ITINERARY FOR BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE TOURS – 2024

04th – 22nd DECEMBER 2024

PERTH / BANGKOK / BODHGAYA / RAJGIR / BODHGAYA / VARANASI / KUSHINAGAR / LUMBINI / KAPILVASTU / SRAVASTI / LUCKNOW / DELHI / AURANGABAD (AJANTA – ELLORA) / DELHI / BANGKOK / PERTH

04th DEC : WEDNESDAY :- PERTH – BANGKOK (BY TG……) **(- / - /D)**

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

ARRIVAL BANGKOK AND TRANSFER TO **THE GRAND FOURWINGS CONVENTION AND HOTEL**.

05th DEC : THURSDAY :- BANGKOK – BODHGAYA (BY TG…..) **(- / - / D)**

ARRIVE BODHGAYA, WELCOME ON ARRIVAL AT BODHGAYA AIRPORT, MEET & ASSISTED BY OUR LAND OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE THEN TRANSFER TO HOTEL. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL OAKS**

06th DEC : FRIDAY :- IN BODHGAYA **(B / L / D)**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT AND PAY RESPECTS TO THE PLACE OF THE LORD BUDDHA'S ENLIGHTENMENT UNDER THE BODHI TREE AND VISIT 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 OAKS**

07th DEC : SATURDAY :- IN BODHGAYA **(B / L / D)**

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

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

08th DEC : SUNDAY :- BODHGAYA – RAJGIR, 100 KMS – (2.5 to 3 Hrs) **(B / L / D)**

AM AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO RAJGIR. ON ARRIVAL TO SEE BAMBOO GARDEN AFTER TRANSFER TO HOTEL & CHECK – IN.

PM AFTER LUNCH VISIT SATTAPANNI CAVE, THE SITE OF THE FIRST COUNCIL, WHERE FIVE HUNDRED ARAHATS MET TO RECITE THE BUDDHA VINAYA AND ON THE WAY, WE CAN SEE MANGO GROVE. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL INDO HOKKE.**

09th DEC : MONDAY :- RAJGIR – BODHGAYA , 100 KMS – (2.5 to 3 Hrs) **(B / L / D)**

AM EARLY MORNING VISIT THE GRIDHKUTT (VULTURE'S PEAK) FOR DAWN MEDITATION AT THE BUDDHA'S KUTI ON THE TOP OF THE VULTURE'S PEAK. AFTER THAT BACK TO HOTEL FOR BREAK FAST. AFTER BREAKFAST TAKE A REST AT THE HOTEL, THEN VISIT BIMBISARA JAIL. BACK TO HOTEL FOR LUNCH.

PM AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO BODHGAYA. ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL. EVENING FREE FOR SHOPPING. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL OAKS.**

10th DEC : TUESDAY :- BODHGAYA – VARANASI 275 KMS –(6 TO 7 HRS) **(B / L / D)**

BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST FREE TILL DEPARTURE. AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO VARANASI. ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL RAMADA.**

11th DEC : WEDNESDAY :- IN VARANASI **(B / L / D)**

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

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH VISIT SARNATH MUSEUM. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL RAMADA.**

12 DEC : THURSDAY :- VARANASI – KUSHINAGAR, 260 KMS – (6 TO 7 HRS) **(B / L / D)**

AM EARLY MORNING GANGA RIVER CRUISE BY LOCAL BOAT & BACK TO HOTEL FOR BREAKFAST. AFTER BREAKFAST FREE TILL DEPARTURE. LUNCH AT HOTEL. AFTER LUNCH DRIVE TO KUSHINAGAR. ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL IMPERIAL.**

13th DEC : FRIDAY :- 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. OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL THE IMPERIAL.**

14th DEC : SATURDAY:- KUSHINAGAR – LUMBINI, 175 KMS – (4 TO 5 HRS) (NEPAL) **(B / L / D)**

AM AFTER BREAKFAST AT HOTEL DRIVE TO LUMBINI.

(VEN. MONKS AND NUNS WILL HAVE PACKED LUNCH WHILETHE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE LUNCH AT THE HOTEL)

PM ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HOTEL. LUNCH, DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL PAWAN**

15th DEC : SUNDAY :- IN LUMBINI (NEPAL) **(B / L / D)**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT THE SACRED GARDEN -THE BIRTH PLACE OF THE BODHISATTVA (SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA).

PM LUNCH AT HOTEL AND BACK TO MAHA MAYA TEMPLE AGAIN FOR MEDITATION. DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT **HOTEL PAWAN**

16TH DEC : MONDAY :- LUMBINI – KAPILAVASTU – SRAVASTI, 230 KMS – (6 TO 7 HRS). **(B / L / D)**

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO SRAVASTI, ENROUTE VISIT THE STUPA OF KAPILAVASTU (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 PLATINUM**

17th DEC : TUESDAY :- 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 NINTEEN 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 PLATINUM**

18th DEC : WEDNESDAY :- SRAVASTI – LUCKNOW, 175 KMS (4 TO 5 HRS) - DELHI (B / L / D)

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO LUCKNOW TO BOARD THE FLIGHT FOR DELHI.**(6E – 2252 – 16: 50 / 18:10 HRS.)**

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

19th DEC : THURSDAY : DELHI –AURANGABAD (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. EVENING TRANSFER TO AIRPORT TO CATCH FLIGHT FOR AURANGABAD**.(6E-5603 – 16:25 / 18:15 HRS.)** ON ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO **HOTEL RAMA INTERNATIONAL.**

20th DEC : FRIDAY : IN AURANGABAD (B /L / D)

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. PROCEED FOR CITY TOUR AJANTA CAVE, AN IMPORTANT SITE OF BUDDHIST ART.

PM LUNCH AT CITY RESTAURANT DURING SIGHTSEEING. DINNER & OVERNIGHT SATY AT **HOTEL RAMA INTERNATIONAL.**

21st DEC : SATURDAY : AURANGABAD – DELHI (B / L /D)

AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. PROCEED FOR CITY TOUR ELLORA CAVE, AN IMPORTANT SITE FOR BUDDHIST.

PM LUNCH AT CITY RESTAURANT DURING SIGHTSEEING. AFTER LUNCH TRANSFER TO AIRPORT TO CATCH FLIGHT FOR DELHI**. (6E-5604 – 18:45 / 20:35 HRS.)** ON ARRIVAL CHECK-IN FOR BANGKOK FLIGHT TO TG.

22nd DEC : SUNDAY : DELHI – BANGKOK (MIDNIGHT) , CHECK IN ON 21st DEC 24)

!!!!!! TOUR ENDS!!!!!!

DOMESTIC FILGHT DETAILS AS UNDER :-

1. **18 DEC'2024 = DELHI TO LUCKNOW BY INDIGO – 6E – 2252 – 16:50 / 18:10 HRS.**
2. **19 DEC'2024 = DELHI TO AURANGABAD BY INDIGO – 6E – 5603 – 16:25 / 18:15 HRS**
3. **21 DEC'2024 = AURANGABAD TO DELHI BY IBDIGO – 6E – 5604 – 18:45 / 20:35 HRS.**