



**Tour Name : Spiritual Tour of Bodhgaya & Varanasi**

**Duration ; 04 Nights / 05 Days**

**About the tour:**

This private tour will begin with pickup from Patna airport and will end with drop off at Varanasi airport. Explore the Buddhist sites of Nalanda, Rajgir and Bodhgaya where Buddha achieved enlightenment while sitting under a Bodhi Tree. After attaining enlightenment at Bodh Gaya the Buddha went to Sarnath; and it was here he delivered his first sermon and set in motion the 'Wheel of the Dharma'. Varanasi the spiritual capital of India, and one of the oldest cities on earth, where you can see bathing and cremations by the sacred River Ganges.

## Outline Itinerary

### **Day 01; Patna - Nalanda – Rajgir – Bodhgaya (175kms/ 4hrs approx.)**

On arrival at Patna airport by morning flight meet with your driver & proceed to Bodhgaya via visiting Nalanda a hot seat of knowledge and learning established in the 5th century. Also visit Vishwa Shanti Stupa built of marble on a 400m high hill at Rajgir. Continue drive to Bodhgaya check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 02; Bodhgaya**

Breakfast at hotel visit Mahabodhi Temple an UNESCO World Heritage Site, this 54mts tall temple has been renovated over the years. It enshrines a large golden Buddha, and is encompassed by an ancient railing, dating back to 100 BC. Bodhi Tree: where Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment, and the Vajrasana or throne, where Buddha sat. Tibetan Monastery, housing the Maitreya Buddha (future Buddha). Also see the Burmese Temple, Chinese Temple and Monastery, Buddhist Monastery of Bhutan, Thai Temple and Monastery, and many more. Rest time to relax, evening attend temple aarti. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 03; Bodhgaya – Varanasi (250kms/ 5hrs approx.)**

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Varanasi check in at hotel. Evening walking tour of Ghats's temples & mosque on ghats. Also attend Holy Ganga Aarti in evening, a magical aarti is performed at Dasashwamedh Ghat. Halt your boat right at the steps for the best view. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 04; Varanasi**

Early morning boat ride and Ghat visit along the Ganges and catch the scene of devotees bathing and praying in the sacred water.

Breakfast at hotel. City tour of Varanasi visit World famous Benaras Hindu Universit, The Ramnagar Fort Palace & Many Temples. Afternoon excursion to Sarnath one of the three holiest sites for Buddhists where the Buddha delivered his first sermon in 528 BC. There are many temples here, representing the many cultures where Buddhism is the dominant religious philosophy. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 05; Varanasi – Departure**

Breakfast at hotel as per your flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.

**Price details:**

**Price using 3 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020**

Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)		
	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹89,118	€ 1,188	\$1,371	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹60,515	€ 807	\$931	₹48,750	€ 650	\$750	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹53,186	€ 709	\$818	₹51,777	€ 690	\$797	₹40,343	€ 538	\$621
4 person	₹51,820	€ 691	\$797	₹50,069	€ 668	\$770	₹38,977	€ 520	\$600
5 person	₹47,838	€ 638	\$736	₹45,092	€ 601	\$694	₹34,995	€ 467	\$538
6 person	₹46,949	€ 626	\$722	₹43,980	€ 586	\$677	₹34,105	€ 455	\$525
7 person	₹44,800	€ 597	\$689	₹41,295	€ 551	\$635	₹31,957	€ 426	\$492
8 person	₹43,189	€ 576	\$664	₹39,281	€ 524	\$604	₹30,346	€ 405	\$467
Child 5-11yrs	₹12,059			€ 161			\$186		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹4,853			€ 65			\$75		
Additional night in Bodhgaya	₹5,882	€ 78	\$90	₹3,309	€ 44	\$51	₹3,137	€ 42	\$48

Price using 4 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹102,059	€ 1,361	\$1,570	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹67,059	€ 894	\$1,032	₹48,750	€ 650	\$750	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹59,730	€ 796	\$919	₹51,777	€ 690	\$797	₹44,608	€ 595	\$686
4 person		₹58,364	€ 778	\$898	₹50,069	€ 668	\$770	₹43,241	€ 577	\$665
5 person		₹54,382	€ 725	\$837	₹45,092	€ 601	\$694	₹39,260	€ 523	\$604
6 person		₹53,493	€ 713	\$823	₹43,980	€ 586	\$677	₹38,370	€ 512	\$590
7 person		₹51,345	€ 685	\$790	₹41,295	€ 551	\$635	₹36,222	€ 483	\$557
8 person		₹49,733	€ 663	\$765	₹39,281	€ 524	\$604	₹34,611	€ 461	\$532
Child 5-11yrs		₹12,059			€ 161			\$186		
Child below 5yrs		Free								
H B supplement		₹4,853			€ 65			\$75		
Additional night in Bodhgaya		₹8,676	€ 116	\$133	₹5,037	€ 67	\$77	₹4,289	€ 57	\$66

Price using 5 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹107,941	€ 1,439	\$1,661	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹71,838	€ 958	\$1,105	₹52,059	€ 694	\$801	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹61,201	€ 816	\$942	₹51,777	€ 690	\$797	₹48,039	€ 641	\$739	
4 person	₹59,835	€ 798	\$921	₹50,069	€ 668	\$770	₹46,673	€ 622	\$718	
5 person	₹55,853	€ 745	\$859	₹45,092	€ 601	\$694	₹42,691	€ 569	\$657	
6 person	₹54,963	€ 733	\$846	₹43,980	€ 586	\$677	₹41,801	€ 557	\$643	
7 person	₹52,815	€ 704	\$813	₹41,295	€ 551	\$635	₹39,653	€ 529	\$610	
8 person	₹51,204	€ 683	\$788	₹39,281	€ 524	\$604	₹38,042	€ 507	\$585	
Child 5-11yrs	₹13,529			€ 180			\$208			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹6,324			€ 84			\$97			
Additional night in Bodhgaya	₹8,676	€ 116	\$133	₹5,037	€ 67	\$77	₹4,289	€ 57	\$66	

**Note: Euro & USD prices are subject to change in case of any fluctuation in currency exchange rate. Please check the currency exchange rate of the day for exact price in your currency. In any case our INR price will remain unchanged and shall be treated as final price.**

### Included in price:

- Garland welcome and assistance on arrival at airport
- 4-nights / 5-days accommodation in offered hotels or similar (standard room)
- Daily breakfast at hotel in each package price
- Deluxe Air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur as per tour program.
- Monuments Entrances of sightseeing places mentioned in the itinerary (almost all places of tourist interest are included in our itinerary)
- Cycle rickshaw ride in Varanasi
- Sunrise and sunset Boat ride on holy River Ganges in Varanasi
- Government licensed English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city).
- Applicable GST (government taxes).

### Not Included in price:

- Any flight ticket
- Main Meals, Lunch or dinner unless mentioned
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Or anything not mentioned above.

### Hotels used or similar in above price

Day	City	3* Hotels	4* Hotels	5* Hotels
1	Bodhgaya	Hotel Taj Darbar/ Hotel Mahamaya	The Royal Residency/ Lotus Nikko Hotel	The Royal Residency/ Lotus Nikko Hotel
2	Bodhgaya	Hotel Taj Darbar/ Hotel Mahamaya	The Royal Residency/ Lotus Nikko Hotel	The Royal Residency/ Lotus Nikko Hotel
3	Varanasi	Meraden Grand/ Amaya Hotel	Rivatas by Ideal/ Palace On Ganges	Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
4	Varanasi	Meraden Grand/ Amaya Hotel	Rivatas by Ideal/ Palace On Ganges	Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
5	Departure			

### **Payment Policy:**

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 7 days prior to arrival date

### **Cancellation policy:**

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday's will be considered on next working day (Monday).

For the X-mas and New Year period from 20 Dec to 05 Jan the payment is non-refundable.

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/ contractors we patronize. For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

- Cancellation before 30 days – no cancellation fees only bank charges.
- Cancellation before 29 -15 days – 25% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 14 –7 days - 50% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 6 – 3 days - 75% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 2 days – Now show 90% of the invoice.

### **Our Liabilities & Limitations:**

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service Cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Govt of India, the same would be charged as extra.

Agora Voyages act only in the capacity of agent for the hotels, airlines, transporters, railways & contractors providing other services & all exchange orders, receipts, contracts & tickets issued by us are issued subject to terms & conditions under which these services are provided by them.

All itineraries are sample itineraries, intended to give you a general idea of the likely trip schedule. Numerous factors such as weather, road conditions, the physical ability of the participants etc. may dictate itinerary changes either before the tour or while on the trail. We reserve the right to change any schedule in the interest of the trip participants' safety, comfort & general well being.

Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc. Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates



quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels until unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

We shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property, or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services, resulting – directly or indirectly – from any act of GOD, dangers, fire, accident, breakdown in machinery or equipment, breakdown of transport, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, medical or custom department regulations, defaults, or any other causes beyond our control.

We do not have any insurance policy covering the expenses for accident, sickness, loss due to theft, or any other reasons. Visitors are advised to seek such insurance arrangements in their home country. All baggage's & personal property/s at all times are at the client's risk.

We will not be responsible for any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.

### **Tipping**

Tipping is not included in our price. Tipping is optional, and at times expected in travel trade. Obviously there is no limit to how much you can tip and some guests who enjoy and appreciate the services of Guides, driver and other crew will and have tipped much more than our average tipping guideline of about \$10-15 per day.

### **Trip Comments**

When you return from your trip, please share your experience with us. Any photos, suggestions will be appreciated. Although we try our best, Tourism is a trade, which cannot be perfect and there will always remain a room for improvement. Your comments (both criticism and compliments) are invaluable to us and we look forward to hearing from you, upon your return.