

## **ITINERARY FOR BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE TOURS – 2019**

**20<sup>th</sup> February -10<sup>th</sup> March**

**PERTH / BANGKOK / VARNASI / BODHGAYA / RAJGIR / NALANDA / PATNA / VAISHALI / KUSHINAGAR / LUMBINI / KAPILVASTU / SRAVASTI / LUCKNOW / DELHI / BANGKOK / PERTH**

**20 FEB : WEDNESDAY :- PERTH – BANGKOK**

**-/-/D**

PM FLY BY THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL FROM PERTH TO BANGKOK (TG )

ARRIVAL BANGKOK AND TRANSFER TO **THE GRAND FOURWINGS CONVENTION AND HOTEL**.  
OVER NIGHT STAY AT BANGKOK.

**21 FEB : THURSDAY :- BANGKOK – VARANASI (BY TG )**

**B/L/D**

ARRIVE VARANASI, WELCOME ON ARRIVAL AT VARANASI AIRPORT, MEET & ASSISTANCE BY OUR  
LAND OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE THEN TRANSFER TO HOTEL. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT  
**HOTEL RAMADA**

**22 FEB : FRIDAY :- IN VARANASI**

**B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT DEAR PARK, WHERE THE BUDDHA GAVE THE FIRST  
SERMON TO THE FIVE ASCETICS, MARKED BY THE DHARMA RAJIKI STUPA AND THE DHARMEKHA  
STUPA, WHICH MARKS THE SITE WHERE THE FIVE ASCETICS BECAME ARAHANTS WHILE  
LISTENING TO THE SECOND SERMON VISIT MULAGANDHAKUTI.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH VISIT SARNATH MUSEUM AND EVENING WAT THAI TEMPLE AT  
SARNATH FOR OFFERING OF ROBES. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL RAMADA**.

**23 FEB : SATURDAY :- VARANASI – BODHGAYA**

**B/L/D**

AM EARLY MORNING VISIT GANGA RIVER CRUISE BY LOCAL BOAT & BACK TO HOTEL FOR BREAKFAST.  
FREE TILL DEPARTURE.

PM AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO BODHGAYA . ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL. TRANSFER. DINNER &  
OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL THE IMPERIAL**

**24 FEB : SUNDAY :- IN BODHGAYA**

**B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAK FAST VISIT BODHI TREE FOR OFFERING OF BUDDHAPUJA.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH VISIT PRAG BUDDHA HILL (DONGESHRI) WHERE THE LORD  
BUDDHA PRACTICED BEFORE HIS ENLIGHTENMENT. EVENING FREE FOR LEISURE. DINNER &  
OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL THE IMPERIAL**.

**25 FEB : MONDAY:- IN BODHGAYA**

**B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT PAY RESPECTS TO THE PLACE OF THE LORD BUDDHA'S ENLIGHTENMENT UNDER THE BODHI TREE AND VISITS THE MAHABODHI TEMPLE AND SIX SITES WHERE THE BUDDHA STAYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ENLIGHTENMENT.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH VISIT SUJATA VILLAGE & NIRANJANA RIVER. EVENING OFFERING OF ROBES AT THAI TEMPLE. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL THE IMPERIAL**

**26 FEB : TUESDAY :- IN BODHGAYA** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAK VISIT MAHABODHI TEMPLE FOR MEDITATION IN BUDDHA PARK.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH FREE FOR SHOPING. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT HOTEL THE IMPERIAL.

**27 FEB : WEDNESDAY :- BODHGAYA – RAJGIR** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL . AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO RAJGIR (70 Kms, 03 Hrs). ON ARRIVAL VISIT BIMBISARA JAIL, BAMBOO GROVE, MANGO GROVE.

PM AFTER SIGHTSEEING TRANSFER TO HOTEL.LUNCH AT HOTEL.AFTER LUNCH VISIT SATTAPANNI CAVE, THE SITE OF THE FIRST COUNCIL, WHERE FIVE HUNDRED ARAHATS MET TO RECITE THE BUDDHA VINAYA. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL HOKKE**

**28 FEB : THURSDAY :- IN RAJGIR** **B/L/D**

AM EARLY MORNING VISIT THE GRIDHKUTT (VULTURE'S PEAK) DAWN MEDITATION AT THE BUDDHA'S KUTTI ON THE TOP OF THE VULTURE'S PEAK. BACK TO HOTEL FOR THE BREAKFAST.

PM AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO NALANDA (15 Kms, 30 Minutes) THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM OF MAGADHA. THE GREAT MONASTIC UNIVERSITY, VENERABLE SARIPUTTA'S HOME VILLAGE AND THE STUPA CONTAINING VEN. SARIPUTTA'S RELICE & MUSEUM. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL HOKKE**

**01 MAR : FRIDAY :- RAJGIR – PATNA** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO PATNA. ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH VISIT PATNA MUSEUM TO PAY RESPECTS TO THE RILICS OF THE LORD BUDDHA ON DISPLAY THERE & VIEWS THE COLLECTION BUDDHIST ART. EVENING FREE FOR LEISURE. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL PATLIPUTRA CONTINENTAL**

**02 MAR : SATURDAY :- PATNA – VAISHALI – KUSHINAGAR** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO KUSHINAGAR. LUNCH AT VAISHALI.

PM AFTER LUNCH VISIT VAISHALI WHERE THE LORD BUDDHA SPENT HIS LAST RAINS RETREAT (VASSA) AND LKCHAVI'S STUPA, ASHOKA STUPA & LION PILLAR. THEN DRIVE TO KUSHINAGAR. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL THE IMPERIAL**

**03 MAR : SUNDAY :- IN KUSHINAGAR** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT NIRVANA TEMPLE FOR MEDITATION AND CHANTING.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH VISIT THE STUPA MARKING THE SITE WHERE THE CREMATION OF THE LORD BUDDHA'S BODY TOOK PLACE. EVENING OFFERING OF ROBES TO THE WAT THAI TEMPLE. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL THE IMPERIAL**

**04 MAR : MONDAY :- KUSHINAGAR – LUMBINI (NEPAL)** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. FREE TILL LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO LUMBINI.

PM ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL BUDDHA MAYA GARDEN**

**05 MAR : TUESDAY :- IN LUMBINI (NEPAL)** **B/L/D**

AM BREAK FAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT THE SACRED GARDEN THE BIRTH PLACE OF THE BODHISATTA (SIDDHARTHA KUMAR).

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL .EVENING OFFERING OF ROBES TO THE WAT THAI TEMPLE. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL BUDDHA MAYA GARDEN**

**06 MAR : WEDNESDAY :- LUMBINI – KAPILVASTU – SRAVASTI** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO SRAVASTI (210 Kms, 6-7 Hrs) ENROUTE VISIT THE STUPA OF KAPILVASTU (INDIA SIDE), THE SITE OF THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF THE SAKYA AND THE PLACE WHERE PRINCE SIDDHARTHA SPENT THE FIRST TWENTY NINE YEARS OF HIS LIFE BEFORE LEAVING THE PALACE THERE.

PM LUNCH WILL BE ON THE WAY. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL SRAVASTI RESIDENCY**

**07 MAR : THURSDAY :- IN SRAVASTI** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT THE NAVA JATAVANA VIHARA. OFFERING OF ROBES AND PRAY AT THE TEMPLE AND VIEWINGS THE MURAL DEPICTS INCIDENTS FROM BUDDHA'S LIFE. VISIT THE SITE OF JATAVANA MONASTERY WHERE THE BUDDHA SPENT NINETEEN RAINS RETREATS.

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH RETURN TO THE JATAVANA FOR MEDITATION AND VIEW THE ANCIENT RUINS OF THE CITY OF SRAVASTI. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL SRAVASTI RESIDENCY**

**08 MAR : FRIDAY :- SRAVASTI – LUCKNOW – DELHI** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO LUCKNOW FOR CATCH FLIGHT FOR DELHI.

PM LUNCH AT LUCKNOW. AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO LUCKNOW AIRPORT FOR DELHI. ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL (TAJ GROUP)**

**09 MAR : SATURDAY : DELHI – BANGKOK** **B/L/D**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. PROCEED FOR CITY TOUR VISITING INDIA GATE, PARLIAMENT / PRESIDENT HOUSE AND RAJGHAT.

PM LUNCH AT CITY RESTAURANT. AFTER LUNCH VISIT NATIONAL MUSEUM TO PAY RESPECTS TO THE RELICS OF THE LORD BUDDHA AND OFFER BUDDHAPUJA AND MEDITATION. AFTER DINNER TRANSFER TO AIRPORT TO BOARD THAI AIRWAYS INTER FLIGHT TO BANGKOK AND CONNECTING FLIGHT TO PERTH. **ARRIVE PERTH THE NEXT DAY (10 MAR)**

**TOUR END**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ITINERARY, FLIGHT SCHEDULES AND TIME ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**COSTING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO FUEL SURCHARGE AND TAX INCREASE OR ANY CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR PRIOR TIO THE TOUR BEING FINALISED**