

# **BUDDHA TRAILS TOURS**

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At Buddha Trails Tours, we offer enriching Buddhist pilgrimage experiences across the sacred sites of India and Nepal. Our meticulously curated tours help you connect deeply with Buddhism, following the footsteps of the Buddha



Mahabodhi Temple Bodhgaya

# Why Choose Us?

- > Expertise in Buddhist Pilgrimage Tours: Over two decades of experience in guiding spiritual journeys
- > Experienced Guides: Knowledgeable local guides fluent in English, ensuring an informative and comfortable experience
- > Comfortable Travel: Air-conditioned transportation for all transfers and sightseeing
- > Customizable Packages: Tailor your tour to your preferences, including dietary requirements and specific sites of interest
- > Comprehensive Packages: Including meals, transport, Nepal visa assistance, accommodation, entrance fees, pickup on arrival, and drop-off during departure
- > 24/7 Support: Dedicated support staff for a hassle-free trip
- > Transparent Pricing: No hidden fees, providing you with straightforward and honest pricing
- > Rich Itineraries: Comprehensive tours covering all major Buddhist sites, designed to maximize your spiritual experience
- Customer-first Approach: Your satisfaction is our top priority

## **Testimonial**

On behalf of our group of 68 participants who took the 13-day Pilgrimage Tour from January 6 to 18, 2019, I am writing to express our deep appreciation for the excellent services provided by Buddha Trails Tours

We would like to thank Shashank, Amit, Sinku, and Kumar for taking exceptional care of us. The provision of bottled water, snacks, hotel bookings, and ensuring our security during walks to the Ganges was remarkable. Special thanks also go to the bus drivers; despite the bumpy and narrow roads, they maintained good control, making us feel safe.

Following the pilgrimage, a group of 6 of us embarked on a 3-day Jaipur Tour from January 19 to 21, 2019, and once again, we were impressed with the services provided by Buddha Trails Tours. Amit, our tour guide, was incredibly helpful, providing us with bottled water, snacks, and ensuring all hotel bookings were handled efficiently. The local guide possessed in-depth knowledge of every site we visited in Jaipur, including the City Palace, Jantar Mantar, Palace of Winds, and Amber Fort, and his explanations in good English made our visit informative and enjoyable. Shashank, the tour supervisor, assisted our group with airline check-in and boarding passes, ensuring everyone passed through security smoothly before departure.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Buddha Trails Tours to anyone planning to visit India. These experiences demonstrate that the company can efficiently organize tours for both large groups, like our 68-person pilgrimage, and smaller groups, like our 6-person city tour. Most importantly, Buddha Trails Tours offers reasonable tour prices coupled with excellent service.

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Parinirvana Stupa, Kushinagar

Dhamek Stupa, Varanasi

#### ITINERARY 1 (8 DAYS)

## **Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour**

#### Day 1 Arrival in Bodhgaya

Arrival: Meet and greet at Bodhgaya airport Activities: Transfer to hotel. Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Dhungesri Cave, Sujata Stupa, and Great Buddha Statue

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 2 Bodhgaya to Rajgir, Nalanda

Travel: Morning departure to Rajgir

Activities: Visit Venuvan, Vulture Peak (Gridhakut Hills), and Bhimbisar Jail. Continue to Nalanda to explore Nalanda

University ruins

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 3 Rajgir to Kushinagar via Vaishali

**Travel:** Early morning departure to Vaishali **Activities:** Visit Ashoka Pillar, Ananda Stupa, and Buddha Relic Stupa. Continue to Kushinagar

Overnight Stay: Kushinagar

#### Day 4 Kushinagar to Lumbini

Activities: Morning visit to Ramabhar Stupa and

Mahaparinirvana Temple Travel: Depart for Lumbini Overnight Stay: Lumbini

#### Day 5 Lumbini to Shravasti

Activities: Visit Maya Devi Temple and Ashoka Pillar

**Travel:** Depart for Shravasti **Overnight Stay:** Shravasti

#### Day 6 Shravasti to Varanasi

Activities: Visit Jetvana Garden and Angulimala Stupa.

Travel: Depart for Varanasi Overnight Stay: Varanasi

#### Day 7 Varanasi to Bodhgaya

**Activities:** Morning boat ride on the Ganges River to see the sunrise. Visit Dhamek Stupa, Mulgandha Kuti Vihar,

and Chaukhandi Stupa **Travel:** Return to Bodhgaya **Overnight Stay:** Bodhgaya

#### Day 8 Departure from Gaya Airport

Activities: Transfer to Gaya Airport for departure



Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya



Maya Devi Temple, Lumbini



Jetvana Garden, Shravasti





Sujata Stupa, Bodhgaya

Bamboo Vihara, Rajgir

## ITINERARY 2 (10 DAYS) Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

#### Day 1 Arrival in Bodhgaya

Arrival: Meet and greet at Bodhgaya airport Activities: Transfer to hotel. Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Dhungesri Cave, Sujata Stupa, and Great Buddha Statue Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 2 Bodhgaya to Rajgir, Nalanda

Travel: Morning departure to Rajgir Activities: Visit Venuvan, Vulture Peak (Gridhakut Hills),

and Bhimbisar Jail. Continue to Nalanda to explore

Nalanda University ruins **Overnight Stay:** Bodhgaya

#### Day 3 Rajgir to Kushinagar via Vaishali

**Travel:** Early morning departure to Vaishali **Activities:** Visit Ashoka Pillar, Ananda Stupa, and Buddha Relic Stupa. Continue to Kushinagar **Overnight Stay:** Kushinagar

#### Day 4 Kushinagar to Lumbini

Activities: Morning visit to Ramabhar Stupa and

Mahaparinirvana Temple Travel: Depart for Lumbini Overnight Stay: Lumbini

#### Day 5 Lumbini Stay

Activities: Visit Maya Devi Temple and Ashoka Pillar Explore Lumbini Garden and international monasteries Overnight Stay: Lumbini

#### Day 6 Lumbini to Shravasti

**Travel:** Morning departure to Shravasti **Activities:** Visit Jetvana Garden and Angulimala Stupa **Overnight** Stay: Shravasti

#### Day 7 Shrayasti to Varanasi

Travel: Depart for Varanasi Overnight Stay: Varanasi

#### Day 8 Varanasi to Bodhgaya

Activities: Morning boat ride on the Ganges River to see the sunrise. Visit Dhamek Stupa, Mulgandha Kuti Vihar,

and Chaukhandi Stupa Travel: Return to Bodhgaya Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 9 Bodhgaya Stay

Activities: Free day for reflection and exploration

in Bodhgaya

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 10 Departure from Bodhgaya

Activities: Transfer to the airport for departure

### ITINERARY 3 (15 DAYS)

# Comprehensive Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

#### Day 1 Arrival in New Delhi

Arrival: Meet and greet at New Delhi airport

Activities: Transfer to hotel Overnight Stay: New Delhi

#### Day 2 New Delhi Sightseeing

Activities: Visit National Museum, India Gate,

Gandhi Memorial, Lotus Temple/Akshardham Temple

Note: New Delhi sites are closed on Monday

Overnight Stay: New Delhi

#### Day 3 New Delhi to Agra

**Travel:** Depart for Agra in the morning **Activities:** Visit Taj Mahal and Agra Fort **Note:** Taj Mahal is closed on Friday

Overnight Stay: Agra

#### Day 4 Agra to Shravasti

Travel: Depart for Shravasti Overnight Stay: Shravasti

#### Day 5 Shravasti to Lumbini

Activities: Visit Jetvana Garden and Angulimala Stupa.

Travel: Depart for Lumbini Overnight Stay: Lumbini

Day 6 Lumbini Stay

Activities: Visit Maya Devi Temple and Ashoka Pillar.

Explore Lumbini Garden and international monasteries

Overnight Stay: Lumbini

#### Day 7 Lumbini to Kushinagar

Travel: Morning departure to Kushinagar

Overnight Stay: Kushinagar

#### Day 8 Kushinagar to Bodhgaya via Vaishali

**Activities:** Visit Ramabhar Stupa and Mahaparinirvana Temple in Kushinagar. Visit Ashoka Pillar, Ananda Stupa,

and Buddha Relic Stupa in Vaishali Travel: Continue to Bodhgaya Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 9 Bodhgaya Stay

Activities: Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Dhungesri Cave,

Sujata Stupa, and Great Buddha Statue

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya



Taj Mahal, Agra India Gate, New Delhi



#### Arrival in New Delhi International Airport



National Museum, New Delhi

#### Day 10 Bodhgaya - Rajgir - Nalanda - Bodhgaya

Travel: Day trip to Rajgir and Nalanda

Activities: Visit Venuvan, Vulture Peak, Bhimbisar Jail,

and Nalanda University ruins Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 11 Bodhgaya

Activities: Free day for reflection and exploration

in Bodhgaya

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 12 Bodhgaya to Varanasi

Travel: Depart for Varanasi Overnight Stay: Varanasi

#### Day 13 Varanasi to New Delhi by Flight

**Activities:** Morning boat ride on the Ganges River to see the sunrise. Visit Dhamek Stupa, Mulgandha Kuti Vihar,

and Chaukhandi Stupa

Travel: Evening flight to New Delhi

Overnight Stay: New Delhi

#### Day 14 New Delhi

Activities: Free day for exploration or shopping

Overnight Stay: New Delhi

#### Day 15 Departure from New Delhi

Activities: Transfer to the airport for departure







Maya Devi Temple, Lumbini



**Nalanda University** 



Greate Buddha Statue, Bodhgaya



Parinirvana Stupa, Kushinagar

## ITINERARY 4 (11 DAYS)

## **Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour**

#### **Arrival in Kolkata**

Arrival: Meet and greet at Kolkata airport

Activities: Transfer to your hotel. Brief city tour if time permits

Overnight Stay: Kolkata

#### Day 2 Kolkata to Bodhgaya

Travel: Depart for Bodhgaya in the morning Activities: Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhi Tree, Dhungesri Cave, Sujata Stupa, and Great Buddha Statue

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### **Bodhgaya to Rajgir and Nalanda**

Travel: Morning journey to Rajgir

Activities: Explore Venuvan, Vulture Peak

(Gridhakut Hills), and Bhimbisar Jail

Afternoon: Continue to Nalanda to visit the ancient

Nalanda University ruins and museum Evening: Return to Bodhgaya Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 4 Bodhgaya to Kushinagar via Vaishali

Travel: Early morning departure to Vaishali Activities in Vaishali: Visit Ashoka Pillar, Ananda Stupa, and Buddha Relic Stupa Afternoon: Continue to Kushinagar Evening: Check-in at hotel in Kushinagar Overnight Stay: Kushinagar

#### **Kushinagar to Lumbini**

Activities: Morning visit to Ramabhar Stupa and

Mahaparinirvana Temple

Travel: Depart for Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha Evening: Visit Maya Devi Temple and Ashoka Pillar

Overnight Stay: Lumbini

#### Day 6 Lumbini to Shravasti

Travel: Morning departure to Shravasti

Activities: Visit Jetvana Garden and Angulimala Stupa

Overnight Stay: Shravasti

#### Shravasti to Varanasi

Travel: Depart for Varanasi in the morning

Activities: Visit Dhamek Stupa, Mulgandha Kuti Vihar,

and Chaukhandi Stupa

Evening: Attend evening Aarti on the Ganges.

Overnight Stay: Varanasi

#### Day 8 Varanasi to Bodhgaya

Activities: Early morning boat ride on the Ganges River

to see the sunrise

Travel: Return to Bodhgaya Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Bodhgaya

Activities: Full day in Bodhgaya for reflection,

meditation, and exploration Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 10 Bodhgaya to Kolkata

Travel: Return to Kolkata

Activities: Free evening for shopping or relaxation

Overnight Stay: Kolkata

#### Day 11 Departure from Kolkata

Activities: Transfer to the airport for departure







## ITINERARY 5 (08 DAYS)

## **Buddhist Heritage Tour**

#### Day 1 Arrival in Varanasi

Arrival: Meet and greet at Varanasi airport

**Activities:** Transfer to your hotel. Evening boat ride on the Ganges River to see the sunset and attend the Ganga Aarti

Overnight Stay: Varanasi

ay 2 Varanasi to Bodhgaya

Activities: Morning visit to Sarnath to explore Dhamek Stupa,

Mulgandha Kuti Vihar, and Chaukhandi Stupa Travel: Depart for Bodhgaya after lunch

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

Day 3 Bodhgaya to Rajgir and Nalanda

**Travel:** Morning journey to Rajgir **Activities:** Explore Venuvan, Vulture Peak (Gridhakut Hills), and Bhimbisar Jail

Afternoon: Continue to Nalanda to visit the ancient

Nalanda University ruins and museum

**Evening:** Return to Bodhgaya **Overnight Stay:** Bodhgaya

#### Day 4 Bodhgaya to Kushinagar via Vaishali

Travel: Early morning departure to Vaishali Activities in Vaishali: Visit Ashoka Pillar, Ananda Stupa, and Buddha Relic Stupa Afternoon: Continue to Kushinagar Evening: Check-in at hotel in Kushinagar

Overnight Stay: Kushinagar

#### Day 5 Kushinagar to Lumbini

**Travel:** Early morning departure to Rajgir with an enroute visit to Vaishali

Activities in Vaishali: Visit Ashoka Pillar, Ananda Stupa,

and Buddha Relic Stupa

Evening: Check-in at hotel in Rajgir

Overnight Stay: Lumbini

#### Day 6 Rajgir to Bodhgaya via Nalanda

Activities: Morning exploration of Rajgir including Venuvan,

Vulture Peak (Gridhakut Hills), and Bhimbisar Jail **Travel:** Continue to Nalanda and visit the ancient Nalanda

University ruins and museum

Evening: Arrive in Bodhgaya and check-in at the hotel

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 7 Bodhgaya Exploration

Activities: Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhi Tree,

Dhungesri Cave, Sujata Stupa, and the Great Buddha Statue **Evening:** Free time for personal meditation or exploration

Overnight Stay: Bodhgaya

#### Day 8 Departure from Bodhgaya

Activities: Morning free for personal activities or

revisit Mahabodhi Temple for meditation

Departure: Transfer to Gaya airport for your onward journey



Mulgandha Kuti Vihara, Varanasi



Ramabhar Stupa Kuahinagar



Maya Devi Temple, Lumbini













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