

WALK THE BUDDHA PATH with us

PILGRIMAGE TOUR
12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS
佛教朝圣团 12天11夜

3rd - 14th January 2020

If you are interested,
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- ❖ Minimum 30 persons to proceed
- ❖ Based on first come first serve basis



TOUR ITINERARY

朝圣行程

DAY 1 | 3rd January 2020 [SINGAPORE ✈️ DELHI 🚆 SANKASHYA] BLD
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Arrive at New Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport. After breakfast, visit Delhi museum to view and pay respect to Buddha relic. After museum, journey to Sankashya. Check in hotel at Sankashya

DAY 2 | 4th January 2020 [SANKASHYA 🚆 LUCKNOW 🚆 SHRAVASTI] BLD

After breakfast, visit **Sankashya**, where Lord Buddha descended from Tushita Heaven after giving teaching to his mother Queen Mayadevi, who had died seven days after Buddha's birth and been reborn as a male god in Tushita. It is the most westward and perhaps most obscure of the eight places of pilgrimage is Sankashya, whose name may derive from a stupa built there by Kashyapa Buddha's father and dedicated to his son. This is the last of the four places common to the Buddha's of this world. Group will check-in late evening into hotel in Shravasti.

DAY 3 | 5th January 2020 SHRAVASTI 🚆 KAPILAVASTU 🚆 LUMBINI BLD

After breakfast, visit **Jetavana Grove** - where Buddha spent twenty-five rainy seasons there and also performed many great miracles, and spend some time at **Ananda Bodhi Tree**. Next, en- route to **Kapilavastu** - the capital of the Sakyas, where the Lord Buddha spent the first thirty years of his life. After lunch, cross border to Lumbini, Nepal.

DAY 4 | 6th January 2020 [LUMBINI] BLD

After Breakfast, visit **Maya Devi Temple** and **Ashoka Pillar**. Lumbini was the birthplace of the Buddha and is now located near the Nepal-India border north of Gorakpur. It is the place which should be visited and seen by a person of devotion and which should cause awareness and apprehension of the nature of impermanence. It is said in the Parinibbana Sutta that Buddha himself identified the four key sites of future pilgrimage - the sites of his birth, enlightenment, first discourse, and death.

DAY 5 | 7th January 2020 [LUMBINI 🚆 KUSHINAGAR] BLD

After early breakfast, depart to Kushinagar.. After lunch, proceed with the sightseeing tour of Kushinagar – Buddha's last journey led him to Kushinagar, where he passed into Mahaparinirvana. The famous sites are **Mahaparinirvana temple** and **Ramabhar Stupa** where Buddha was cremated. Also visits the **Muktabandhana Stupa** built by Malla Dynasty to house Buddha's relics after the cremation

DAY 6 | 8th January 2020 [KUSHINAGAR 🚆 VAISHALI 🚆 RAJGIR] BLD

After breakfast, depart to Rajgir, but en-route to Vaishali to visit the famous for **Buddha Stupa** and **Ashoka Pillar**. Vaishali was where the Second Buddhist Council was held after 100 years of Buddha's Parinirvana. At Kothua, Lord Buddha delivered his last sermon. Later, Emperor Ashoka erected a huge pillar to commemorate the spot of the last sermon. Lunch at Vashali. and continue journey to Rajgir.

Let's start our journey of the Eight Places of Pilgrimage

Buddha descended from Tushita Heaven

Buddha performed Great Miracles

Buddha Birthplace

Buddha entered Mahaparinirvana

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DAY 7 | 9th January 2020 [RAJGIR 🚆 NALANDA 🚆 RAJGIR] BLD

Morning after breakfast, proceed to the ruins of **Nalanda University** - one of the oldest ancient Universities of the world & International Centre for Buddhist Studies. The University complex founded in 5th century BC, was a full-fledged university till 12th century when it was plundered and destroyed by the Afghans invaders from northwest. After lunch, we will head toward **Vulture's Peak** where Lord Buddha set forth the second turning of Dharma 16 years after his enlightenment to an assembly of 5,000 monks, nuns, laity, as well as innumerable bodhisattvas. The collection of teachings, which extended over 12 years, includes the *Saddharmapundarika Sutra* and the *Surangama Samadhi Sutra*, as well as many *Prajnaparamita Sutras*, which contain the very essence of all Buddha's teachings. After Vulture's Peak, we will visit **Shrataparna Cave** where the first Buddhist council after the Buddha attained Nirvana was held there with an assembly of 500 monks presided over by Mahakashyapa and compiled the Buddha's teachings into a collection known as the *Sthaviranikaya*.

Nalanda
Site of Great
Monastic University

Second Turning
of Dharma Wheel
lasted 12 years

DAY 8 | 10th January 2020 [RAJGIR 🚆 BODHGAYA] BLD

After breakfast, proceed to **Bodhgaya** – the site where Buddha attained Enlightenment under a Bodhi tree. On the way, we will **visit Mahakala cave** that Buddha spent first week of ascetic meditation after leave leaving Rajgir from his second teaching in the search for the truth.. After lunch at hotel, visit the various monasteries - Thai, Korean, Japanese and Sri Lankan we will also visit the Tibetan Monastery with sloping tiled roofs, an architectural style similar to the monasteries in Tibet,

Bodhgaya
Site of Buddha
Enlightenment

DAY 9 | 11th January 2020 [BODHGAYA] BLD

After breakfast, start the day with a sightseeing tour of the religious town revered both by the Buddhists and Hindus alike. Visit to the Mahabodhi Temple, well known for its Bodhi tree, where Gautama attained supreme knowledge and attain Buddhahood. The tree stands today is believed have grown from the original Peppal tree under which lord Buddha meditated. After lunch, visit to Sujata Village.

DAY 10 | 12th January 2020 [BODHGAYA] BLD

We will start the day with meditation at the Mahabodhi Temple. After meditation, free and easy.

DAY 11 | 13th January 2020 [BODHGAYA 🚆 VARANASI] BLD

After breakfast, depart to Varanasi. After lunch at hotel, visit **Sarnath** where Buddha turned the **First Wheel of Dharma**, it was also here at Sarnath that Buddha turned 12 Wheels of Dharma. At the deer park he disclosed the truth to his first five disciples. **Dhamek Stupa** marked the spot of the Buddha's first sermon. Here one can see the chankrama where Buddha walked in meditation. The ruins dated back to the time of Emperor Ashoka such as the lion headed pillar can be seen nearby. At **Sarnath Museum**, there is a remarkable statue of Buddha setting the wheel of law in motion.

First Turning of
Dharma Wheel

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DAY 12 | 14th January 2020 [VARANASI ✈️ DELHI ✈️ SINGAPORE]

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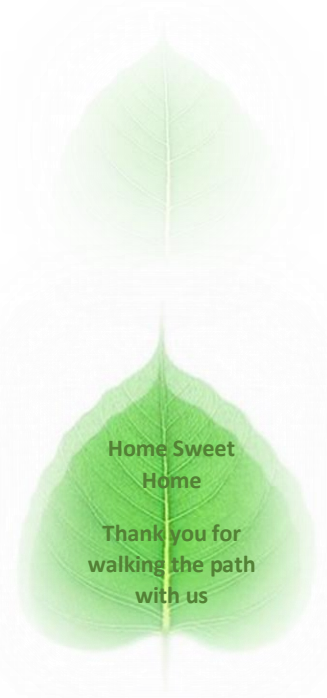
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Early morning, head to take a boat cruise on river Ganges. The western banks of Ganges has a string of Ghats - the chain of stone steps, are all built with pavilions, palaces and terraces, most of which are mainly used as Dharamsalas where the pilgrims stay during their visit to the holy city. At dawn, the Ghats are buzz with activity of the devotees performing their ablutions in the river or offering prayers to the rising sun and performing other religious rituals. A boat ride along the Ghats give you vantage view of this activity. The sunrise on the Ganges is a soul-lifting experience. After the Ganges, visit to the Vishwanath temple, also known as the Golden Temple because of the gold plating on its roof. After lunch, proceed airport for flight back to Delhi. Dinner in Delhi before the flight back home.

DAY 13 | 15th January 2020 [SINGAPORE]

Early morning, arrive Singapore. Home Sweet Home



TOUR FARE

PER PERSON | Twin Sharing SGD \$2700

Single Occupancy - additional SGD \$600

A) PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. Accommodation on Twin sharing basis
2. All meals as per the itinerary
3. All transfers, sightseeing and excursion by air-con coach
4. Monument entrance fees
5. English/Chinese speaking guide service
6. Two bottles of mineral water per person per day
7. Airfare for Singapore/Delhi/Singapore by Singapore Airline.
8. Airfare for Varanasi/Delhi by Vistara Airline.
9. Accommodation standard hotel
10. All the airport taxes (International and Domestic)
11. Tips to guide, hotels, driver and assistance
12. Nepal (USD 25)

B) PACKAGE EXCLUDES

1. Expenses of personal nature like table drink, telephone call, laundry charges, and tips to guide porters and restaurants in hotels, etc.
2. Visa for India (\$50) and.
3. Travel Insurance
4. Any services or expenses not mentioned under A)

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PAYMENT TERMS

1. Upon registration with our admin, you are required to make full or 50% Deposit within 7 days, latest registration will be on 30th Sep 2019. Receipt will be issued to all participants.
2. Balance payment to be payable by 15th Nov 2019
3. Payment details and method

Bank transfer: Bank Name: UOB Current Account No.: 450-391-337-7 Account Name: Ng Wee Nee Bank Code: 7375 Branch Code: 001 Swift Code: UOVBSGSG	Cheque Payable: Ng Wee Nee
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4. In case of cancellation due to medical condition with doctor's supporting letter:
 - a. 60 days before departure – 80% refund
 - b. 30 days before departure – amount to refund to be advised after deducting cancellation penalties with airlines and local agents.Any other situations will be treated as case by case basis.

UPON REGISTRATION, PLEASE PROVIDE FOLLOWING by:

By email to admin@tibetanbc.org or WHATSAPP to +6584285307

- 1) Email address/ Mobile number
- 2) A copy of passport details
- 3) A copy of India Visa (if available). If not, please provide after obtaining visa
- 4) A copy of Nepal Visa (if available). If not, it will be applied upon arriving at the India/ Nepal border on 5th Jan.
- 5) A copy of recent colour photo

BRIEFING (CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE ATTEND)

- ✓ Date: 15th Nov 2019, Friday
- ✓ Time: 7pm – 8.30pm
- ✓ Location: Tibetan Buddhist Centre, 281 Jalan Besar Singapore 208944

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE

- ✓ Ensure that all vaccinations are done at least 4-6 weeks before the start of pilgrimage. If it is your first trip to India, you are encouraged to seek vaccination advice from traveller's vaccination clinic residing in healthcare institutions such as NUH, SGH, TTSH, CGH, KTPH, NHG polyclinics.
- ✓ Please have your vaccination before the pilgrimage briefing.
- ✓ Ensure that India visa, travel insurance are applied before the pilgrimage briefing.
- ✓ If you have challenge with visa application and need help, please reach out to us by email or whatsapp.