

# ITINERARY

**Duration:** 9 Nights / 10 Days

**Destinations Covered:** Delhi - Patna - Nalanda - Rajgir - Bodhgaya - Varanasi - Kushinagar - Lumbini - Balrampur - Lucknow - Delhi - Agra

## **Day 01: Arrive Delhi**

Half Day Sightseeing of the city. Overnight stay at hotel.

## **Day 02: Delhi - Patna - Bodhgaya**

Leave Delhi for Patna by air. Drive to Bodhgaya (125 kms. / 3 hrs.) Where the Buddha attained enlightenment and which is one of the most sacred pilgrimage places for the Buddhist. En-route 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 Magadha. From the out skirts 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 03: Bodhgaya**

Sightseeing of Bodhgaya. Here under the Bodhi Tree, Shakyamuni Gautama attained supreme knowledge to become Buddha, "the enlightened one" the propounder of one of the great religions of the world. River Niranjana in which the Buddha bathed after attaining enlightenment flows quietly outside the tiny hamlet. Overnight stay in Bodhgaya.



## **Day 04: Bodhgaya - Varanasi**

Morning leave Bodhgaya for Varanasi (275 kms. / 7-8 hrs.) By Surface. Later, excursion to Sarnath the place Lord Buddha gave its sermon. Overnight stay in Varanasi.

## **Day 05: Varanasi - Kushinagar**

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 (250 kms. / 7-8 hrs.). Overnight Stay in Kushinagar.

## **Day 06: Kushinagar - Lumbini**

Morning visit Mahaparinirvana Temple and Rambhar Stupa. Later drive to Lumbini by surface (170 kms. / 4 hrs.) Sightseeing of Lumbini where the Lord Buddha was born. Visit the pillar raised by Emperor Ashok, in the twenty first year after his coronation at the birthplace. Proceed to Balrampur (197 kms. / 6 hrs.).

**Day 07: Balrampur - Sravasti - Lucknow**

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

**Day 08: Lucknow - Delhi**

Leave Lucknow for Delhi by air. Day at leisure. Half day sightseeing of Old and New Delhi visiting Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar and the Secretarial Buildings. Overnight stay in Delhi.

**Day 09: Delhi - Agra**

Full day excursion to Agra (208 kms / 4 hrs.), city of the Taj Mahal. Also visit Agra Fort and Sikandra. Overnight stay in Agra.

**Day 10: Agra - Delhi**

After breakfast you will proceed for Delhi in route visiting the ancient city Mathura and drop at Airport or Railway Station for your next onward journey.



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