



Earthbound Expeditions

Buddhist Circuit Tour India and Nepal

13 days, from US\$1,687 per person

Duration

13 days

Group size

15 People

Country

India

Buddhist pilgrimage tour in Nepal and India - a spiritual journey. Come and enjoy the sacred Buddhist Circuit Pilgrimage tour starting in Nepal including the birthplace of Buddha Lumbini and also combine with Bodhgaya in India...

Day by day

Day 1

Arrive Kathmandu (1,350m) Transfer to hotel and overnight

Arrive at Tribhuvan international airport Kathmandu. Representative from Nepal highland treks receive and transfer you to Hotel. The distant between airports to the hotel is not more than 7 kilometer.

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: None

Day 2

Kathmandu visit Namobuddha and Patan Durbar squire. Overnight at hotel

Drive to Namo Buddha which is about 40 kilometer from Kathmandu. The Shakyamuni Buddha is believed to have fed his own flesh to a starving tigress. Visit the Monastery and Stupa. Afternoon visit Patan Durbar Square. Back to hotel and overnight

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Fly to Lumbini. Visit Lumbini Garden and surrounding. Transfer to Hotel for overnight.

After breakfast in Hotel, fly to to Bhairahawa airport and drive to Lumbini. Afternoon visit Lumbini Garden, visit Ashoka Pillar, Maya Devi Temple, Sacred Pond and different monasteries inside the Maya Devi Garden. Pilgrimage are quietly meditate under the big tree near Pond

Altitude: 150 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Lumbini Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Visit Kapilvastu, Sagarhawa, Gotihawa, Kudan and Niglihawa. Overnight at Hotel

Visit other interesting Buddhist Sites near Lumbini. Tilaurakot or Kapilvastu is capital of Shyakyamuni where Buddha was burn. Sagarhawa, Gotihawa, Kudan and Niglihawa which are related with Buddhism and it's significant.

Altitude: 150 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Lumbini Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Drive to Vaishali/Patna (Patilputra – Capital of Ashokan) via Kesharia. Overnight at Hotel

Drive to Nepal India boarder, Gorakhpur. Further drive to Vaishali Patna. Visit Kesharia on the way driving. Vaishali was visited by Buddha in many occasions. Several important monasteries and shrines were described by the Chinese pilgrim Faxian in the 5th century. After the death of Buddha, the second great council of Buddhist was held at Vaishali to provide rules of conduct.

Altitude: 55 m On foot: None, 8–9 hr drive Night: Hotel, Patna Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Drive to Bodhgaya via Nalanda & Rajgir. Overnight at hotel

Bodhgaya is about 144 kilometer drive from Vaishali Patna. Visit Rajgir which is an ancient city in the northeast Indian state of Bihar. Surrounded by hills, it's known for its holy sites. Remains of the Cyclopean Wall, which encircled the city centuries ago, still stand in the center. Close by, Venu Vana park was once home to a monastery built for Buddha. The shield-shaped Japanese Temple contains a huge Buddha statue. Nearby there are hot springs believed to have medicinal properties

Altitude: 110 m On foot: None, 5–6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Bodhgaya Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Full day sightseeing tour of Bodhgaya, visit Mahabodhi Temple & Bodhi Tree, Niranjana River, Sujata Kuti, Big Buddha Statue and overnight at hotel

Today full day at Bodh Gaya. Visit Bodhi tree, Animeshlochana Chaitya, The Ratnachankramana, The Ratnagaraha, The Ajapala Nigrodha Tree, Rajyatna Tree and Muchhalinda pond. Also visit different monasteries built by many Buddhist countries around the complex

Altitude: 110 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Bodhgaya Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Drive to Varanasi, continue to Sarnath visiting Dhamekha Stupa, Buddha's first teaching, Mulgandha Kuti & Ashokan Pillar and overnight at hotel

It is about 250 kilometer drive take about 6 hours time to reach Varanasi and again another 13 kilometer north west to Sarnath. Visit Dhamekha Stupa, Buddha's first teaching, Mulgandha Kuti and Ashokan Pillar. Sarnath is near the confluence of the Ganges and the Varuna rivers.

Altitude: 80 m On foot: None, 6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Varanasi Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

Drive to Kushinagar. Visit Mahaparinirvan Temple, Cremation Stupa and overnight at Hotel

It is about 220 kilometer drive and takes about 6 hours. Khusinagar, the place of Buddha's death or went to Nirvana. visit Mahaparinirvana Temple (where Buddha took his last breathe) and Rambhar Stupa (cremation site of lord Buddha) and Japan Temple. Evening back to hotel. Dinner & overnight stay at a hotel.

Altitude: 80 m On foot: None, 6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Kushinagar Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

Drive Kushinagar to Lumbini. Late afternoon flight to Kathmandu and overnight at Hotel

After breakfast in Hotel, start driving to Lumbini Nepal. It is about 142 kilometers takes 4 to 5 hours. Reach at Lumbini and transfer to Bhairahawa airport. Evening flight to Kathmandu and transfer to hotel and rest.

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast

Day 11

Day in Kathmandu. Sightseeing tour of Pharping, Bouddhanath & Swyambhunath. Overnight at Hotel

Full day visiting around Buddhist sites in Kathmandu. The biggest Buddhist stupas Swoyambhunath and Paudghanath and Pharping. Pharping is 19 kilometers south from Kathmandu. Visit Buddhist monastery and make round of pilgrimage sites. Drive back to Kathmandu and rest of the time is free for shopping and walking around the market

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast

Day 12

Departure

We depart to international airport for your final departure. It is important to reach international airport three hours before of your original flight time

Altitude: 1,350 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Cost Includes

Not included

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