

Buddhist Tour 05 Nights / 06 Days

Delhi – Varanasi – Bodhgaya – Nalanda – Rajgir – Patna – Delhi

Day 01 Hong Kong – Delhi

Depart Hong Kong (HKG) CX 695 1745hrs, arrive Delhi (DEL) 2125hrs (approx. flying time 6hrs 10 mins), meet & greet, hotel transfer, overnight Delhi.

Day 02 Delhi – Varanasi

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, airport transfer, depart Delhi (DEL) 9W2423 1110hrs, arrive Varanasi (VNS) 1230hrs (approx. flying time 01hr 20mins), meet and greet, hotel transfer, check-in and relax.



Dhamek Stupa

Your afternoon private tour will take you to **Sarnath**, conveniently located only 07km from the city, famous for being the place where Buddha supposedly preached his first sermon more than 2,500 years ago. This peaceful site is marked by the massive **Dhamek Stupa** which was constructed in the 6th century. Nearby you will find a museum where rare collections of items related to the Buddha can be seen (closed every Friday).

Dinner included, hotel transfer, overnight Varanasi.

Day 03 Varanasi – Bodhgaya

Rise early in the morning and you will be rewarded with a **River Ganges Boat Cruise**, at dawn, the Ghats are abuzz with activity of devotees performing ablutions in the river or offering prayers to the rising sun and performing other religious rituals. A boat ride along the Ghats gives you vantage views of this activity while the sunrise on the Ganges is a soul-lifting experience. You will be escorted back to your hotel for breakfast.



River Ganges



Banaras Hindu University

Your private tour includes **Bharat Mata Temple** with a big relief map of India in marble, **Durga Temple**, **Tulsi Manas Temple**, **Banaras Hindu University** which has an art Gallery and the **Mosque** of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb built on a site of an ancient Hindu Temple. You will be transferred to Bodhgaya by private car (275km / 07hrs), hotel transfer, dinner included, overnight Bodhgaya.

Day 04 Bodhgaya

Breakfast at hotel, enjoy your private tour, welcome to where Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment, learn about the **Bodhi Tree** and his experience there. See the **River Nirajana** where he bathed afterwards, this body of water calmly flows outside the tiny hamlet. In the afternoon you will be escorted to **Mahabodhi Temple** and **Vajrasana**.

Hotel transfer, dinner included, overnight Bodhgaya.



Mahabodhi Temple

Day 05 Bodhgaya – Rajgir – Nalanda – Patna – Delhi

Hotel breakfast, you will be driven to Patna (180km / 04hrs) and will visit Rajgir & Nalanda on the way. Your private tour takes you to **Rajgir**, once the ancient capital of the powerful Kingdom of Maghada, from the outskirts you will find a historic road to Vultures Peak where the Buddha preached and the first Buddhist Council was held.



Nalanda

Your journey continues to **Nalanda**, a great centre of Buddhist learning and one of the most famed university citadels of ancient time. Afterwards you will be escorted to Patna Airport, depart Patna (PAT) 9W731 1645hrs arrive Delhi (DEL) 1825hrs (approx. flying time 01hr 40 mins), meet and greet upon arrival, hotel transfer, dinner included, overnight Delhi.

Day 06 Delhi – Hong Kong

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your tour guide will greet you in the morning and begin your private tour of Old & New Delhi with **Red Fort**. Named for its red-sandstone walls (closed every Monday) and designated a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*. This fort complex was constructed by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan, nearby is the imperial avenue known as Chandni Chowk.



Red Fort

Pass through alleyways, seemingly getting narrower and end up at **Jama Masjid** which is the largest Muslim mosque in India. Enjoy the **Rickshaw Ride** crossing the streets in Old Delhi. Finishing Old Delhi, head to New Delhi with a visit to **Qutab Minar** and **India Gate**, a 42 meter archway built in memory of Indian soldiers killed during the First World War. Watch the famous War Memorial Arch and see the contrast between old and New Delhi.



Rashtrapati Bhawan

Drive past **Rashtrapati Bhawan**, initially constructed as the Imperial residence of the Viceroy in the early 20th century. Currently the residence of the President of India and Parliament House. This unique circular architecture was built with huge colonnades which house the Upper and Lower House of Parliament. Proceed to the Government secretariat buildings at Connaught Place in the heart of New Delhi as well as the busy shopping centre.

Dinner at a local restaurant, airport transfer, depart Delhi (DEL) CX698 2245hrs, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 0655hrs the day after.

Package Cost

Destination	Hotel Envisage	
	Option A	Option B
Delhi 02 nights	Shangri La Eros Deluxe Room <u>Hotel Website</u>	Jaypee Siddharth Deluxe Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Varanasi 01 night	Ramada Plaza JHV Superior Room <u>Hotel Website</u>	Rivatas By Ideal Deluxe Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Bodhgaya 02 nights	Royal Residency Standard Room <u>Hotel Website</u>	Sujata New Wings Standard Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Twin Sharing per person (HKD)	10,990	12,590

Prices are given per person in HKD

Package Includes

Round Trip Economy Class Airfare from Hong Kong to Delhi
 05 nights (Twin / Double) Hotels check-in 1400hrs, check-out 1200hrs.
 Daily breakfast at hotels.
 Meals on Half Board Basis, includes 05 dinners – all meals provided on buffet basis except for the final day in Delhi where dinner will be at a good local restaurant.
 Private car services including arrival / departure airport / hotel transfer.
 Private car services during private sightseeing.
 English speaking Guide throughout tour from Day 02 in Varanasi to Day 05 Patna, in Delhi for 06
 Local English speaking guide will also be provided.
 Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi. (02 persons on 01 Rickshaw).
 Boat ride at river Ganges in Varanasi.
 Monuments entrance fees included per person per single visit as per the itinerary: Varanasi (Sarnath), Nalanda (Nalanda University), Rajgir (Venuvan) and New Delhi (Red Fort & Qutub Minar).
 Mineral Water, 02 bottles of per day per person.
 Government tax 5% included.

Package Does Not Include

Any expenses of personal nature (meals, visa fees, Travel Insurance, laundry, telephone etc.)
 Domestic Airfare, Airport taxes, airfare taxes, Camera / Video fee at the monuments.
 Anything else not mentioned under Package Includes.

ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately. COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered. If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described. All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*. Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged on the next day if possible. No refund can be made if it's failed to do so.

OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10- 15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

PERSONAL EXPENSE - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax.), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.

DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of 35 % of total cost is required for secure all air seats and hotel reservations we hold for you. **We accept cash or cheque only.** Bookings for this deposit not received are subject to cancellation without notice. If *G.C Nanda* is unable to confirm the requested arrangements the deposit will be fully refundable. Deposits vary for each tour operator, hotel, or provider of any service contained in the program and will be payable according to the *General Terms and Conditions* of each operator. Please note that firm reservations cannot be made for any pre-booked accommodation until the required deposit is received. The balance payment must be received not less than 45 days prior to departure. If the balance payment is not received by us on the due date, we reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

AMENDMENT FEES

For each amendment requested after confirmation additional charges will be levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines. An amendment constitutes a change to an existing booking and not a transfer to another tour, wherein cancellation fees may apply.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Cancellations are subject to a fee as follows:

- **30 days, or more, prior to departure: forfeit of deposit**
- **14-30 days, or less, prior to departure: 100% of total cost**

Cancellations will also be subject to cancellation fees levied by each operator according to their respective *Booking Terms and Conditions*. Please note that it is your responsibility to request from us the details of *Terms and Conditions*, and to ensure that you have understood their contents. The payment of your deposit constitutes an acceptance of those terms and conditions and your acknowledgement that you will be bound by their cancellation fee charges. No refund is made on any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours, villas hotel, cruising or other travel not utilised. No refund is available for cancellation after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that, at the time of booking, you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice. We suggest that the policy should include, but not be limited to the following features: Loss of deposit through cancellation, personal baggage, loss of money, medical expenses, additional expenses to cover hotel accommodation should the tour or holiday need to be extended or curtailed due to illness while overseas, or due to the need to return to Hong Kong because of unexpected death or illness of a close relative. **Please consult us on the insurance policy most suitable for your needs.**

VISA, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passengers should familiarise themselves with any and all health or visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas they intend visiting. They shall be responsible for all exits, entry, health and other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. Each person shall carry a valid passport at all times. Kindly note that passport and visa requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to a passenger's failure to comply with the above or any statutory requirement made in any country whatsoever.

PRICE

All prices shown are subject to variation without notice.