# **ITINERARY**

#### Duration: 12 Nights/13 Days

**Destinations Covered:** Delhi - Jaipur - Agra - Varanasi - Bodhgaya - Vaishali - Kushinagar - Lumbini - Kapilvastu - Sravasti – Lucknow-Delhi

#### Day 01 – Arrive Delhi

On arrival you will be received by our representative and transferred to hotel where we will be holding the rooms on ready occupancy basis. Overnight at hotel.

## Day 02 – Delhi

This day you will be taken for a trip to this very heart of India. The trip will cover Qutub Minar / Humayun Tomb / India Gate / Red Fort / Jama Masjid / Gandhi Memorial etc. Overnight at hotel. Guide Map of Delhi.

## Day 03 – Delhi – Jaipur

Morning commence drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival, check in into hotel. Evening free time to enjoy the city atmosphere which by many means is fabulous. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 04 – Jaipur

The day is to be started with the Elephant ride at Amer Fort, followed by the city tour covering - Hawa Mahal, Royal Observatory, City Palace, Nawab Sahab Ki Haveli and Johari Bazar etc. Overnight at hotel.

## Day 05 – Jaipur – Agra

Today we will drive to Agra en-route visiting the old deserted town of Mughal Dynasty i.e. Fatehpur Sikri. On arrival, check in into hotel. Afternoon city tour covering Taj Mahal, Red Fort and the Tomb of Itmadud-daula's Tomb. Overnight at hotel.

## Day 06 – Agra – Varanasi

Morning transfer to Airport to catch flight to Varanasi.

On arrival, transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour of Sarnath: famous for its Dhamekh Stupa and for it being the place where Buddha preached his first sermon enshrining the principle of his teachings into laws. Overnight at hotel in Varanasi. Guide Map of Agra.

## Day 07 – Varanasi

At dawn enjoy boat ride at River Ganges, followed by a city tour covering - Vishwanath Temple, Bharat Mata Temple etc. Overnight at hotel. Guide Map of Uttar Pradesh.

## Day 08 and Day 09– Varanasi – Bodhgaya Stay there for two nights

with excursions to Rajgir/ Nalanda / Sapta pari cave and Venevamas. Above two days you will come across with many locales of Buddhist significance, i.e., Rajgir: an important Buddhist

pilgrimage since the Buddha spent 12 years here, and the first Buddhist council after the Buddha attained Nirvana was held here, Nalanda: founded in the 5th century known as center of intellectualism. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 10 - Bodhgaya – Vaishali – Kushinagar

.M. Proceed to Vaishali, a very special place to Buddhists as The Lord delivered his last sermon & announced his impending "Nirwana". See the majesty of Ashok Pillar – Lotus tank, Chaumukhi & proceed to Kushinagar for overnight stay. Guide Map of Bihar.

## Day 11 – Kushinagar – Lumbini

Morning visit Mahanirvana Temple, the modern Japan/Srilanka Buddhist center & monasteries, then proceed to Lumbini. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 12 – Lumbini – Kapilvastu – Sravasti

Morning visit to Ashoka's pillar (249 BC) rediscovered in 1890's inside thick sal forest, a temple of Maya Devi, the ruins of an old monastery and some new stupas, then in the afternoon proceed to Sravasti where you will see the extensive ruins of this ancient city & Jetavana Monastery. On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.



## Day 13 – Sravasti – Lucknow- Delhi

After breakfast drive from Sravasti to Lucknow to catch your flight to Delhi International Airport to take flight back home.