

# \*11D10N India, Nepal, Varanasi, Sarnath, Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Vaishali, Kusinara, Savatthi, Lumbini, Kathmandu\*

## Greatest Values of All

- Mahaparinibbana Vihara
- Boudhanath Stupa (UNESCO)
- Mahabodhi Temple Complex (UNESCO)
- Ramagama & Kesariya Stupa
- Asokan Lion Pillar at Vaishali
- Nalanda Mahavihara Ruins (UNESCO)
- Isipatana, Deer Park
- Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak
- Kapilavatthu & Mayadevi Temple (UNESCO)

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

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Travel to Dashashwamedh Ghat, Varanasi

- 1535 Arrive at Varanasi Airport by Thai Smile WE 327  
 1630 Meet & greet by tour guide at the airport's arrival gate  
 1635 Travel to Dashashwamedh Ghat, Varanasi, 01h10m, 25km  
 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 2 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 & Dharmekh Stupa  
 1000 Explore the ancient heritage in Sarnath Museum  
 1200 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at Rangoli Restaurant  
 1300 Travel to Bodh Gaya, 05h45m, 246km,  
 1900 Enjoy Indian Set Dinner at the hotel  
 2000 Check in hotel in Bodh Gaya for 2-nights  
 2045 **Walk to the Mahabodhi Temple, UNESCO World Heritage Site**  
 2100 Pay homage to the Buddha at the Mahabodhi Temple  
 2115 Perform evening puja at Mahabodhi Temple  
 2230 Before we say good night

### Day 3 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

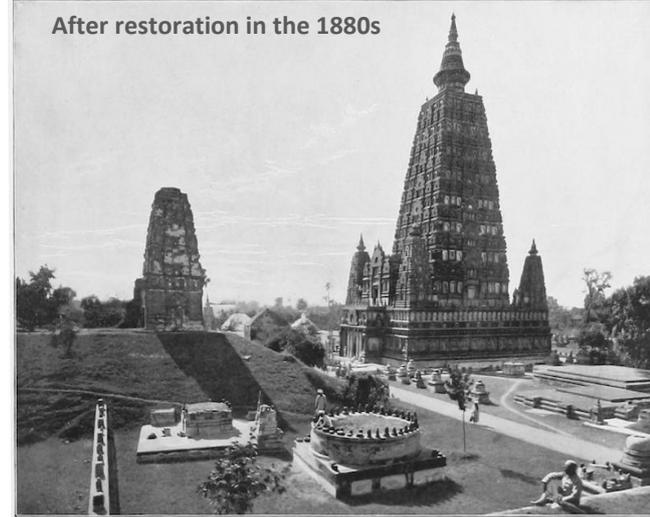


- **Sacred Bodhi Tree**, to the west of the main temple, the shades under which Siddhartha Gautama meditated and attained Enlightenment. This peepal tree's botanical name is *Ficus religiosa*. It was under this tree that the Buddha spent the 1<sup>st</sup> week in meditation after attaining Enlightenment. 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**, the 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 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 4 Hike up to Explore Gijjhakuta Vulture Peak**

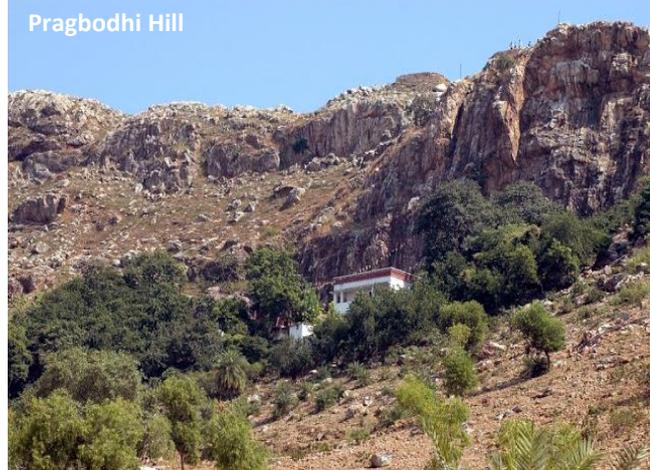
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- 0615 Perform puja & practice meditation at the Sacred Bodhi Tree



After restoration in the 1880s



Mahabodhi Temple, Today



Pragbodhi Hill



Veluvana, Bamboo Grove, Rajagaha



- 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 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 5 Explore the famed Nalanda Mahavihara Ruins**

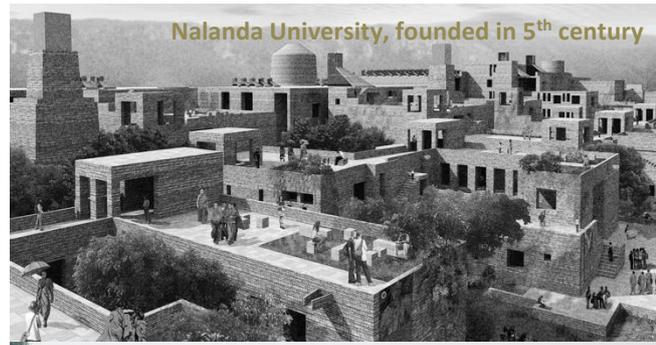
- 0500 Enjoy breakfast at hotel  
0600 **Travel to Veluvana, Bamboo Grove, to visit the park where the Buddha spent his 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> rain-retreats in Rajagaha**  
0615 Perform morning puja and meditation at the Veluvana, the Bamboo Grove  
0800 **Hike up to the peak of Sattapanni Hill to explore the Sattapanni Caves, 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 6 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7 Explore the Main Sites of Mahaparinibbana Vihara**

- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel  
0700 Travel to Kushinagar Town, 3h45m, 177km



Nalanda University, founded in 5<sup>th</sup> century



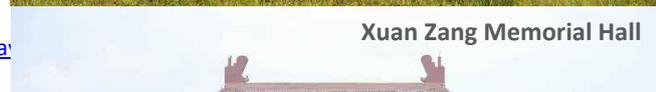
Nalanda, Today



Asokan Pillar, Vesali



Kesariya Stupa, Kessaputta



Xuan Zang Memorial Hall



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- 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 **Explore 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 8 Explore the Ruins of Jetavana Monastery**

- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 Travel to Savatthi, 5h30m, 237km
- 1300 Enjoy Indian Buffet or Set Lunch at Lotus Nikko Hotel
- 1400 Check in hotel in Savatthi for 1-night
- 1500 **Explore the ruins of Jetavana Monastery**
- 1600 **Visit Anathapindika Stupa and Angulimala Stupa**
- 1800 Enjoy dinner at the hotel
- 2000 Before we say good night

### **Day 9 Travel to Lumbini, the birth place of the Buddha**

- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 Travel to Sonauli, India & Nepal border, 4h45m, 177km
- 1300 Enjoy Buffet Lunch at Nansc Hotel in Sonauli Town
- 1400 **Journey to Ramagama Stupa to explore the only stupa that contains Buddha Relic, 0h40m, 27km**
- 1500 Perform puja and meditate at the Ramagama Stupa
- 1700 Travel to Lumbini, the birth place of Buddha, 01h15m, 46km
- 1830 Check in to hotel in Lumbini for 1 night
- 1930 Enjoy Buffet or Set Dinner at the hotel
- 2100 Before we say good night

### **Day 10 Travel to the Ancient City of Kapilavatthu**

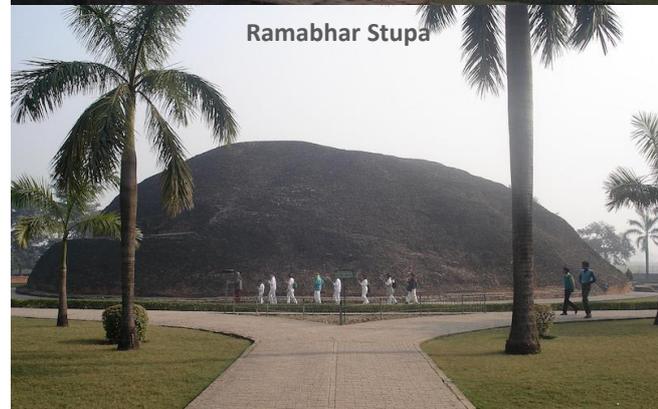
- 0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 0700 **Perform puja & meditate at Mayadevi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- 0900 Travel to the ancient Kapilavatthu to see the ruins of the Sakyan City where the Buddha grew up in, 0h55m, 46km
- 1000 **Explore the home-town of Siddhattha Gotama, Kapilavatthu**
- 1200 Enjoy Buffet or Set Lunch at the hotel
- 1430 Transfer to Gautam Buddha Airport for flight check-in
- 1700 Depart for Kathmandu via Yeti Airlines 894
- 1730 Arrive at Tribhuvan Airport
- 1830 Meet & greet by tour guide at the airport's arrival gate
- 1930 Enjoy Nepali Dinner with cultural show at Swagat Restaurant
- 2030 Tour around the Thamel Night Bazaar



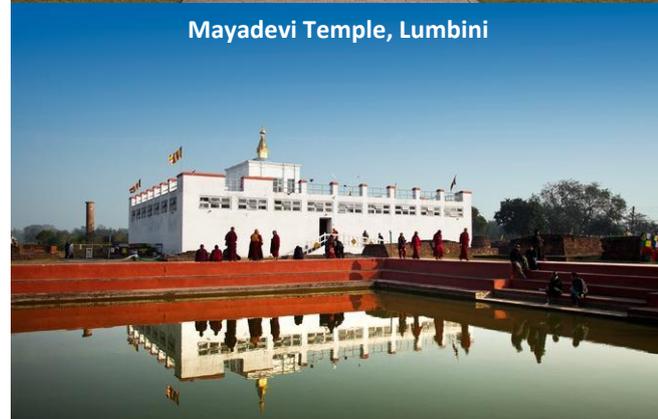
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Mahaparinibbana Vihara, Kushinagar



Ramabhar Stupa



Mayadevi Temple, Lumbini



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



2230 Check in hotel in Kathmandu for 1-night

2300 Before we say good night

**Day 11 Explore the 6<sup>th</sup> Century Boudhanath Stupa**

0600 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

0700 **Explore the 6<sup>th</sup> century Boudhanath Stupa, UNESCO World Heritage Site**

1000 Transfer to the airport for flight check in

1300 Depart for Kuala Lumpur by Malindo Air 183

1955 Arrive at KLIA Terminal, end of the pilgrimage trip,  
Sadhu Anumodana!



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Class	Hotel 1-nights in Varanasi (VNS), 2-nights in Bodhgaya (BGY), 2-nights in Rajgir (RJG), 1-night in Vaishali (VSH), 1-night in Kushinagar (KSG), 1-night in Savatthi (SVT), 1-night in Lumbini (LMB), 1-night in Kathmandu (KTM)	02 ADT	03-05 ADT	06-08 ADT	09-11 ADT	12-14 ADT	Single Supp.
Tourist	<b>VNS</b> : Hotel New Temple's Town, (DLX) <b>BGY</b> : Hotel Bodhgaya Gautam, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>RJG</b> : Hotel Nalanda Regency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>VSH</b> : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) <b>KSG</b> : Hotel Adelphi Grande, (DLX) <b>SVT</b> : The Lotus Sutra Hotel, (STD) <b>LMB</b> : Lumbini Zambala Hotel, (STD) <b>KTM</b> : Hotel Thamel, (STD), Rating : 8.3	5309	4489	3769	3079	<b>3199</b>	1259
Standard	<b>VNS</b> : Hotel Tridev, (DLX), Rating : 8.0 <b>BGY</b> : Hotel Taj Darbar, (Triple Room), Rating : 8.1 <b>RJG</b> : Hotel Nalanda Regency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>VSH</b> : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) <b>KSG</b> : Hotel Adelphi Grande, (DLX) <b>SVT</b> : The Lotus Sutra Hotel, (STD) <b>LMB</b> : Hotel Nansc, (DLX) <b>KTM</b> : Hotel Moonlight, (DLX), Rating : 9.1	5439	4619	3899	3499	3269	1299
Superior	<b>VNS</b> : The Amayaa Hotel, (SUP), Rating : 7.2 <b>BGY</b> : Bodhgaya Regency Hotel, (DLX), Rating : 7.4 <b>RJG</b> : The Rajgir Residency, (DLX), Rating : 7.3 <b>VSH</b> : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) <b>KSG</b> : Lotus Nikko Hotel Kushinagar, (DLX) <b>SVT</b> : Lotus Nikko Hotel Sravasti, (DLX) <b>LMB</b> : Hotel Lumbini Garden New Crystal, (SUP) <b>KTM</b> : Hotel Shambala, (DLX), Rating : 8.5	6229	5409	4659	4259	4039	1819
Deluxe	<b>VNS</b> : Ramada Plaza JHV, (SUP), Rating : 7.6 <b>BGY</b> : The Royal Residency Bodhgaya, (DLX) <b>RJG</b> : Indo Hokke Hotel Rajgir, (STD) <b>VSH</b> : The Vaishali Residency, (STD) <b>KSG</b> : The Royal Residency Kushinagar, (DLX), Rating : 7.9 <b>SVT</b> : The Sravasti Residency, (DLX) <b>LMB</b> : Lumbini Hotel Kasai, (STD) <b>KTM</b> : Hotel Yak and Yeti, (DLX), Rating : 7.7	7249	6419	5639	5269	5049	2419



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- 10 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, 1-night in Varanasi and 1-night in Kathmandu)
- 10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches and 10 Dinners
- Welcome drinks at the hotel
- Air conditioning Private Land Transportation
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- English Speaking Tour Guide Service
- Daily 2 bottles of mineral water per person
- Garland on arrival

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- International Air Tickets, Airport Taxes & Travel Insurance
- Indian Visa
- Compulsory Tipping for Tour Guide & Driver : RM 95 per person
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- **High Season Surcharge : TBA**

### Terms & Conditions

1. **Booking Period : 01<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**
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