartha Gautama meditated and attained Enlightenment. This peepal tree's botanical name is Ficus religiosa. It was under this tree that the Buddha spent the 1st week in meditation after attaining Enlightenment. The present tree is probably the fifth succession of the original tree which was earlier destroyed several times by man-made misery and natural calamities
 - **Animisa-locana Cetiya**, situated at the north east of Mahabodhi Temple, this is the place where the Buddha spent the 2nd week in meditation in standing posture gazing at the Bodhi Tree with motionless eyes for one whole week
 - **Cankamana**, is the place where the Buddha spent the 3rd week in meditation practicing walking meditation, the raised platform with lotus flowers mark the spot where the Buddha kept his feet while walking

Mahabodhi Temple



Mahabodhi Temple before restoration



- **Ratanaghara** or the Jewel House, located at the north-west of the main temple, is the place where the Buddha spent the 4th week in meditation
- **Ajapala Nigrodha Tree**, a pillar marks the spot where the tree once stood marking the place where the Buddha spent the 5th week in meditation after attaining Enlightenment and delivered a discourse on the equality of mankind
- **Mucalinda Sarovar**, the lake where the Buddha spent the 6th week in meditation after his Enlightenment
- **Rajayatana Tree**, situated to the south of the Temple, this is the tree where the Buddha spent the 7th week in meditation

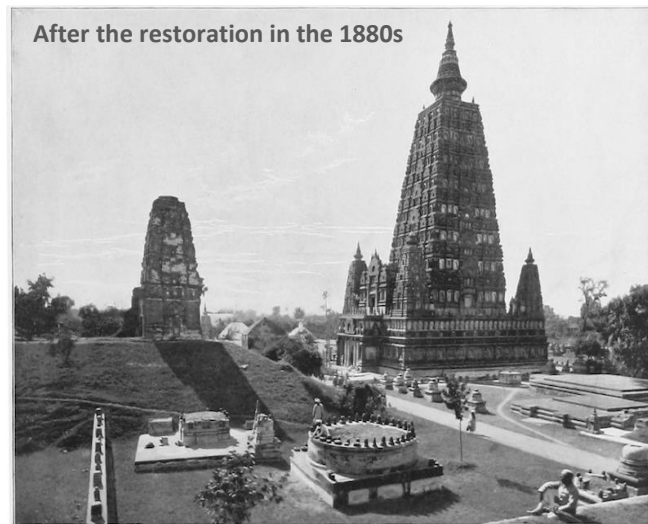
- 0800 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0900 **Visit Brahmayoni Hill, where the Buddha delivered the fire sermon, (Adittapariyaya Sutta) to a thousand former fire-worshipping ascetics, who all became enlightened while listening to this discourse**
- 1030 Transfer to Sujata Village to visit the Sujata Stupa and temple
- 1300 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1400 Travel to Pragbodhi Hill, 0h45m, 21km
- 1500 **Walk uphill to discover a small cave where Siddhartha Gautama spent 6 years for austerity practices**
- 1600 Hike up to the top of Pragbodhi for a panoramic view of Gaya
- 1700 Transfer back to the hotel for rest and refresh
- 1800 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Dinner at hotel
- 1900 Perform evening puja at Mahabodhi Temple
- 2030 **Practice meditation at the Sacred Bodhi Tree**
- 2230 Before we say good night

Day 3 Hike up to Explore Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak

- 0600 Walk to Mahabodhi Temple for morning puja & meditation
- 0615 Perform puja & practice meditation at the Sacred Bodhi Tree
- 0800 Enjoy breakfast at hotel
- 0900 Travel to the ancient city of Rajgir, 2h30m, 72km
- 1130 **Stop by at the eastern gate of Rajgir to visit the Bimbisara Jail**
- 1300 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1400 Check in hotel in Rajgir for 2-nights
- 1500 **Hike up to explore the Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak, one of the several sites frequented by the Buddha and his disciples for training, retreat and the scene for many of his discourses**
- 1530 Along the way, stop by to visit the Boar's Grotto where Venerable Sariputta attained enlightenment
- 1600 Snapshot photo of the surrounding hills of the ancient Rajgir
- 1830 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

Day 4 Explore the Famed Nalanda Mahavihara Ruins

- 0500 Enjoy breakfast at hotel



Mahabodhi Temple, Today



Pragbodhi Hill



Veluvana, Bamboo Grove, Rajagaha



- 0600 **Travel to Veluvana, Bamboo Grove, to visit the park where the Buddha spent his 2nd, 3rd, 4th rain-retreats in Rajagaha**
- 0615 Perform morning puja and meditation at the Veluvana, the Bamboo Grove
- 0800 **Hike up to the peak of Sattapanni Hill to explore the Sattapanni Cave, where the First Buddhist Council was held after the Mahaparinibbana of the Buddha**
- 0930 Snapshot photography at Sattapanni Cave overlooking the farm lands below
- 1100 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1200 Travel to the archaeological site of Nalanda, 0h45m, 19km
- 1300 **Visit the Xuan Zang Memorial Hall & explore the famed Nalanda Mahavihara ruins and the Archaeological Museum**
- 1830 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

Day 5 Explore the Asokan Lion Pillar at Ancient Vesali

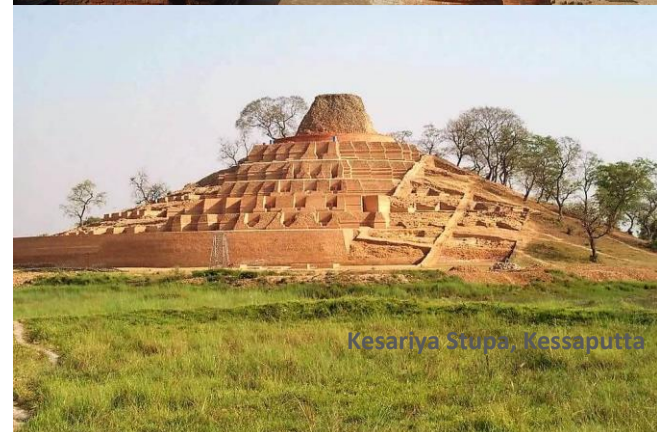
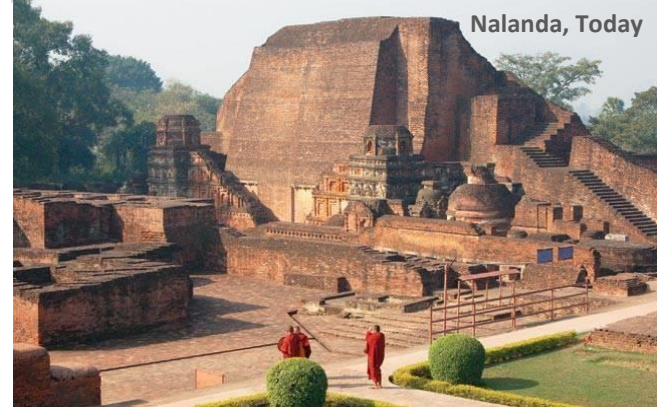
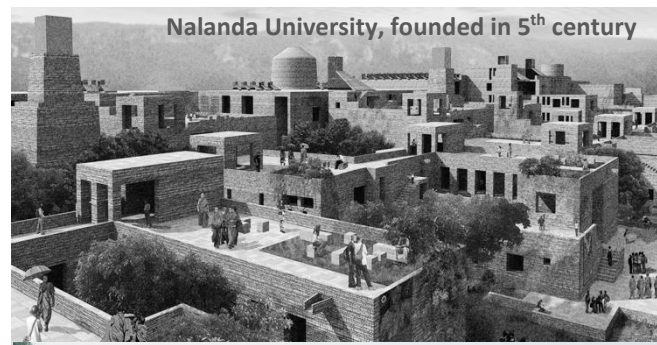
- 0500 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0600 Travel to Patna, the capital of Bihar, 2h50m, 108km
- 0900 **Explore the ancient heritage of Patna Museum**
- 1100 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at Lemon Tree Hotel
- 1200 Travel to the ancient city of Vesali, 2h0m, 59km
- 1400 **Explore the 3rd century B.C, Asokan Lion Pillar**
- 1600 Discover the Vijjians Stupa, the place where the Ratana Sutta discourse was delivered by the Buddha
- 1730 Check in hotel in Vesali for 1-night
- 1830 Enjoy Indian Buffet & Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

Day 6 Discover the main sites of Mahaparinibbana Vihara

- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 Travel to Kushinagar Town, 3h45m, 177km
- 0900 **En-route, stop by at Kessaputta town to visit Kesariya Stupa, the place where the Buddha delivered the discourse of (Kalama Sutta) to the clan called the Kalamas**
- 1000 Continue the journey to Kushinagar Town
- 1300 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1400 Visit the Ramabhar Stupa, the Buddha's cremation place
- 1500 **Discover the main sites of Mahaparinibbana Vihara**
- 1730 Check in hotel in Kushinagar for 1-night
- 1830 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

Day 7 Travel to Lumbini, the birth place of Buddha

- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 Travel to Sonauli, India & Nepal border, 4h0m, 149km
- 1200 Enjoy Buffet Lunch at Nansc Hotel in Sonauli Town



- 1300 **Journey to Ramagama Stupa to explore the only stupa that contains Buddha Relic, 0h40m, 27km**
- 1400 Perform puja and meditate at the Ramagama Stupa
- 1600 Travel to Lumbini, the birth place of Buddha, 01h15m, 46km
- 1730 Check in hotel in Lumbini for 1 night
- 1900 Enjoy Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

Day 8 Travel to the Ancient City of Kapilavatthu

- 0500 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0600 **Perform puja & meditate at Mayadevi Temple, UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- 0800 Travel to the ancient Kapilavatthu to see the ruins of the Sakyan City where the Buddha grew up in, 0h55m, 46km
- 0900 **Explore the home-town of Siddhartha Gotama, Kapilavatthu**
- 1100 Enjoy Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1200 Depart for Savatthi, 06h15, 152km
- 1800 Check in hotel in Savatthi for 1 night
- 1900 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

Day 9 Explore the Ruins of Jetavana Monastery

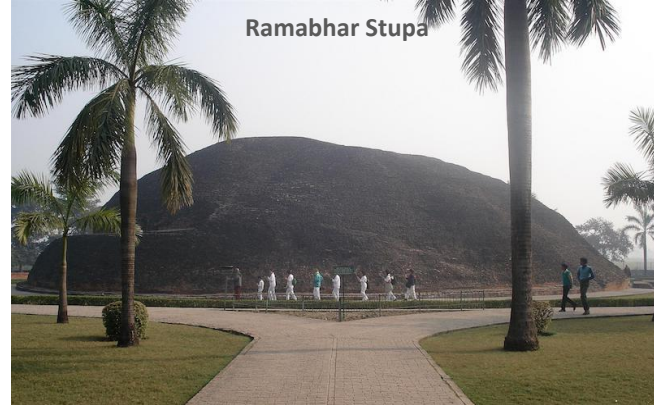
- 0500 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0600 Explore the ruins of Jetavana Monastery
- 0800 **Visit Anathapindika Stupa and Angulimala Stupa**
- 1100 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1200 Travel to Varanasi, the oldest city in India, located on the banks of the Ganges River, 09h30m, 324km
- 1600 Enjoy tea and coffee break at the local Dhaba
- 2200 Enjoy supper at the hotel
- 2300 Check in hotel in Varanasi for 2-nights
- 2330 Before we say good night

Day 10 Discover the Holy Site of Isipatana Deer Park

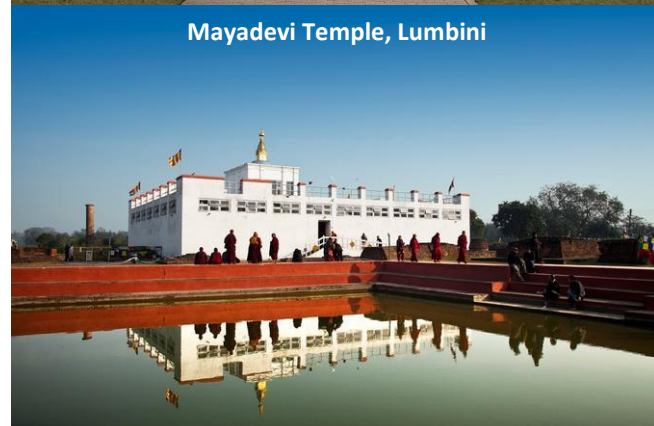
- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 Travel to Sarnath, 0h30m, 8.2km
- 0730 **Discover Isipatana, Deer Park, the holy site where the Buddha delivered the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta**
- 0830 Pay homage at Dhammarajika Stupa & Dhammekh Stupa
- 1000 Explore the ancient heritage in Sarnath Museum
- 1200 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at Rangoli Restaurant
- 1400 **Visit Benares Hindu University & explore Ramnagar Fort**
- 1700 Enjoy lassi and tea at Ramnagar Fort
- 1800 **Watch the Ganga Aarti, performed daily by a group of priests at the Dashashwamedh Ghat**
- 1930 Enjoy authentic Indian Dinner at Palace on Ganges
- 2200 Before we say good night



Mahaparinibbana Vihara, Kusinara




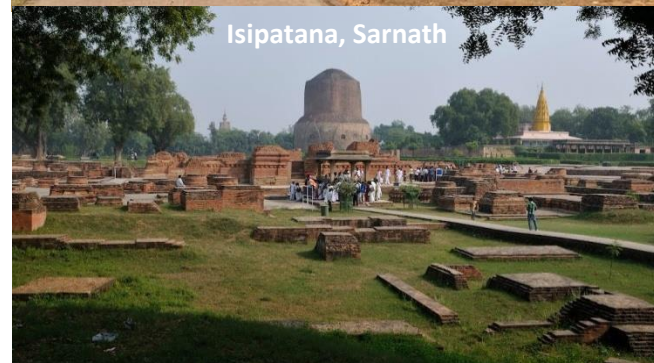
Ramabhar Stupa



Mayadevi Temple, Lumbini



 **Kapilavatthu** Ruins of Sakyan Stupa at Piprahwa
The home-town of Siddhartha Gotama
Indian-Nepali Border

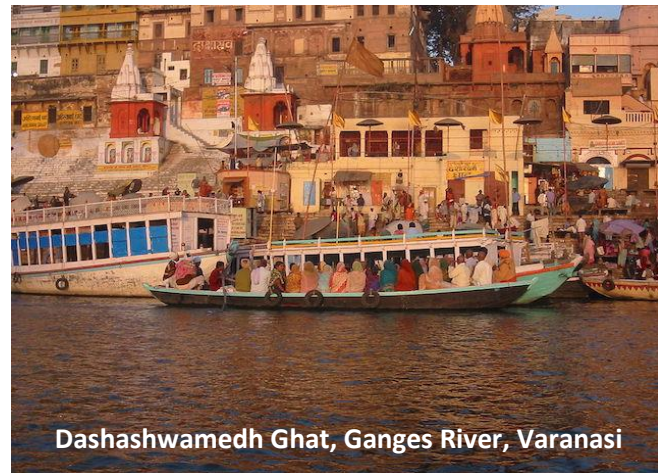


Isipatana, Sarnath



Day 11 Cruise & Admire the Sunrise over the Ganges River

- 0500 Travel to Dashashwamedh Ghat to embark on the Ganges River Cruise
- 0530 **Cruise & admire the sunrise along the Ganges River**
- 0700 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0900 **Visit the Mother of India Temple**
- 1200 Enjoy Indian Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1300 Transfer to the airport for flight check-in
- 1630 Depart for Bangkok by Thai Smile WE 328
- 2135 Arrive at Suvarnabhumi International Airport
- 2300 Check in hotel in Bangkok for 1 night
- 2330 Before we say good night



Day 12 Explore the Royal Temples of Thailand

- 0700 Enjoy breakfast at hotel
- 0800 **Explore the Royal Temples of Thailand**
- **Wat Pho & Wat Arun**
- 1200 Enjoy Thai Set Lunch at Savoey Restaurant
- 1330 Transfer to the airport for flight check-in
- 1640 Depart for Kuala Lumpur by TG 417
- 1950 Arrive at KLIA Terminal, end of the pilgrimage trip.
Sadhu Anumodana!



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Tour Code : GAY12D		Tour Fare (MYR) (Per person per package)					
Class	Hotel 2-nights in Bodhgaya (BGY), 2-nights in Rajgir (RJG), 1-night in Vaishali (VSH), 1-night in Kushinagar (KSG), 1-night in Lumbini (LMB), 1-night in Savatthi (SVT), 2-nights in Varanasi (VNS), 1-night in Bangkok (BKK)	02 ADT	03-05 ADT	06-08 ADT	09-11 ADT	12-14 ADT	Single Supp.
Tourist	BGY : Hotel Bodhgaya Gautam, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 RJG : Hotel Nalanda Regency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 VSH : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) KSG : Hotel Adelphi Grande, (DLX) LMB : Lumbini Zambala Hotel, (STD) SVT : The Lotus Sutra Hotel, (STD) VNS : Hotel New Temple's Town, (DLX) BKK : Citin Pratunam Bangkok Hotel, (SUP), Rating : 7.0	4709	3839	3209	2869	2789	1489
Standard	BGY : Hotel Taj Darbar, (Triple Room), Rating : 8.1 RJG : Hotel Nalanda Regency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 VSH : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) KSG : Hotel Adelphi Grande, (DLX) LMB : Hotel Nansc, (DLX) SVT : The Lotus Sutra Hotel, (STD) VNS : Hotel Tridev, (DLX), Rating : 8.0 BKK : Asia Hotel Bangkok, (SUP), Rating : 7.3	4819	3569	3279	2969	2889	1569
Superior	BGY : Bodhgaya Regency Hotel, (DLX), Rating : 7.4 RJG : The Rajgir Residency (STD) VSH : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) KSG : Lotus Nikko Hotel Kushinagar, (DLX) LMB : Hotel Lumbini Garden New Crystal, (SUP) SVT : Lotus Nikko Hotel Sravasti, (DLX) VNS : The Amayaa Hotel, (SUP), Rating : 7.2 BKK : Center Point Hotel Pratunam, (DLX), Rating : 8.3	5629	4709	4089	3749	3669	2179
Deluxe	BGY : The Royal Residency Bodhgaya, (DLX) RJG : Indo Hokke Hotel Rajgir, (STD) VSH : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) KSG : The Royal Residency Kushinagar, (DLX), Rating : 7.9 LMB : Lumbini Hotel Kasai, (STD) SVT : The Sravasti Residency, (DLX) VNS : Ramada Plaza JHV, (SUP), Rating : 7.6 BKK : Amari Watergate Bangkok, (DLX), Rating : 8.6	6709	5789	5149	4809	4729	3039

Inclusive of:

- 11 Nights Hotel Accommodation (2-nights in Bodhgaya, 2-nights in Rajgir, 1-night in Vaishali, 1-night in Kushinagar, 1-night Lumbini, 1-night in Savatthi, 2-nights in Varanasi and 1-night in Bangkok)
- 11 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches and 10 Dinners
- Welcome drinks at the hotel
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- Boat ride at the holy river Ganges
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Terms & Conditions

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