

FOOT PRINT OF BUDDHA

Lord Buddha was born at **Lumbini** on India Nepal border. Most of the religious sites relating to Lord Buddha's life are located in Central India and Nepal. All these sites are sacred to Buddhist. Visit these sites with an experienced native Indian English speaking Odyssey Manager, who receives you on your arrival and travel with you till your departure. Talk to him and quench your thirst to know the history, culture, religion and every little action or behavior of the natives.



In this tour we have included the six most important pilgrims centers already discovered as related to Lord Buddha's life. These pilgrims centers includes Lumbini - the birth place of Buddha, Kushinagar - where Lord Buddha attained parinirvana, Vaisali - where Buddha preached his last sermon and announced his parinirvana, Rajgir - capital of old Magadh empire, Nalanda - site of world's oldest University where the great Chinese scholar and traveler Hieun Tsang stayed for five years in early 7th century AD to study Buddhism, Bodhgaya - where Lord Buddha got enlightenment 2500 years ago, Sarnath (Varanasi) - where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon after he got enlightened.

ITINERARY

DAY 01 Arrive Delhi > Delhi to Luknow to Saravasti < 134 km = 3 hours drive> (B/L/D)

Arrive Delhi airport, on arrival, met by your English Speaking Indian Odyssey Manager and transfer for breakfast. After breakfast proceed to domestic airport for your flight by DECCAN AIR to Lucknow. Arrive Lucknow met by Odyssey Manager and proceed for lunch.

After lunch drive to Saravasti. On arrival you will check-in to Hotel followed by dinner.

(Saravasti - the capital of the ancient kingdom of Kosala, has the honour for sheltering Buddha for 24 rainy seasons in the Jetvana Gardens. The city believed to be founded by the mythological king Saravast, has age-old stupas, majestic monasteries and several temples. Buddha is said to have performed some miracles here. Night stay in Saravasti).

DAY 02 Saravasti to Lumbini <209 km = 5 hours> (B/L/D)

Early morning visit Saheth - Maheth & Jetvan. After breakfast drive to Lumbini & transfer to hotel. Evening sightseeing tour of Lumbini including a visit to the birth Place of Lord Buddha. Night stay in Lumbini.

(Lumbini - the birthplace of the Buddha, was located in 1890 after being untraced for 1,500 years.)

DAY 03 Lumbini to Kushinagar < 161 km = 4 hours drive & 1 hour border crossing> (B/L/D)

After breakfast drive to Kushinagar. Arrive Kushinagar & transfer to hotel. Night stay in Kushinagar.

(Kushinagar is the place where the Buddha finally attained Mahaparmirvana. Amongst the ruins are the Mukutbandhan Stupa and a beautiful statue of the reclining Buddha.)

DAY 04 Kushinagar to Patna <253 km = 6 hours drive and one hour visit> (B/L/D)

After breakfast visit the Mahaparinirvana Temple & Stupa. On completion, drive to Patna en route visiting Vaishali.

(During Lord Buddha's lifetime, Vaishali or Vesali was a city, the capital of the Licchavis and Vijjian and it was one of the largest cities, rich and prosperous, crowded with people. Once due to drought, lots of people died here and smell of decaying bodies attracted evil spirits, and many inhabitants were attacked by intestinal disease. So finally Lord Buddha was invited by the Licchavis King to overcome the situation. When Lord Buddha set foot in the Vajjian territory, there was a thunderstorm and rain fell in torrent. Later Buddha taught Ratana Sutta to Ananda, and instructed that it should be recited within the three walls of the city. The Buddha himself recited the Ratana Sutta to the assembled people. After repeating Ratana Sutta for seven consecutive days, Buddha left Vesali.

It is believed that the evil spirits left the territory because of the heavy rainfall and the heavy rainfall came because of Buddha)

DAY 05 Patna to Bodhgaya <198 km, 4 hour drive and 3-4 hours visiting and lunch> (B/L/D)

Morning after breakfast drive to Bodhgaya en route sightseeing of Nalanda & Rajgir. Rajgir.

(The picturesque Rajgir, or Rajagriha as it was known in the past literally, the abode of kings is surrounded by the meandering river Banganga and 5 hills. During the lifetime of the Buddha this was the capital of the powerful Magadhan kingdom, ruled by the virtuous King Bimbisara. The hills and caves surrounding Rajagriha

