

Tour Itinerary Specially Prepared on the occasion of Nepal Year 2011

Destination: Kolkata - Patna - Bodh Gaya - Varanasi - Kushinagar - Lumbini – Kathmandu.

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights.

Itinerary:

DAY 01: Bangkok to Kolkata (Calcutta). By flight. Kingfisher Airlines. Departure from Bangkok around 16:15 and arrive Kolkata 17:30. Overnight hotel near Kolkata Airport. **Hotel Lytton or Floatal or Fortune Park** in Kolkata.

Day 02: Kolkata to Patna and Bodh Gaya. By flight. Jet Airways. Depart Kolkata at 07:10 and arrive Patna at 08:25. Transfer to Bodhgaya by surface 130km. 2and half hour drive. En-route visiting Rajgir & Nalanda. Patna is 2500 year old capital city of Bihar. **Hotel Royal Residency** or similar in Bodh Gaya.



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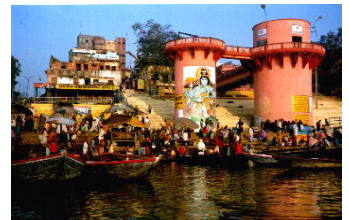
of the greatest monastic universities of the ancient world. At Nalanda you will visit the ruins of the Nalanda University, temples and stupas.

Rajgir is a place of great significance for Buddhists and Jains. Lord Buddha spent 12 years at Rajgir and the first Buddhist council was held here. Sightseeing at Rajgir covers the Gridhakuta Hill, Bimbisara Jail and other Jain and Buddha monuments. From Nalanda you will be driven to Rajgir (14 km). Arrive Bodhgaya and check-in at hotel. Evening walk for Buddhist monasteries near by. Dinner and overnight at hotel.



Day 03: Bodhgaya to Varanasi. Breakfast and take a sightseeing tour of Bodhgaya visiting, monasteries and lunch at the restaurant, After lunch drive (5-hours) covering 245 km to Varanasi. Arrive Varanasi and check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel. **Hotel Ramada Plaza or Hindustan International** or similar in Varanasi.

Day 04: Varanasi to Sarnath and Kushinagar. Early in the morning you will be taken to Ganga Ghats for a boat ride on the Ganges to see bathing and cremation rituals. Thereafter, breakfast at hotel visit to Sarnath -the place where Lord Buddha preached his first Sermon in 590 BC. Attractions at Sarnath include the Buddhist temple, Stupas, Archaeological museum and ancient ruins. After lunch leave Varanasi and drive (4-hrs 225 km) by road for Kushinagar. Dinner and Overnight at hotel. **Hotel Royal Residency** or similar in Kushinagar.



Day 05: Kushinagar to Lumbini. In the morning you will visit the Mahaparinirvana temple and the Ramabhar Stupa (the cremation place of Lord Buddha). Breakfast follows a drive to Lumbini (170 kms / 4-5 Hrs) - the birthplace of Buddha and is located just a few km. inside Nepal. Upon arrival at Lumbini you will be transferred to hotel. **Hotel Lumbini Garden** or similar, in front (5minutes walk to Mayadevi Temple) of Lumbini Sacred garden.



Day 06: Lumbini to Kathmandu. By flight. In the morning, visit Mayadevi Temple inside the Lumbini sacred garden. Lunch. After lunch, drive to Lumbini Airport for flight to Kathmandu. Arrive Kathmandu and Check in **hotel Royal Singi** or similar in Kathmandu.

Day 07: Kathmandu: Full day sightseeing trip covering major Buddhist sites (Boudhanath, Kapon Monastery, Soyambhunath). Explore downtown Kathmandu and Thamel street in the evening for sightseeing and shopping. Overnight stay at the **hotel Royal Singi** in Kathmandu.

Day 08. Kathmandu to Bangkok. Departure Kathmandu by flight. After a brief tour of the city in the morning, transfer to Kathmandu Airport for an onward destination.

Cost: Please contact us with the number of total participants for actual cost.

Included in the cost (during the trekking):

- Airport pickups and drops upon arrival in Kokata, Patna and departure from Kathmandu.
- Airfare: Kolkata to Patna.
- Airfare: Lumbini to Kathmandu.
- Hotel accommodation: 4nights in India and 3nights in Nepal on twin-sharing basis, as per itinerary.
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the whole trip.
- All ground transfers based on air-conditioned wide body coach, as per the itinerary.
- English speaking tour guide during the trip.
- All entry fees to the sightseeing points in India and Nepal.
- All applicable government tax.

Note: if the number of pax is less than 15 or if you need budget class (clean hotels), we can arrange such trip under the same itinerary updating the cost. Besides, if you need information on tour, travel and trekking, kindly contact us at your convenience. For introduction, please visit our website: www.aboundasian.com www.aboundasian.com.np

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