



Statue of Lord Buddha, 'The Enlightened One' © GITO

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LORD BUDDHA

15 days/14 nights
Category C Hotels
Departs daily ex Delhi

Tour cost per person*	Twin
01 Oct 2011 - 15 Apr 2012 ^A	\$2820
16 Apr - 30 Sep 2012	\$2733

*Minimum two people. Single travellers prices on request.

^ASurcharge for Xmas/New Year will vary from hotel to hotel and will not be known until hotel is booked. Details on request.

Price per person includes: Transfers in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with driver, English speaking local guides (Days 1-4, 6) & accompanying escort (Days 7-14), entrance fees, accommodation (Cat C) inclusive of taxes on a half board basis in Sravasti, Kushinagar, Lumbini & Bodhgaya and B&B in Delhi, Agra, Bhopal, Lucknow & Varanasi, train fare Delhi/Agra/Bhopal by air-conditioned chair car and Bhopal/Lucknow by air-conditioned sleeper, 1 bottle of water per person per day included for all surface travel.

Price excludes: Camera fees.

Embark on a spiritual pilgrimage by road and rail visiting ancient temples and monasteries sacred to Lord Buddha and the holy sites of his birth, enlightenment, first discourse and death.

Day 1 Arrive Delhi
 Arrive Delhi. Transfer to Hotel Vikram.

Day 2 Delhi
 Full day tour of Delhi including Qutab Minar, Jama Masjid, Humayun's Tomb and Raj Ghat (Mahatma Gandhi's memorial). Overnight at Hotel Vikram. B

Day 3 Agra
 Travel by train to Agra (2 hrs). Afternoon tour of the beautiful Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Agra Fort, an architectural masterpiece built by Emperor Akbar in 1565. Overnight at Utkarsh Vilas. B

Day 4 Bhopal
 Early transfer to railway station for train to Bhopal (6 hrs). Overnight at Jehan Numa Palace. B

Day 5 Overnight train
 Full day tour to Sanchi featuring some of the finest examples of Buddhist sculpture and architecture in India, including The Great Stupa, India's oldest stone structure. Evening transfer to station for train to Lucknow. Overnight on board train. B

Day 6 Lucknow
 Arrive Lucknow and transfer to hotel. Afternoon tour of Lucknow includes the Rumi Gate, Jama Masjid, Hussainabad and the Bada Imambada. Overnight at Clarks Avadh Hotel. B

Day 7 Sravasti
 Drive to Sravasti, believed to have been founded by the mythological King Sravast. Visit ancient monasteries, temples, and the Jetvana Gardens where Buddha is said to have sheltered for 24 rainy seasons. Overnight at Lotus Nikko. BD

Day 8 Lumbini
 Drive to Lumbini (6 hrs) in Nepal, a World Heritage Site and birthplace of Prince Siddhartha Gautama ('Buddha'). Visit the Ashoka Pillar, the Temple of Maya Devi, the Sacred Garden and the pool in which the prince was bathed after birth. Overnight at Pawan International. BD

Days 9/10 Kushinagar
 Drive to Kushinagar (5 hrs), site of Buddha's Mahaparinirvana - his final liberation from the cycles of rebirth and death. On day 10 visit Nirvana Stupa, Makutabandhana Stupa and the Nirvana Temple. Overnight at Lotus Nikko. BD

Days 11/12 Varanasi
 Depart by road to Varanasi (8 hrs). Next morning, cruise the River Ganges before touring sacred temples such as Bharat Mata and Sarnath (closed Fridays), where Lord Buddha first preached the Dharma. Overnight at Meradan Grand. B

Days 13/14 Bodhgaya
 Early departure for Bodhgaya (8-10 hrs), the most important Buddhist pilgrimage site in the world, and site of the giant Bodhi tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment. On day 14 enjoy a full day tour visiting the Mahabodhi, Thai and Japanese temples, and the Bhutanese and Tibetan Monasteries. Overnight at Lotus Nikko. BD

Day 15 Tour ends Patna
 Continue to Patna (8-10 hrs) via Rajgir with its 6th century Ajatshatru Fort and magnificent marble Shanti Stupa. Visit the ancient University and Archaeological Museum at Nalanda (closed Fri). Arrive Patna Airport where the tour ends. BL



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Bodhgaya, birthplace of Buddhism



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The holy site of Sarnath



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Sacred reclining Buddha statue, Kushinagar



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