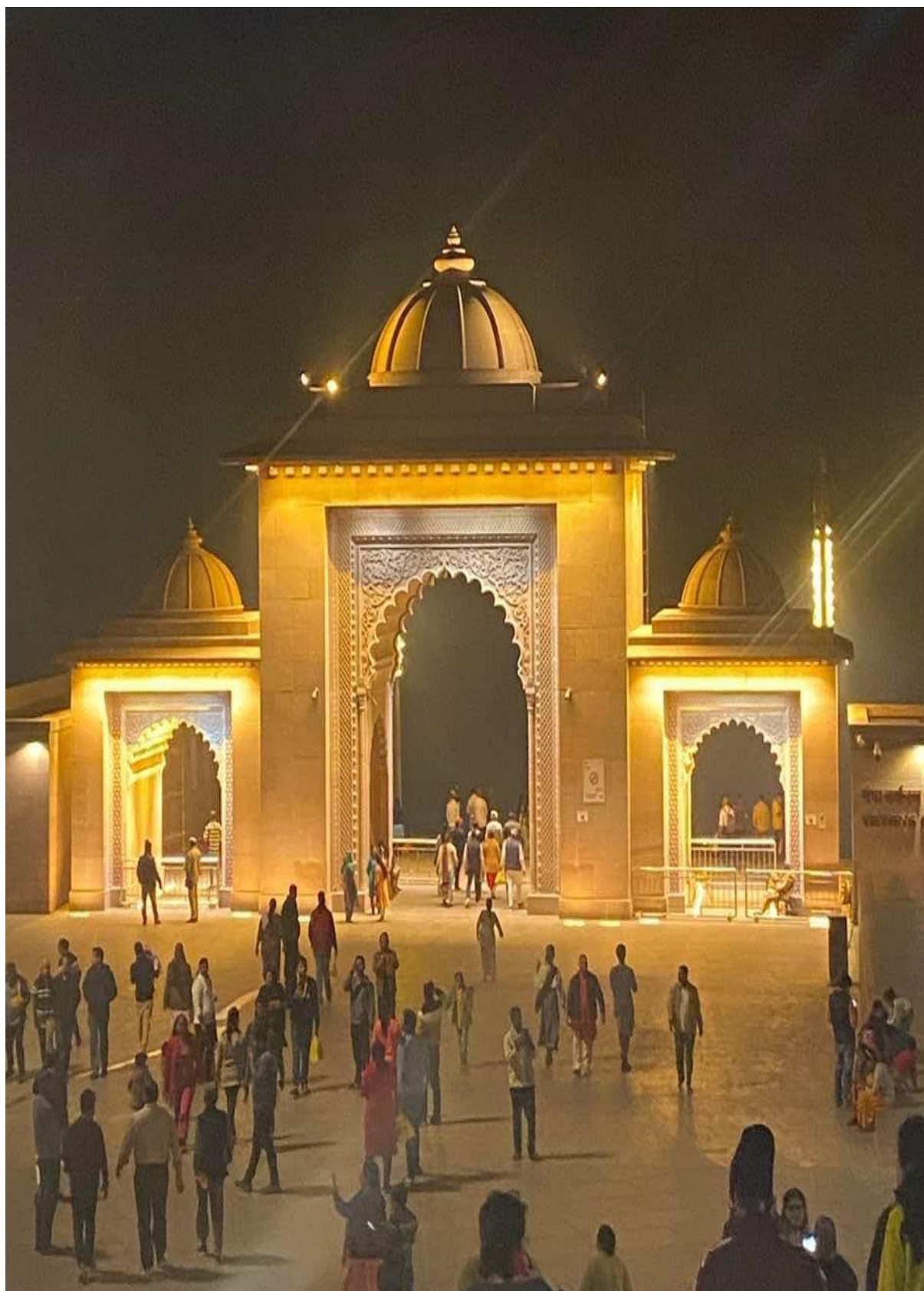
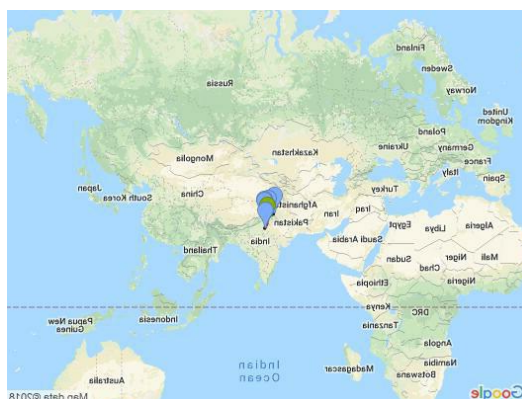


Spiritual Journey of India
by
Precious Journey





Spirituality and Religion has been an important part of Indian culture and society. The Indian subcontinent is the birthplace of four of the world's major religions, namely, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. In this journey we are going to connect with all the four religions and the spiritual way of life.



Trip Summary

Through this journey we are going to experience way of human life and spirituality. The spirituality means manifestation of the potential divinity within us by Work (Karma Yoga) or Worship (Bhakti Yoga) or Philosophy (Gyaan Yoga) or Psychic Control (Raja Yoga). The characteristic of this manifestation is the mastery over the inner and external personality and the result of it is total freedom.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY	ACTIVITIES	HOTELS
Day 1 Mon, Feb 26, 2024 Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to India New Delhi Airport Meet & Greet Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Transfer – Private – Airport -Vehicle/Driver/Representative 	Welcomhotel By ITC Hotels, Plot No.3 Sector 10 District Centre, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075 (Or Similar)
Day 2 Tue, Feb 27, 2024 Delhi - Agra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Breakfast and Checkout Visit Laxmi Narayan Temple and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib Lunch (Included) Drive to Agra Check-In and Dinner (Included) Vehicle/ Driver/Guide 	Hotel Clarks Shiraz 54, Taj Road, Agra Cantt, Idgah Agra, Uttar Pradesh - 282001 (Or Similar)
Day 3 Wed, Feb 28, 2024 Agra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Visit Taj Mahal and Red Fort Lunch (Included) Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre visit optional (Ticket Amount will be excluded around 25 \$ USD) Dinner (Included) Vehicle/ Driver/ Guide 	Hotel Clarks Shiraz 54, Taj Road, Agra Cantt, Idgah Agra, Uttar Pradesh - 282001 (Or Similar)
Day 4 Thus, Feb 29, 2024 Orchha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Early breakfast transfer to the railway station Train to Jhansi Drive to Orchha Check-in and Lunch (Included) Visit Orchha Fort Complex and Ram Raja Temple Dinner (Included) Vehicle/ Driver/ Guide 	Amar Mahal Near Ram Raja Temple, Orchha, Madhya Pradesh- 472246 (Or Similar)
Day 5 Fri, Mar 01, 2024 Khajuraho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Drive to Khajuraho and check-in Lunch (Included) Sightseeing of Khajuraho (Eastern and Western group monument) Dinner (Included) Vehicle/ Driver/ Guide 	Hotel Clarks Khajuraho Bamitha Rd, Near Khajuraho Airport Area, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh – 471606 (Or Similar)
Day 6 Sat, Mar 02, 2024 Varanasi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Breakfast and check-out Drive to Varanasi (9 hrs, 410 kms) Lunch (Included) Experience Ganga Aarti at Varanasi Check-in and Dinner (Included) Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Rivatas By Ideal The Mall Rd, Cantonment, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh – 221002 (Or Similar)
Day 7 Sun, Mar 03, 2024 Varanasi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide Early morning Boat Ride and Heritage Walk 	Rivatas By Ideal The Mall Rd, Cantonment,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Sarnath and Silk weaving centre. • Lunch and Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221002 (Or Similar)
Day 8 Mon Mar 04, 2024 Bodhgaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Drive to Bodh Gaya • Visit Maha Bodhi Temple • Lunch and Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	The Royal Residency Hotel, Domuhan Road Bodhgaya Gaya, Bihar – 824231 (Or Similar)
Day 9 Tue, Mar 05, 2024 Gaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Drive to Rajgir • Visit Sujata Stupa and Nalanda Ruins • Lunch and Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Hotel Indo Hokke Virayatan Road, Rajgir Bihar- 803116 (Or Similar)
Day 10 Wed Mar 06, 2024 Patna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Drive to Patna • Visit Rajgir and Gurudwara Patna Sahib • Lunch and Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Hotel Maurya Gandhi Maidan, Patna, Bihar - 800001 (Or Similar)
Day 11 Thus, Mar 07, 2024 Coimbatore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Early breakfast and check-out • Catch a flight from Patna to Coimbatore (Flight Tickets Excluded, tentative flight ticket cost will be 160 \$USD per person) • Lunch (Excluded) • Check-in and dinner at Coimbatore • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Hotel ITC 1266/14, W Club Rd, Racecourse, Gopalapuram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu - 641018 (Or Similar)
Day 12 Fri, Mar 08, 2024 Coimbatore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Spend a full day at Isha Foundation on the Auspicious Day of Maha Shivrati. • Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Hotel ITC 1266/14, W Club Rd, Racecourse, Gopalapuram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu – 641018 (Or Similar)
Day 13 Sat, Mar 09, 2024 Somnathpur / Mysuru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Drive from Coimbatore to Somnathpur / Mysuru • Visit Somnathpur, Prasanna Chennakeshava Temple, and Mysuru Palace • Lunch and Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Radisson Blu Plaza 1, MG Road, Indiranagar Extension, JC Nagar, Mysuru, Karnataka 570010 (Or Similar)
Day 14 Sun, Mar 10, 2024 Bengaluru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Drive to Bengaluru • Visit Ranganathaswamy Temple on the way to Srirangapatna. • Lunch and Dinner (Included) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Hotel ITC/ Radisson Bengaluru (Or Similar)
Day 15 Mon, Mar 11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Breakfast and check-out • Visit Bengaluru Palace and Bull Temple 	Hotel Lalit

Bengaluru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch (Included) • Fly to Delhi (Flight Tickets Excluded, tentative flight ticket cost will be 150 \$USD per person) • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, New Delhi-11001 (Or Similar)
Day 16 Tue, Mar 12, 2024 Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Visit Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple • Lunch (Included) • Day at leisure or Shopping • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide 	Hotel Lalit Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, New Delhi-11001 (Or Similar)
Day 17 Wed, Mar 13, 2024 Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying English-speaking Escort / Guide • Visit Lotus Temple • Lunch (On your own) • Day at leisure or Shopping • Farewell Dinner • Vehicle / Driver/ Guide • Check-out and Fly 	Hotel Lalit Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, New Delhi, Delhi 110001 (Or Similar)

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: 26th Feb 2024 Delhi

At the Delhi airport: When you come out of the arrival gate look for Precious Journey representative who will be holding a placard of your name/ group name. In case of any inconvenience please stay at the arrival gate and call immediately Mr. Ajay Singh at +91 90056 39000. Your representative will assist you to coordinate a meeting up with your private driver and accompany you to your accommodation. Relax and enjoy an airport transfer in a private air-conditioned vehicle, with the driver and assistant.

Accommodation; Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels (Deluxe Room)

Day 2: 27th Feb 2024 Delhi – Agra

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

After breakfast check out from your hotel you will proceed to Delhi sightseeing with your tour guide.

Tour coverage: Lakshmi Narayan Temple and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib

Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple:

The temple is dedicated to Shri Laxmi (The Goddess of Prosperity) and Shri Narayana (The Preserver). This temple is popularly known as Birla Temple. Which is built by the Birla family from 1933 to 1939. This is the first of a series of temples built by the Birla's in many cities of India. The temple is a three-storied building and is built in the Nagara style of temple architecture. Hundreds of artisans from Banaras had put together their craft to carve icons around the temple. The side temples are dedicated to Shiva, Krishna, and Buddha. It was the first large Hindu temple built in Delhi. The temple was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi on the condition that people of all castes will be allowed to enter the temple.



Gurdwara Bangla Sahib:

Gurdwara Bangla Sahib is one of the most prominent Sikh Gurudwara in Delhi. This 17th century shrine is dedicated to the memory of Guru Har Krishan, who was the eighth Sikh Guru. This bungalow was donated by King Jai Singh of Amer (Jaipur). The Gurudwara draws attention due to its magnificent structure, architectural beauty, and the large water body Aka 'Sarovar' located within the complex. Huge public kitchen is also a major attraction of Bangla Sahib Gurudwara where they feed thousands of people every day.



Post lunch drive to Agra (**Distance 250 km approximately 4 Hrs**) and check in and dinner to the hotel at Agra.

Accommodation: **Hotel Clarks Shiraz (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 3: 28th Feb 2024 Agra

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Today your guide will pick you up early morning from your hotel for the tour of the Taj Mahal.

Tour coverage; Taj Mahal and Agra Fort, Kalakriti (Optional)

Taj Mahal:

The Taj Mahal is an Ivory-white marble Mausoleum on the right bank of the river Yamuna in Agra. It was commissioned in 1631 by the 5th Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal, The Taj Mahal incorporates and expands on design traditions of Indo-Islamic and earlier Mughal architecture. The Taj Mahal was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 for being "The Jewel of Islamic Art In India and one of The Universally Admired Masterpieces of The World's Heritage". It is one of the eight wonders of the world.



After The Taj Mahal visit, we will back to the hotel for Breakfast and post breakfast will visit Agra Fort

Agra Fort:

The Agra Fort is a historical fort in the city of Agra and is also known as Agra's Red Fort. Mughal emperor Humayun was crowned at this fort. It was later renovated by the Mughal emperor Akbar in 1565 and the present-day structure was completed in 1573. It served as the main residence of the rulers of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638 when the capital was shifted from Agra to Delhi. In 1983, the Agra Fort was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its importance during the Mughal Dynasty. It is about 2.5 km northwest of its more famous sister monument, the Taj Mahal. The fort can be more accurately described as a walled city. It was later renovated by Shah Jahan.



Lunch at Taj Mahal Restaurant.

Post lunch you can visit Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre visit is optional (Ticket Amount will be Excluded approx. 25 \$ USD per person)

Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre:

This Complex is a multipurpose institution. It hosts presentation areas, exhibits, sales, and a theatre. Kalakriti Mohabbat-e-Taj performance is exceptional. For anyone who is interested in the musical history of The Taj must see it. The presentation of the art and production of Inlaid Marble as well as many other products are displayed for shopping.



Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Clarks Shiraz (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)

Day 4: 29th Feb 2024 Orchha

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Early breakfast and check out then transfer to the Railway Station Agra Cantt.

Train to Jhansi (Bhopal Shatabdi Express at 07.55 hrs to 10.45 hrs)

Transfer to the railway station will be assisted by a representative.

Reached **Jhansi than drive to Orchha (approximate 1 hr, 35 km)** and Lunch at Orchha.

Tour Coverage: Orchha Palace or Orchha Fort Complex and Ram Raja Temple.

Orchha Palace or Orchha Fort Complex:

The fort was built following the founding of the Orchha State in 1501 AD by Rudra Pratap Singh (1501–1531), a Bundela Rajput. The palaces and temples within the fort complex were built over a period by successive Maharajas of the Orchha State. These are Raja Mahal or Raja Mandir, Sheesh Mahal, Jahangir Mahal, a temple, gardens, and pavilions. The fort complex is within an island formed by the confluence of the Betwa river and Jamni river in Orchha town.



Ram Raja Temple:

The Raja Mandir or Raja Mahal was built by Madhukar Shah who ruled from 1554 to 1591. This is the only place where Lord Shri Ram is worshipped both as a God and a King. Still, police of Orchha give Guard of Honour on daily basis.



After the visit of these magnificent complex and the temple back to the hotel and enjoy your dinner at hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel Amar Mahal (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 5: 01st Mar 2024 Khajuraho

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

After breakfast check out from your hotel and drive to Khajuraho (**Distance 175 km approximately 3 Hrs**).

Check-in and lunch at the hotel after Lunch you will visit the world-famous Khajuraho group of temples which is popularly known as erotic's sculptures temples.

Tour Coverage: Khajuraho group of temples (Western and Eastern Both)

Khajuraho Temples

Khajuraho temples were built by the Chandela dynasty, which reached its apogee between 950 and 1050. Khajuraho temples fall into three distinct groups and belong to two different religions – Hinduism and Jainism. They strike a perfect balance between architecture and sculpture. The Temple of Kandariya is decorated with a profusion of sculptures that are among the greatest masterpieces of Indian art. Khajuraho Group of Monuments includes all the elements necessary to express its Outstanding Universal Value, including 23 temples that together demonstrate the originality and high quality attained in northern Indian Nagara-style temple architecture. This group of monuments is declared as world heritage site in the year of 1986.



Back to the hotel and enjoy your dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel Clarks (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 6: 02nd Mar 2024 Varanasi

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

After breakfast check out from your hotel and drive to Varanasi Drive (**Distance 410 km approximately 8.30 Hrs**)

We will stop for lunch on the way. After lunch will proceed to Varanasi.

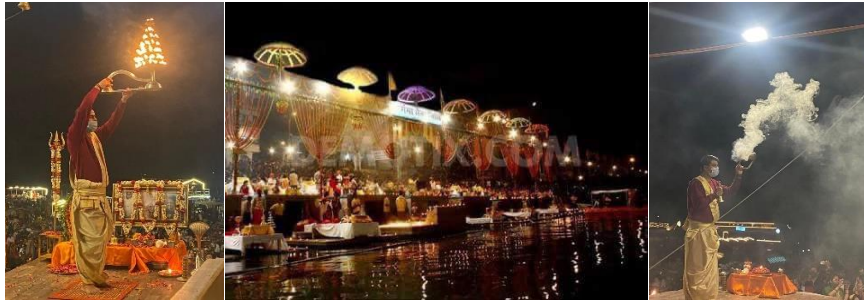
After Check-in to the hotel proceed to have an experience of Ganga Aarti.

Tour Converge : Ganga Aarti.

Ganges Aarti:

In Holy City, Varanasi be the witness of evening Ganga Aarti on the bank of river Ganges. Ganga aarti is a musical offering and thanksgiving ceremony to the mother Ganges. It takes place every evening after 1 hour of sunset. Thousands of devotees from every corner of the country attend this ceremony every evening. It is a unique representation of Indian culture and is performed by seven young Brahmin priests, through that, we transfer our religious and cultural heritage to the next generation.

Back to the Hotel dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.



Accommodation: **Hotel Rivatas by Ideal (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 7: 03rd Mar 2024 Varanasi

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Tour Coverage: Morning Boat Ride and Heritage Walk, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Sarnath, and Silk weaving center.

Early morning at 5 am we will proceed from the hotel Holy River Ganges for a morning Boat ride and has an experience of magnificent view of Sunrise.

Boat Ride:

Varanasi is one of the oldest living cities in the world and the cultural capital of India. "Varanasi is older than history, older than tradition, older than legend & looks twice as old as all of them put together." _ Mark Twain. The city is situated on the western bank of the river Ganges having seven km long ghats, where thousands of people come to take a holy dip every morning. We can see many rituals on the ghats performed by devotees under the guidance of Brahmin priests. People practice yoga and meditation on the ghats and many of them offer floating lamps as an offering to the mother Ganges.

After boat ride we will walk through the narrow lanes which is oldest part of Banaras to experience lifestyle of the local people.



Back to the hotel, after breakfast, we will proceed to Kashi Vishwanath temple.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple:

The Kashi Vishwanath temple is widely recognized as one of the most important places of worship in the Hindu religion. Inside the Kashi Vishwanath Temple is the Jyotirlinga of Shiva, Vishveshvara or Vishvanath. The Vishveshvara Jyotirlinga has a special and unique significance in the spiritual history of India.

Sri Kashi Vishwanath Temple is one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites for Shaivites and is among the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines, which are said to be the most sacred abodes of Shiva. Temple is situated on the western banks of the Ganges, the presiding deity is known by the names Shri Vishwanath and Vishweshwara, meaning Lord of the Universe.

One of the ancient names of Varanasi is Kashi ("shining") in ancient epics as Vedas and Puranas, hence the temple is popularly called Kashi Vishwanath Temple. The temple is considered a central part of worship in Shaiva culture by Hindu scriptures.

The temple had been demolished several times, most recently by Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in 1688, who constructed the Gyanvapi Mosque on its site. The current structure was built on an adjacent site by the Maratha ruler Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar of Indore in 1780.

The temple is also known as Golden Temple as nine hundred kilograms gold was donated by Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Punjab to cover the two shikharas of the temple. Many leading saints, including Adi Shankaracharya, Ramakrishna Paramhansa, Swami Vivekananda, Goswami Tulsidas, Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Sathya Sai Baba, and Guru Nanak have visited the site. A visit to the temple and a bath in the river Ganges is one of many methods believed to lead one on a path to Moksha (liberation). Thus, Hindus from all over the world try to visit the place at least once in their lifetime. Sri Sadguru from ISHA Foundation used to visit this temple ever year. This temple is also surrounded with many small shrines. Newly built Kashi Vishwanath corridor is major attraction.



After a pleasant experience of divine darshan of baba Kashi Vishwanath, we will proceed for lunch and later will continue our day.

Sarnath:

The Birthplace of Buddhism- Sarnath also referred to as Sarangnath, Isipatana, Rishipattana, Migadaya, or Mrigadava is a place located 10 kilometres northeast of Varanasi. Sarnath is the place where, Buddha delivered his first sermon to the five friends who became first five disciples of Buddha in 528 BCE, at 35 years of age, after attaining enlightenment at Bodh Gaya. It is also where the Buddhist sangha first came into existence.

Sarnath was centre of Buddhism until 12th century but unfortunately it was invaded by Islamic invader in last days of 12th century and went under dark age till 18th century for 600 years. In 1794 place was found by Jagat Singh minister of Raja Chet Singh of Banaras and first excavated by British archaeologist in 1798. Sarnath came into limelight in 19th century and several excavations have been completed by Indo- British archaeologists. Whatever we found during excavation placed it in a site museum at Sarnath.



Silk weaving centre:

Silk weaving is a manufacturing industry in Varanasi. Varanasi is known throughout India for its handloom production of very fine silk as Banarasi saree, Brocades fabrics, wall hangings, bed covers, tapestry, and beautiful colourful stoles or scarfs. One-third population of Varanasi depends for their survival on this traditional occupation and weaving is typically done within the household.

Dinner and Overnight stay at hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel Rivatas by Ideal (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 8: 04th Mar 2024 Bodh Gaya

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Tour Converge : Maha Bodhi Temple.

After breakfast, Check – out we will drive to Bodh Gaya (**Distance 290 km approximately 6 Hrs**) and lunch on the way.

Check-in to the hotel at Bodh Gaya and proceed to Maha Bodhi Temple in evening.

Maha Bodhi Temple:

Bodh Gaya is considered to be the holiest site in Buddhism, Known as Uruvela in the Buddha's time, it is situated on the bank of Niranjana River. Gautam Buddha attended enlightenment under sacred Bodhi Tree at this place. The first temple at the site was built by King Ashoka and later by Gupta Kingdom and Pala dynasty.

This area was at the heart of a Buddhist civilization for centuries, until it was conquered by Islamic invaders in the 13th century.

The Mahabodhi Temple Complex is the first temple built by Emperor Asoka in the 3rd century B.C., and the present temple dates from the 5th–6th centuries. It is one of the earliest Buddhist temples built entirely in brick, still standing, from the late Gupta period and it is considered to have had a significant influence in the development of brick architecture over the centuries.

The present Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya comprises the 50-meter-high grand Temple, the Vajrasana, the sacred Bodhi Tree, and other six sacred sites of Buddha's enlightenment, surrounded by numerous ancient Votive stupas, well maintained and protected by inner, middle and outer circular boundaries. Every morning and evening a large number of monks and devotees sit in meditation or offer their prayers to lord Buddha at the temple campus and under the sacred Bodhi tree.



After seeing the Maha Bodhi Temple will back to the hotel and enjoy dinner.

Accommodation: **Hotel The Royal Residency (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 9: 05th Mar 2024 Rajgir

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel and drive to Rajgir (**Distance 100 km approximately 1.30 Hrs**).

Tour Coverage: Sujata Stupa and Nalanda Ruins (Educational capital of ancient India).

Sujata Stupa:

Sujata Stupa is another attraction of Bodhgaya originally built by King Ashoka. The stupa was dedicated to the milkmaid Sujata, from the village of Bakraur, who is said to have fed Gautama Buddha milk and rice at this spot as he was sitting under a Banyan tree, thereby ending his fasting and asceticism, and allowing him to attain illumination through the Middle path.



Check-in and lunch at Hotel in Rajgir later will visit of Nalanda Ruins and Museums.

Nalanda Ruins and Museums:

Nalanda was a renowned (Buddhist monastic university) in ancient Magadha modern-day Bihar. It is located near the Rajgir (Rajgir was the capital of Maghdha Dynasty). Nalanda played a vital role in promoting the patronage of arts and academics during the 5th and 6th century, a period that has since been described as the "Golden Age of India" by the scholars. Nalanda University was considered by historians to be the world's first residential university among the greatest centres of learning in the ancient world. The Nalanda archaeological site is spread over a large area on the south bank of the Indrapushkarani lake. Early Buddhist texts state that Buddha visited a town near Rajagriha called Nalanda on his peregrinations. He delivered lectures in a nearby mango grove named Pavarika and one of his two chief disciples, Shariputra, was born in the area and later attained nirvana there.

In the fall of 1202 CE General Muhammad Bakhtiyar Khilji destroyed and began the demise of Nalanda and other monasteries near it. Nalanda University was destroyed three times by different invaders. The first destruction was caused by the Huns under the reign of Mihir Kula. The second destruction came during the 7th century by the Goudas. This time, the Buddhist king Harshavardhan then restored the university. The third attack came on Nalanda University by the Muslim army was the most destructive. It was led by the Turkish leader Bakhtiyar Khilji during the year 1193.



After today's tour, will back to the hotel for dinner and stay overnight at the hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel Indo Hokke (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 10: 06th Mar 2024 Patna

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and check - out from the hotel and drive to Patna (**Distance 140 km approximately 3 Hrs**).

Tour Coverage: Rajgir and Gurudwara Patna Sahib.

Rajgir:

Rajgir, meaning "The City of Kings," is a historic town in the district of Nalanda in Bihar. The city holds a place of prominence in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain scriptures. Rajgir was the first capital of the ancient kingdom of Magadha, a state that would eventually evolve into the Mauryan Empire. It finds mention in India's renowned literary epic, the Mahabharata, through its king Jarasandha. The town's date of origin is unknown, although ceramics dating to about 1000 BC have been found in the city. The 2,500-year-old cyclopean wall is also located in the region.

Mahavira and Buddha taught their beliefs in Rajgir during the 6th and 5th centuries BCE, and the Buddha was offered a forest monastery here by King Bimbisara. As such, the city of Rajgir became one of the Buddha's most important preaching locations.

It was the place where Gautam Buddha spent several months meditating and preaching at Gridha-Kutta "Hill of the Vultures". He also delivered some of the famous sermons and initiated King Bimbisara of Magdha and others to Buddhism. Rajgir is surrounded by five hills one of the hills of Saptaparni caves where the first Buddhist council was held.



After Rajgir's visit will take a break for lunch and post lunch will continue our day.

Gurudwara Patna Sahib (If time permits)

Takht Sri Patna Sahib also known as Takhat Sri Harimandir Sahib. Patna Sahib, is one of the five takhts of the Sikhs, located in Patna. It was to commemorate the birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs on December 1666. It was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1780-1839), the first Maharaja of the Sikh Empire, who also built many other Gurdwaras in the Indian subcontinent. The current shrine of Patna Sahib or Takht Sri Harmandir Sahib was built in the 1950. Patna City history belongs to Patliputra, the ancient capital of Magadha dynasty. Specially the King Ashoka ruled from Patliputra.



After spectacular Darshan of Gurudwara Patna Sahib you will enjoy dinner and stay at hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Maurya (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)

Day 11: 07th Mar 2024 Coimbatore

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel and drive to the Patna airport. Fly to Coimbatore.

After reaching Coimbatore check – in and relax at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel ITC (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)

Day 12: 08th Mar 2024 Coimbatore

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and proceed to Isha. On the Auspicious day of Maha Shivratri, you will spend a full day at ISHA.

Maha Shivaratri:

Maha - Shivaratri, "Great Night of Shiva" the most important sectarian festival of the year for devotees of the Hindu god Shiva. According to the Hindu calendar, the festival is observed on the fourteenth day of the

dark (waning) half of the lunar month. The festival commemorates the wedding of Shiva and Parvati, and the occasion that Shiva performs his divine dance, called the Tandava. The preceding day the participant observes a fast and at night a vigil during which a special worship of the lingam (symbol of Shiva) is performed. The members of the South Indian Lingayat sect, the giving of gifts to the guru (personal spiritual guide).



Isha Foundation:

The word Isha means "the formless divine". Isha Foundation is a non-profit, spiritual organization. It was founded in 1992 near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Jagadish Vasudev known as Sadguru is the founder and head of the Isha Foundation. It hosts the Isha Yoga Centre, which offers yoga programs under the name Isha Yoga. The foundation is run "almost entirely" by volunteers. The foundation organizes gatherings (Satsang) with Vasudev in the Indian states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, where he delivers discourses, leads meditations, and conducts question-answer sessions. It organizes annual pilgrimages (yatras) to Mount Kailash and the Himalayas under Isha Sacred Walks etc.



After a memorable day at Isha will be back to the Hotel dinner and relax.

Accommodation: **Hotel ITC (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 13: 09th Mar 2024 (Mysuru / Mysore)

Your English-speaking escort will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel and drive to Mysuru via Somnathpur (**Distance 200 km approximately 4.40 Hrs**).

Tour Coverage: Prasanna Chennakeshava Temple (Somnathpur) and Mysuru Palace.

Prasanna Chennakeshava Temple (Somnathpur):

The Somanathapur town was founded in the 13th century on the banks of Holy River Kaveri. Here stands the finest and most exemplary monument of Hoysala architecture known as the famous Prasanna Chennakeshava Temple. Constructed in the year 1258 CE, it is a Vaishnav Hindu Temple dedicated to might and beauty of Lord Krishna (Chenna= Beautiful and Keshava= Krishna). Somanatha created an Agrahara, that is granted land to Brahmins and dedicated resources to build and maintain temples therein.

The Keshava temple at Somanathapura faces east and is enclosed in a walled courtyard with a major gate (*mahadvara*). Outside the walls before the gate stands a tall pillar, which once had a Garuda statue on top, now missing. Inside the gate, to the left are vertical standing inscription stones. These stones have the form of the hero stones, with the top decorated with Hindu iconography as well as miniature reliefs of Keshava, Janardhana and Venugopala. The inscription is in old Kannada. The small entrance mandapa is supported by lathe-carved soapstone pillars.



After the divine darshan of Lord Krishna will stop for lunch and post lunch will proceed drive to Mysore.

Check – into the hotel then will visit the beautiful Palace of Mysore.

Mysuru Palace:

Mysuru Palace, also known as Amba Vilas Palace, is a historical palace and a royal residence of the Wadiyar dynasty and the seat of the Kingdom of Mysuru. Mysuru is commonly described as the 'City of Palaces', and there are seven palaces including this one. However, the Mysuru Palace refers specifically to the one within the new fort. The land on which the palace now stands was originally known as Mysuru (literally, "citadel"). Yaduraya built the first palace inside the Old Fort in the 14th century, which was set ablaze and reconstructed multiple times. The Old Fort was built of wood and thus easily caught fire, while the current fort was built of stone, bricks and wood. The current structure was constructed between 1897 and 1912, after the Old Palace burnt down, the current structure is also known as the New Fort.



Back to hotel and enjoy dinner and stay at hotel.

Accommodation: [Hotel Raddison Blu Plaza \(Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis\)](#)

Day 14: 10th Mar 2024

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel and drive to Bengaluru (**Distance 145 km approximately 2.30 Hrs**).

Tour Coverage : Ranganathaswamy Temple (Srirangapatna)

Ranganathaswamy Temple:

The Ranganathaswamy temple in the Mandya district of Karnataka state. Is dedicated to the Hindu god Ranganatha (a manifestation of the god Vishnu). It is one of the five important pilgrimage sites of Sri Vaishnavism along the river Kaveri for devotees of Ranganatha. Srirangapatna is the first temple starting from upstream, the deity is known as Adi Ranga ("first Ranga").

The Shri Ranganathaswamy Temple was sanctified in 984 AD by Tirumalaiah, who belonged to the Western Ganga Dynasty. Over a period, the region was ruled by numerous dynasties. Traces of these regimes can be seen in the architecture of the temple complex. The King of Hoysala, Vishnuvardhana allowed a Vaishnava Saint named Ramanujacharya in the 12th Century to use Srirangapatna as a place of learning (Agraharam). Around 1210 AD, King Veera Ballala II of Hoysala Dynasty made some additions and renovations to the temple complex. These have been documented in various inscriptions on the structure. The structure also possesses intricate carvings signifying architecture of Vijayanagara Dynasty and the Mysore Kingdom (Wadiyar Kings).



Lunch on the way to Bengaluru.
Check- in to the hotel at Bengaluru and enjoy dinner at hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel ITC / Raddison (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 15: 11th Mar 2024

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel. Sightseeing of Bengaluru. Fly to Delhi.

Tour Coverage: Bengaluru Palace and Bull Temple

Bengaluru Palace:

Bengaluru Place situated in the heart of the city. Widely famous for preserving the essence of regal opulence, the Bangalore Palace is the renowned landmark of the city that gives you a chance to know how the family members of Wadiyar's used to live their royal lives in the castle. The area where the palace is now located originally belonged to Reverend J Garrett, who was a school principal in the cantonment town. It was purchased in 1873 by the guardians of Chama Raja Wadiyar and construction began in 1874. John Cameron, the person behind Lalbagh was enrolled for the landscaping of the palace and surrounding areas. Initial construction was completed in 1878 and subsequent additions and renovations have been carried out since. The palace features mainly wooden interiors and is surrounded by gardens. The architectural style is a mix of Tudor and Scottish Gothic with many physical elements inside imported from Britain. It is believed that Chamaraja Wadiyar found inspiration in Windsor Castle and other structures of Normandy and England. Some of the defining features of the two-level granite structure include the fortified towers and the turreted parapets, quintessential elements of Tudor buildings. Roman arches greet visitors at the entrance. The facade of the building boasts many different shapes and projections. The vine-covered walls make the palace look like it was lifted out of the English countryside.



Bull Temple: (If time permits)

The Bull Temple is also known as Nandi Temple. Nandi, meaning 'joy' in Sanskrit. This is the sacred bull according to Hindu beliefs; Nandi is considered as a ride of Lord Shiva. The bull temple is famous for its large statue of the sacred bull, with a height of around 4.6 metres and a length of about 6.1 metres, the idol of Nandi in this temple is said to be one of the biggest in the world The idol was originally grey in colour. But as devotees continuously applied charcoal and oil to the statue, it blackened over the years. The temple is built in the year 1537 by a ruler named Kempe Gowda, who is the founder of Karnataka's capital city, Bengaluru. The architecture of the temple is heavily influenced by the Dravidian style, prevalent during the 1500. The idol of Nandi is carved from a single stone of granite and features a Shiva lingam behind it.



After the sightseeing of Bengaluru Palace will stop for lunch on the way and drive to airport to catch a flight for Delhi.

After reached Delhi check- in to the hotel, enjoy dinner and relax at hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel Lalit (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 16: 12th Mar 2024 Delhi

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

Post breakfast visit of Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple of later day at leisure or shopping manage by your own.

Tour Coverage: Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple.

Swaminarayan Akshardham is a Hindu temple, and a spiritual-cultural campus in Delhi, It was built according to the Vastu shastra and Pancharatra shastra. The complex displays millennia of traditional and modern Hindu culture, spirituality, and architecture. The temple was officially opened on 6 November 2005 by Pramukh Swami Maharaj in the presence of president of India A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. The main attraction of the Swaminarayan Akshardham complex is the Akshardham Mandir. It rises 141-foot (43 metres) high, spans 316-foot (96 metres) wide, and extends 356-foot (109 metres) long. It is intricately carved with flora, fauna, dancers, musicians, and deities. The temple also consists of 234 ornately carved pillars, nine domes, and 20,000 murtis of swamis, devotees, and Acharyas. The temple also features the Gajendra Pith at its base, a plinth paying tribute to the elephant for its importance in Hindu culture and India's history.



After visit of Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple will proceed for lunch and later on feel free for stay at hotel or shopping as per your choice by your own.

Dinner will be at your hotel.

Accommodation: **Hotel Lalit (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)**

Day 17: 13th Mar 2024 Delhi

Your English-speaking escort/guide will accompany the group with questions and logistics throughout your day.

After breakfast at hotel will proceed to visit Lotus Temple of latter day at leisure or shopping manage by your own.

Tour Coverage: Lotus Temple.

Lotus Temple:

Lotus is often associated with purity, sacredness, spirituality, and knowledge. It has a spiritual significance in India. The Lotus Temple is a Bahá'í House of Worship, dedicated to public worship in 1986, it is owned by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'i of India. The building is composed of 27 free-standing marble-clad "petals" arranged in clusters of three to form nine sides, with nine doors opening onto a central hall with a height of slightly over 34 meters and a capacity of 1,300 people. Anyone may enter the Lotus Temple irrespective of religious background, gender, or other distinctions, as is the case with all Baha'i Houses of Worship.



After visit of Lotus Temple feel free for lunch and shopping or stay at hotel as per your choice by your own.

In evening farewell Dinner will be arranged by us.

Post dinner Check-out and transfer to the airport and happy ending of the journey.

Accommodation: Hotel Lalit (Deluxe Room on twin sharing basis)

Inclusion

- Monument entry Tickets.
- Accommodation in double rooms or twin sharing basis
- Transport Services.
- Guide Charges.
- Drinking Water.
- Boar Ride in Varanasi.
- Transfers, Meals, were indicated as per the itinerary.

Exclusion

- All flight tickets (Domestic and International both).
- Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre Ticket Amount.
- Any Kind of Personal Expenses Such as Tips and Gratuities (Guide / Tour Escort, Assistance, Porter, Driver, and Chaffer Etc).
- Single Room Occupancy will be extra payable.
- Visas, Laundry, Telephone Bills, Soft Drinks, and Alcoholic Beverages.
- Camera Fees (Still or Movie).
- Unspecified Meals.
- Travel and Medical Insurance.
- Personalised Services.

Trip Terms & Conditions

- Payment mode will be transfer/ internet banking last date of booking 30th September 2023.
- All tour payment will be acceptable only in \$ USD.
- Your deposit is due immediately on booking (30% of program price) per person. The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 90 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus a (30% of program price) per person administrative fee.
- Days will be subject to loss of 30% of program price. 1 month or less will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.
- Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges, or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.
- We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 90 days of tour.