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Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

Starts:- Delhi

Ends :- Delhi

Duration:- 11 Nights /12 Days

Places Covered:- Delhi, Lucknow, Sravasti, Lumbini, Kushinagar, Vaishali, Patna, Nalanda, Rajgir, Bodhgaya, Varanasi, Agra

Day 1:- Arrive Delhi, meet & assist at the airport & transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

Day 2:- Delhi/Lucknow/Sravasti - After Breakfast at Hotel, Transfer To Domestic Airport To Catch a Flight to Lucknow. On Arrival Transfer to Hotel for Lunch. After Lunch Drive To Sravasti (243 Kms, 06 Hrs approx). On Arrival Check-In To Hotel. Evening Free at leisure. Dinner & Overnight Stay At Hotel in Sravasti

Day 03:- Sravasti / Lumbini – After Breakfast at Hotel, Proceed For Sightseeing to visit -

Maheth: Identified With The Remains Of The City, Maheth Cover An Area Of About 400 Acres...Excavations Have Exposed the Massive Gates Of The City, Ramparts And Also The Ruins Of Other Structures, Which Stand Testimony To The Prosperity Of Ancient Sravasti,

Saheth: Known Primarily As The Site Of The Jetvana Monastery, Saheth Covers An Area Of 32 Acres. Lying About A Quarter Of A Mile To The South-West Of Maheth, It Became an Important Place Of Pilgrimage, Adorned With Numerous Shrines, Stupas And Monasteries. Lunch At Hotel Then Drive To Lumbini (260 Kms,6-7 Hrs approx). On Arrival Check-In To Hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay At Hotel in Lumbini

Day 04:- Lumbini / Kushinagar – After Breakfast, Proceed For Sightseeing Of Birth Place Of Lord Buddha **Lumbini:** The History Of This Place Dates Back To The Time Of Birth Of Lord Buddha Around 560 B.C. The Sites To Visit Here Are Grand Stone Pillar Erected By Emperor Ashoka In 249 B.C. Shrine Of Maya Devi (Buddha's Mother). It Contains A Stone Relief Depicting Buddha's Nativity Scene. Lunch At Hotel Then Drive To Kushinagar (120 Kms,03 Hrs approx.). On Arrival Check-In To Hotel. After Some Rest Proceed For Sightseeing Visiting

Nirvana Temple- This Temple Houses The 6 meter Long Statue Of Reclining Buddha Which Was Unearthed In 1876. Carved From Chunar Sandstone, the Statue Has An Inscription Below That Dates

The Statue of the 5th Century A.D. Ramabhar Stupa - Referred To As The Mukh Bandhan Vihar In Ancient Buddhist Texts. This Stupa Marks The Site Where The Lord Buddha Was Cremated. This Large Stupa Rises To A Height Of 49 Ft. Dinner & Overnight Stay At Hotel In Kushinagar.

Day 05:- Kushinagar / Vaishali / Patna – After Breakfast At Hotel. Drive To Patna (270 Kms. 6-7 Hrs approx.) With Packed Lunch. Sightseeing Of Vaishali - A Special Place For The Buddhists As Buddha Delivered His Last Sermon Here And Announced His Impending "Nirvana". The second Buddhist Council Held After 100 Years Of Buddha's Parinirvana" Also Took Place here. After Sightseeing Drive To Patna. On Arrival Check-In the reserved hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay in Patna.

Day 06:- Patna / Nalanda / Rajgir / Bodhgaya – After Breakfast, drive To Bodhgaya. Sightseeing Of Nalanda (90 Kms,3:30 Hrs approx.) On Arrival Sightseeing Ruins Of Nalanda University - The Centre Of One Of The Oldest Known Universities Of The World The Ruin Contains A Number Of Buddhist Stupas & Chaityas, Monasteries, Hostels, Cells Or Rooms On Four Sides With A Central Courtyard. Overnight in Bodhgaya Hotel.

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Day 07:- Early Morning Observe Sil. Breakfast at Hotel. Then visit Mahabodhi Temple - The Main Shrine Of Supreme Enlightenment, The Mahabodhi Temple Is Unique Amongst Other North Indian Temples as it is an Architectural Amalgamation Of Many Centuries & Cultures. The Bodhi Tree is situated Inside this Temple Premises (Under Which Buddha Attained Illumination). It Is Believed To Be The Fourth Or Fifth Generation Off Springs Of The Original. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon Sightseeing Of Niranjana River, Sujata Village & Monasteries Of Different Countries (Optional). Dinner & Overnight Stay At Hotel In Bodhgaya.

Day 08:- After Breakfast, Day free at Leisure/ rest/ walk around. All Meals at Hotel. Overnight Stay At Hotel In Bodhgaya.

Day 09:- Bodhgaya / Varanasi – After Early Morning Breakfast, drive To Varanasi. (234 Kms, 6-7 Hrs approx). With Packed Lunch. On Arrival First Sightseeing Of Sarnath- Situated About 10 Km From Varanasi Is The Place Where Buddha Preached His First Sermon after He Had Attained Enlightenment At Bodhgaya. At Museum in Sarnath you can see The Ashok Pillar with Its Four Guardia Lions That Has Been as India's National Emblem. Dinner & Overnight Stay At Hotel In Varanasi

Day 10:- 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, you are free till evening. Evening transfer to the train station to catch an overnight train to Agra. Overnight in Train.

Day 11:- Arrive Agra, pickup from the station and transfer to the reserved hotel. Freshen up to witness a whole new city of traditions. Visit the Red Fort – The rusty Majestic Red sand stone fort of Agra standing on the banks of river Yamuna. The construction was started by Emperor Akbar in 1566. Later visit the Magnificent TAJ MAHAL- One of the 7 wonders of the world & surely the most extravagant expression of love ever created. It was built by Emperor Shah Jehan for his beloved wife Mumtaz. The Construction is believed To Have Taken 22 Years (Started In 1631) To Complete With Over 20,000 Craftsmen Working Round The Clock. In evening drive To Delhi. On Arrival Check-In To Hotel. Overnight Stay At Hotel In Delhi

Day 12:- 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 10th century and Mughals from the 14th 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. In Evening Transfer to the Airport To Board Flight Back Home.