

# \*7D6N India, Rajgir, Nalanda, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, Varanasi\*

## Greatest Values of All

- Veluvana, Bamboo Grove
- Sattapanni Hill & Cave
- Isipatana, Deer Park
- Nalanda Mahavihara Ruins (UNESCO)
- Xuan Zang Memorial Hall
- Ganga Aarti, Varanasi
- Mahabodhi Temple Complex (UNESCO)
- Brahmayoni Hill & Pragbodhi Cave
- Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak & Boar's Grotto

**FREE upgrade to Excellent-Cuisine Restaurants & Private Tour\***

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Travel to Ancient City of Rajgir

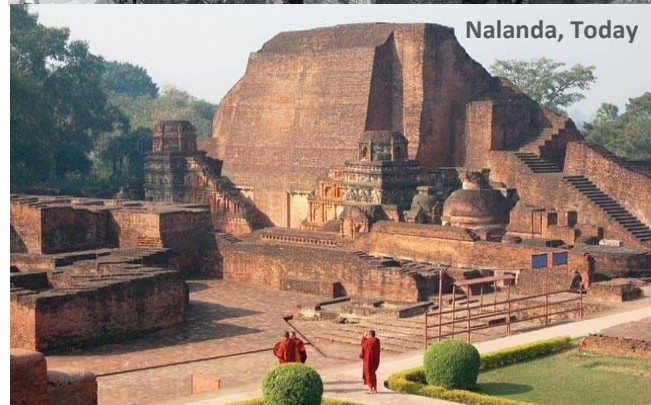
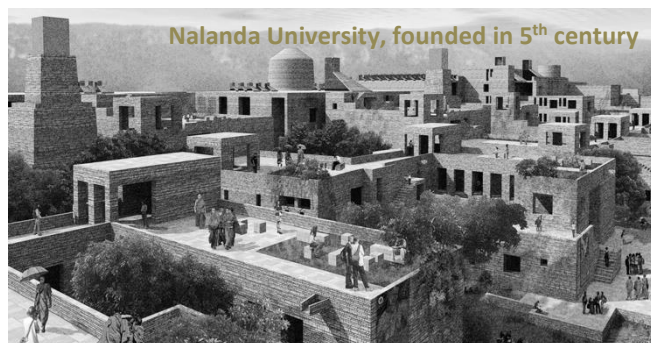
- 1400 Arrive at Gaya Airport by Thai Smile WE 327
- 1445 Meet & greet by tour guide at the airport's arrival gate
- 1500 Travel to the ancient city of Rajgir, 2h30m, 72km
- 1730 Check in hotel in Rajgir for 2-nights
- 1830 Enjoy Indian Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2100 Before we say good night

### Day 2 Explore the Famed Nalanda Mahavihara Ruins

- 0500 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0600 Travel to Veluvana, Bamboo Grove, to visit the park where the Buddha spent his 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Archaeological Museum
- 1830 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

### Day 3 Hike up to Explore Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak

- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 Transfer to Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak, 0h15m
- 0715 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
- 0745 Along the way, stop by to visit the Boar's Grotto where Venerable Sariputta attained enlightenment
- 0830 Snapshot photo of the surrounding hills of the ancient Rajgir
- 1000 Travel to Bodh Gaya, 2h15m, 69km
- 1030 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 at Bodh Gaya for 2-nights



- 1500 **Walk to the Mahabodhi Temple, UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- 1515 Pay homage to the Buddha at the Mahabodhi Temple
- 1600 Explore the surroundings at the Mahabodhi Temple
- 1800 Enjoy Indian Set Dinner at the hotel
- 1900 **Walk to the Mahabodhi Temple, UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- 1915 Pay homage to the Buddha at the Mahabodhi Temple
- 1930 Perform evening puja & meditate at the Mahabodhi Temple
- 2200 Before we say good night

#### **Day 4 Explore the Holy Sites in Mahabodhi Temple**

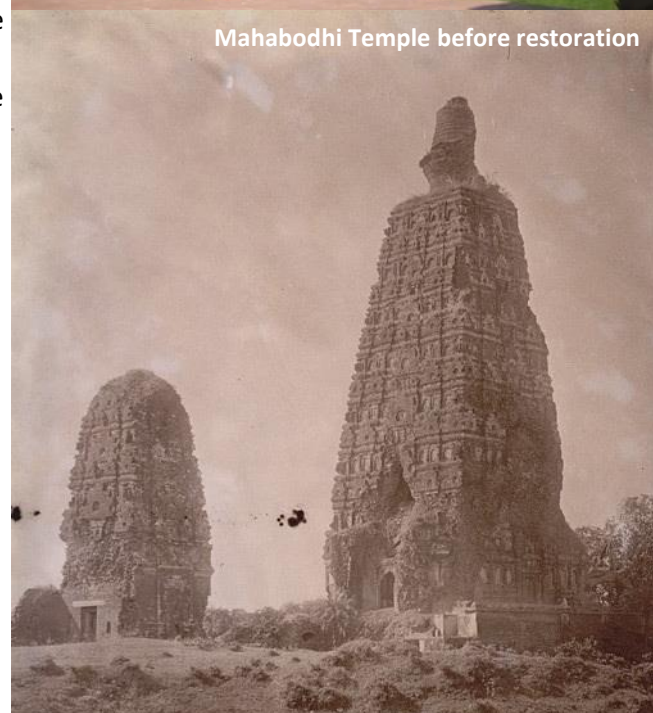
- 0500 Walk to Mahabodhi Temple for morning puja & meditation
- 0515 Perform puja & practice meditation at the Sacred Bodhi Tree
- 0630 **Explore the holy sites in Mahabodhi Temple Complex, built by Emperor Asoka in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C, a UNESCO World Heritage Site:**

- **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> week in meditation practicing walking meditation, the raised platform with lotus flowers mark the spot where the Buddha kept his feet while walking
- **Ratanaghara** or the Jewel House, located at the north-west of the main temple, is the place where the Buddha spent the 4<sup>th</sup> week in meditation
- **Ajapala Nigrodha Tree**, a pillar marks the spot where the tree once stood marking the place where the Buddha spent the 5<sup>th</sup> week in meditation after attaining Enlightenment and delivered a discourse on the equality of mankind
- **Mucalinda Sarovar**, the lake where the Buddha spent the 6<sup>th</sup> week in meditation after his Enlightenment
- **Rajayatana Tree**, situated to the south of the Temple, this is the tree where the Buddha spent the 7<sup>th</sup> week in meditation

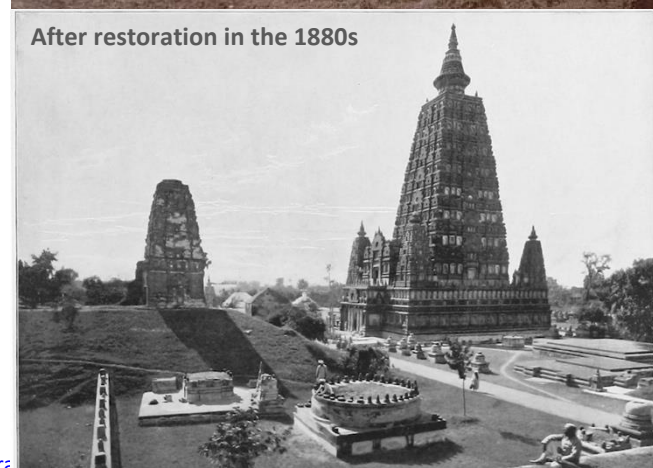
- 0800 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0900 **Visit Brahmayoni Hill , where the Buddha delivered the fire sermon, (Adittapariyaya Sutta) to a thousand former**



Mahabodhi Temple

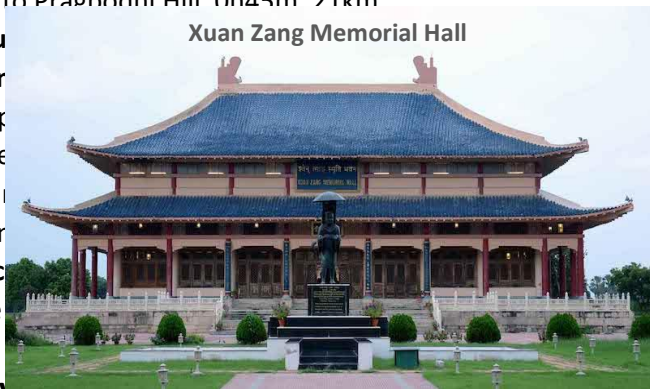


Mahabodhi Temple before restoration



After restoration in the 1880s

- 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 Praghodhi Hill 0h45m 21km  
 1500 **Walk up to Xuan Zang Memorial Hall**  
**Gautam Buddha**  
 1600 Hike up to the top of the hill  
 1700 Transfer to the hotel  
 1800 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel  
 1900 Perform the Ganga Aarti at the Dashashwamedh Ghat  
 2030 **Practice the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta**  
 2230 Before we say good night



#### **Day 5 Discover the Holy Site of Isipatana Deer Park**

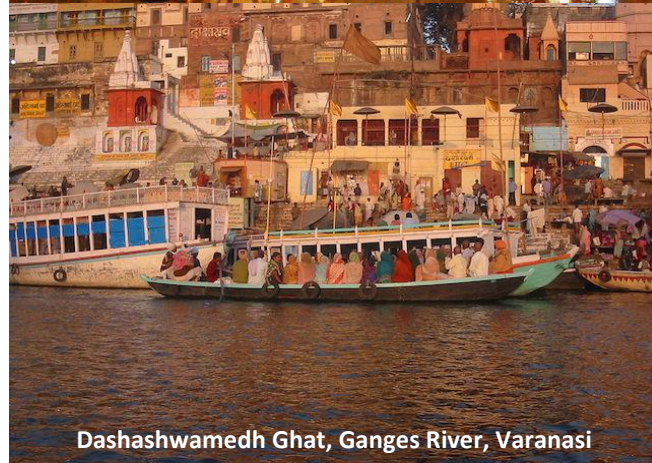
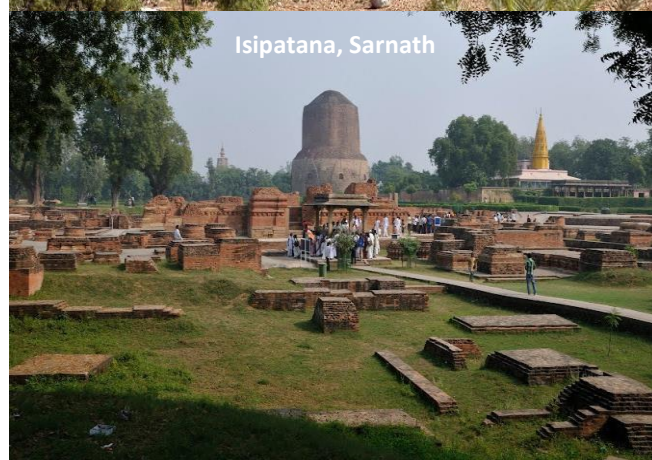
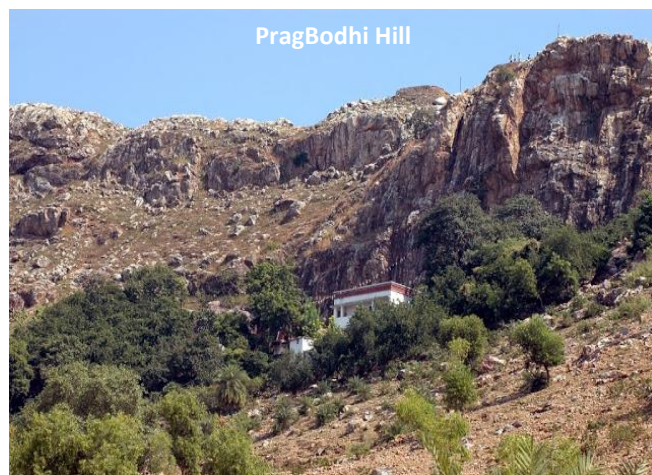
- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel  
 0700 Travel to Sarnath, 5h30m, 247km,  
 1300 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at Rangoli Restaurant  
 1400 **Discover Isipatana, Deer Park, the holy site where the Buddha delivered the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta**  
 1500 Pay homage at Dhammarajika Stupa & Dharmekh Stupa  
 1600 Explore the ancient heritage in Sarnath Museum  
 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  
 2100 Check in hotel in Varanasi for 1-night  
 2200 Before we say good night

#### **Day 6 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 India 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 7 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 trip.

Sarayu Anumodana!



Tour Code : GAYVNS7D		Tour Fare (MYR) ( Per person per package )					
Class	Hotel 2-nights in Rajgir (RJG), 2-nights in Bodhgaya (BGY), 1-night 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	<b>RJG</b> : Hotel Nalanda Regency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>BGY</b> : Hotel Bodhgaya Gautam, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>VNS</b> : Hotel New Temple's Town, (DLX) <b>BKK</b> : Citin Pratunam Bangkok Hotel, (SUP), Rating : 7.0	2619	2079	1749	1559	<b>1539</b>	699
Standard	<b>RJG</b> : Hotel Nalanda Regency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>BGY</b> : Hotel Taj Darbar, (Triple Room), Rating : 8.1 <b>VNS</b> : Hotel City Inn Varanasi, (STD) <b>BKK</b> : Asia Hotel Bangkok, (SUP), Rating : 7.3	2699	2169	1839	1639	1619	769
Superior	<b>RJG</b> : The Rajgir Residency, (STD) <b>BGY</b> : Bodhgaya Regency Hotel, (DLX), Rating : 7.4 <b>VNS</b> : The Amayaa Hotel, (SUP), Rating : 7.2 <b>BKK</b> : Center Point Hotel Pratunam, (DLX), Rating : 8.3	3149	2599	2269	2089	2069	1109
Deluxe	<b>RJG</b> : Indo Hokke Hotel Rajgir, (STD) <b>BGY</b> : The Royal Residency Bodhgaya, (DLX) <b>VNS</b> : Ramada Plaza JHV, (SUP), Rating : 7.6 <b>BKK</b> : Amari Watergate Bangkok, (DLX), Rating : 8.6	3759	3209	2909	2719	2699	1629

#### Inclusive of:

- 6 Nights Hotel Accommodation (2-nights in Rajgir, 2-nights in Bodhgaya, 1-night in Varanasi & 1-night in Bangkok)
- 6 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches and 5 Dinners
- Welcome drinks at the hotel
- Air conditioning Private Land Transportation
- Boat ride at the holy river Ganges
- Entrance Fees according to the itinerary
- English Speaking Tour Guide Service
- Daily 2 bottles of mineral water per person
- Garland on arrival

#### Exclusive of:

- International Air Tickets, Airport Taxes & Travel Insurance
- Indian Visa
- Compulsory Tipping for Tour Guide & Driver : RM 60 per person
- Surcharge for Mandarin Speaking Guide
- **High Season Surcharge : TBA**



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## Terms & Conditions

1. **Booking Period : 01<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**
2. **Travelling Period : 01<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**
3. **Child Share with 2 Adults in One Room**
  - a) Child with Extra Bed : Chargeable at 75% of adult twin share rate according to the total of adults-pax-range
  - b) Child without Extra Bed : Chargeable at 50% of adult twin share rate according to the total of adults-pax-range
4. **Child Share with 1 Adult in One Room : Chargeable at 100% of adult twin share rate according to the total of adults-pax-range**  
The definition of Child is the age from 2 to 11 years old
5. Minimum 02 person travelling & valid for Malaysian & Asian passport holder only
6. The logistic time for the itinerary is subject to change without prior notice
7. For GIT ( 15 adults & above ) booking, kindly email to [sales@stctravel.com.my](mailto:sales@stctravel.com.my) for special rates
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10. **Early Bird Discount or Advance Booking Discount of 2% :**  
**Valid for confirm reservation made 6 months in advance of the travelling date will be entitled for the Advance Booking Discount of 2 % off the tour fare**
11. **This package is subject to service/handling fee of RM100 per person.**



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