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### **Itinerary No:- TN-004**

Varanasi – Bodhgaya – Gaya - Varanasi – Allahabad – Varanasi Drop 04 Night / 05 Days

### **DAY 01: ARRIVE VARANASI – SARNATH**

Morning arrival at Varanasi Airport / Station. Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel.

Sarnath: In the afternoon visit of Sarnath, about 10 km from Varanasi, this is the place where Buddha gave his first sermon Hundreds of pilgrims come here every year and there are numerous Buddhist temples in the area. In addition, Sarnath is closely linked with Emperor Ashoka (304-232 BC) who spread the Buddhist philosophy and his ideas of compassion and love throughout his empire. Witness Dhamek stupa, 39 meters high, Ashoka column, with its four lions, the current symbol of India, the ruins of the stupa Dhamarajika and the citadel of Ashoka.





Ganga Aarti: In the evening, you will witness the ancestral Aarti Ceremony, in the ghats the banks of the sacred river Ganges, full of devotees and curious who wait impatiently. The tinkling of the bells indicates the beginning of the ceremony, that is when the Hindu priests begin to perform their rituals, a choreography of elegant movements with huge ghee lamps, where the flames dances to the rhythm of the mantras. In this environment laden with incense and spirituality, the people begin to pose on the waters of their beloved Mother Ganga small lamps laden with flowers and desires that gradually move away illuminating the river, hoping that sooner or later they will be fulfilled. This is a magical experience that you can never forget.

### DAY 02:- VARANASI - GAYA - BODHGAYA (260 KMS. / 6.5 HRS.) : at Varanasi

Boat Ride: Early morning, before sunrise, a boat ride on the Ganges River will show you a completely different view of what the ghats evening offers. In the morning, you will see how hundreds of devotees, in a more intimate and individual ceremony, immerse themselves in the sacred waters to cleanse their sins and give thanks for the beginning of a new day, others take the opportunity to clean their clothes, others just cool off and they play with the water, while the cremations continue, the union of life and death on the banks of a river that flows incessantly.





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**Varanasi Temple Tour:** Later can admire some of the temples located on the banks of the Ganges River, the facades of the palaces of great kings, "Ashrams", residences of holy men. Panoramic tour of the Aurangzeb Mosque and the Golden Temple, Vishwanath Temple, Bharata Mata Mandir, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, Banaras Hindu University.

After Lunch drive to Bodhgaya, on arrival check in and Rest. Overnight at Bodhgaya

### Gaya is of historical is one of the major tourist attractions for religious tourists. The city is surrounded on three sides by small, rocky hills (Mangla-Gauri, Shringa-Sthan, Ram-Shila, and

DAY 03: GAYA – BODHGAYA – VARANASI (260 KMS/6.5 HRS.)

Brahmayoni), with the Phalgu River on its fourth (eastern) side. Gaya is mentioned in the great epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. It is the place where Lord Rama, with Sita and Lakshmana, came to offer pind-daan for their father, Dasharath, and continues to be a major Hindu pilgrimage site for the pind-daan ritual.





Morning perform Rituals if any for your ancestors and visit Vishnupad Temple. Vishnupad Temple is an ancient temple in Gaya, India. It is a Hindu temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. This temple is located along the Falgu River, marked by a footprint of Lord Vishnu known as Dharmasila, incised into a block of basalt. The Brahma mythy Brahmans were the traditional priest of the temple in the ancient time. Now the Brahamkalpit Brahman who are known as Gayawal Tirth Purohit or Panda are the priests. Several legendary saints as Ramanujacharya, Madhvacharya, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Ramakrishna have visited this shrine.



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**Bodhgaya** is a Buddhist religious site and place of pilgrimage associated with Lord Buddha life. It is famous as it is the place where Gautama Buddha is said to have attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, since antiquity, Bodhgaya has remained the object of pilgrimage and veneration for both Hindus and Buddhists.

Visit Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhi Tree where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, 65 feet High Great Buddha Statue, Royal Bhutan Monestry, Thai Monestry, Japanese Temple, Vishnupad Temple, and other International Temples/attractions.

After lunch drive back to Varanasi, check inn hotel & rest.



### Overnight at Varanasi



### DAY 04: VARANASI – ALLAHABAD – VARANASI (130 KMS/3.5 HRS.)

Allahabad also known as Prayagraj is one of the two oldest cities in India that serve as the centre for the Hindu religion. Prayagraj is a beautiful city situated at the confluence of the Rivers Ganga, Yamuna and invisible Saraswati, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The city draws attention of pilgrims and heritage lovers from all over the world as it opens the traveller to a world of mythological and spiritual wonders. Prayagraj is a fusion of sanctity, religion, traditions, history and architecture which offers varied experiences from historical to religious. Prayagraj is one of the destinations which holds the Kumbh Mela, world's largest congregation of devotees. The city has been described in ancient scriptures as 'Teerthraj', the holiest pilgrimage centre and is indeed a perfect place to have a soulful escape.

Post breakfast, proceed to Allahabad have a sacred bath in Triveni Sangam, visit Ananda Bhawan (Except Monday), Khusro Bagh, Allahabad Museum, Allahabad planetarium, Allahabad Fort, Swaraj Bhavan, Bade Hanuman Jee Temple, Akshaya Vat, Alopi Devi Temple, Mankameswar Temple, Patalpuri, Alfred Park, Allahabad University, Allahabad High Court and return back to Varanasi.

Overnight at Varanasi

### **DAY 05:- DEPART VARANASI**

Morning after breakfast go out for shopping / own activity / day free, afternoon transfer to Airport / Railway Station for onward/return journey.





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### **Hotels To Be Used:-**

Nights	Days	Place	Hotel			Meal Plan	No. of Rooms	Remarks	
01	01	Varanasi	3***	4****	5****	СР	01		
02	02	Bodhgaya	3***	4****	5****	СР	01		
03	03	Varanasi	3***	4****	5****	СР	01		
04	04	Varanasi	3***	4****	5****	СР	01		
	05	Varanasi	Checkout	Checkout	Checkout				

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