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## Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

Starts: - Delhi

Ends: - Delhi

Duration:- 09 Nights/ 10 Days

Places Covered: - Delhi - Lucknow - Balrampur - Kushinagar - Patna - Bodhgaya - Varanasi - Delhi

**Day 01:-** Arrive Delhi, meet & assist at the airport & transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

**Day 2:-** After breakfast visit the ancient capital city, with its magnificent Red Fort the pageant of Indian History, from its origin around 1200 BC, through the periods under the Sultans in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and Mughals from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Then in afternoon visit New Delhi where ornate buildings recall the days when India was jewel in the crown of the British empire. Visit Qutab Minar, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Safdarjung Tomb, The President's House, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, Lotus Temple & Laxmi Narayan Temple. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

**Day 03:** Delhi-Lucknow (Flight), Lucknow-Balrampur (297 Kms, drive of 06-07 Hrs approx. - After Breakfast, transfer to the Delhi Railway Station to Board Train For Lucknow. Arrive Lucknow And Board Our Vehicle Which Awaits You To Drive You To Balrampur. En route Visit Sravasti. Arrive Balrampur and Check In At Pre booked Hotel.

**Day 04:** Balrampur-Kushinagar - After Breakfast, Excursion To Lumbini, The Place Where Buddha Was Born. Continue Drive To Kushinagar - The Place Where Buddha Passed Into Parinirvana For Overnight stay in Kushinagar hotel.

**Day 05:** Kushinagar-Patna - After Breakfast, Visit Ramabha Stupa and Natha Kumarka Kot. Later Drive To 2500 Year Old Ancient City Of Patna Via Vaishali, Where Lord Buddha Preached His Last Sermons. Visit Stupas Holding Urns Containing Ashes Of Buddha And Ashok Pillar Erected By Emperor Ashoka To Mark Places Sanctified By Buddha. The Place Is Also Known Now For Famous Madhubani Paintings. Arrive Patna and Check In at the Pre booked Hotel.

**Day 06:** Patna-Bodhgaya After Breakfast, Leave For Bodhgaya. En route Visit Rajgir & Nalanda. Visit Gridhrakula, Sapataparni Cave, Ajatsatru Fort and Venuvana. Also Visit Nalanda and Monasteries and Temples With Impressive Buddhist & Hindu Images. The Institute For Research Into Buddhism And Pali Literature Which Houses Rare Manuscripts Is Also Worth Visiting For The Enthusiasts. Archaeological Museum also is not to Be Missed for the Rare Collections. Arrive Bodhgaya and Check in at Pre booked Hotel in Bodhgaya. Overnight in Hotel.

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**Day 07:** Bodhgaya Is One Of The Holiest Buddhist Pilgrimage Centers, The "Bodhi" Tree Satabodhi Temple, Japanese And Tibetan Monasteries Along with Magadha University Museum are also to be visited. Overnight in Bodhgaya hotel.

**Day 08:** Bodhgaya-Varanasi (243 Kms, Approx. 06-07 Hrs Drive) - After Breakfast, drive to Varanasi. Arrive Varanasi and Check In At Pre booked Hotel. Rest of the Day free at leisure for rest/ shopping etc.

**Day 09:** Varanasi / Agra- Dawn boat ride on Ganges – Of all the experiences in Varanasi, there is nothing quite as humbling as an early morning boat ride on the Ganges. Set your alarm for a pre dawn start. The driver takes you to the Dasaswamedha Ghat or Assi Ghat for the ride. Sitting in your rickety wooden rowing boat, there's an eerie sense of peace on the river until the sunrise bathes the river banks in gold and reveals the moving theater of spiritual devotion. All along the river banks, crowds of people are bathing, performing praying ceremony, praying to the Sun god and washing away the sins of Life. Then after breakfast, proceed For Sightseeing Of Sarnath. Lunch after City Tour Visiting Bharat Mata Temple, Hindu Temples & Famous Banaras Hindu University. Overnight in Varanasi hotel.

**Day 10:** Varanasi-Delhi – After breakfast you are free till transferred to the Airport to Board the Flight to Delhi. On Arrival Transfer to the International Airport to Board your onward flight Back Home.