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## **Uttar Pradesh Tourism**

**Uttar Pradesh (UP)**, India's most populous state, is located in the northern region and is known for its rich history, culture, and spirituality. Its capital is **Lucknow**, and major cities include **Varanasi**, **Agra**, and **Prayagraj**. Key attractions are the **Taj Mahal**, **Varanasi ghats**, **Ayodhya**, and the **Kumbh Mela**. The state is famous for its Mughal-era architecture, classical music, dance forms like Kathak, and vibrant festivals like Holi and Diwali. UP's economy thrives on agriculture, tourism, and handicrafts like chikankari embroidery. It is a blend of cultural heritage, religious significance, and historical grandeur.



## **TOURISM HIGHLIGHTS**

Capital: Lucknow Major Cities: Varanasi, Agra, Kanpur, Prayagraj, Noida, Ghaziabad.

Taj Mahal (Agra): A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Varanasi: The spiritual capital of India, known for its ghats and temples.

**Prayagraj (Allahabad)**: Famous for the Triveni Sangam and **Kumbh Mela**.

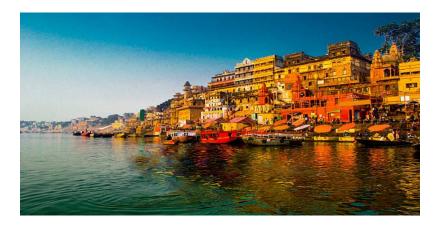
**Lucknow**: Renowned for its Nawabi heritage, Imambaras, and cuisine.

Ayodhya: Birthplace of Lord Rama, a key Hindu pilgrimage site.

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## **BUDDHIST PILIMIGRAGE**

(9 NIGHTS 10 DAYS)



Varanasi, also known as Benares or Kashi, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, located on the banks of the River Ganges in Uttar Pradesh, India. It is a major religious hub for Hindus, known for its ghats (riverfront steps), where pilgrims perform rituals and bathe in the sacred river. The city is also renowned for the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and its vibrant cultural heritage, including classical music, dance, and festivals. Varanasi's ancient charm and spiritual significance make it a unique and fascinating destination.



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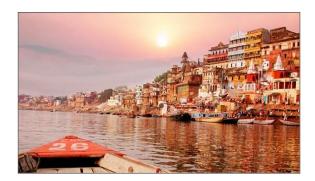
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### VARNASI- BODHGAYA- RAJGIR – NALANDA PATNA-KUSHINAGAR-SRAVASTI-LUKNOW

Day 01Home (By Air)Arrival Varanasi (By Air)

Pick up from Varanasi railway station and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, view "Ganga Aarati" ceremony on the Ghats (By boat visit All major Ghats) & Shopping. Overnight stay at the hotel Varanasi.



**The Kashi Vishwanath Temple** in Varanasi is a revered Hindu shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its spiritual significance and historical prominence.

**The Annapurna Devi Mandir** in Varanasi is a revered Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Annapurna, known for blessing devotees with nourishment and prosperity

## Day 02 Varanasi Local sightseeing

Early morning view Sunrise & enjoy Boat Ride at Holy Ganges River. After breakfast the tour covers Temples Lord Vishwanath Temple, Sankat Mochan Temple, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, one of the biggest universities of India (Banaras Hindu University).



In the evening visit Sarnath (Buddhist Temples & Muesum), & Shopping. Overnight stay at the hotel Varanasi.

Day 03 Varanasi(By Road) Bodhgaya (275 Kms./06 Hrs. approx)

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Early morning breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to Bodhgaya. Lunch on the way (by self). On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel Bodhgaya.

## Day 04 Bodhgaya Local sightseeing

After breakfast sightseeing tour of Bodhgaya. Visit Bodhi tree where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, visit Mahabodhi temple & other monasteries. Later visit Sujata Village & Dungeshwari Hills. Overnight stay at a hotel in Bodhgaya.

Temple Timings: Mahabodhi Temple: 05:00 A.M. to 09:00 P.M.





Other Monasteries': 5 AM to 12 Noon and 02:00 P.M. to 06:00 P.M.

The Mahabodhi Temple is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and world famous Buddhist Pilgrimage place in India built adjacent to the site of enlightenment in the 6th century AD.

## Day 05 Bodhgaya - Rajgir - Nalanda Patna (200 kms./06 hrs.)

Breakfast at the hotel then drives to Rajgir the Ancient Capital of the Magadha Empire and is a pilgrimage for Buddhists. The Japanese Buddhists have built the massive Vishwa Shanti Stupa on the Ratnagiri Hill. The stupa has statues of Buddha at the four stages of his life - birth, enlightenment, teaching and death. Griddhakuta (Vulture Peak) is another site where Lord Buddha stopped by to preach. Also visit Venuvanaram and Bimbisar Prison.





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After lunch, drive to Nalanda to visit Nalanda University Archaeological Complex. After the walk around the ruins, visit the Xuan Zang Memorial Hall which is a Chinese Pagoda. Lunch at Nalanda (by self), after proceed to Patna. Overnight stay at hotel in Patna.

Day 06Patna Vaishali (50 KM, 1 Hr) +Local Sites – Kesaria Stupa (130 Kms./3 Hrs) Kushinagar(250 Kms./ 5Hrs)

Later, drive to Kushinagar en-route to visit the Last Sermon Place of Lord Buddha in Vaishali . Later, visit other Sightseeing of Vaishali like Ashokan Pillar , Ananda Stupa , Abhishek Pushkaran , Buddha Stupas , Kutagar Shala Vihara and more.





Later drive to Kesaria to cover the Biggest Ancient Buddhist Stupa-Kesaria Stupa.

Continue drive to Kushinagar. Check-in to hotel and night stay in Kushinagar.

## Day 07 Kushinagar Local Visit Lumbini (180 Kms./05 Hrs)

After Breakfast, visit Local Sightseeing of Kushinagar like Mahaparinirvana Temple (where Buddha took his last breath), Rambhar Stupa (cremation site of Lord Buddha) and Japan Temple.

After lunch drive towards Lumbini (In Nepal kindly obtain double entry visa for India & single entry visa for Nepal). On arrival, check in at the hotel and night stay at the hotel in Lumbini.





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## Day 08 Lumbini Birthplace of Siddhartha Kapilvastu(70 Kms/2 Hrs) Sravasti (225 Kms/5Hrs)

After breakfast, we will visit the Holy Birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama. Later, drive to other Local Sightseeing of Lumbini like Maya Devi Temple, Eternal Peace Flame, Lumbini Museum, Thai Buddhist Monastery and Myanmar Golden Temple. Later drive towards Sravasti. En-route visit the Childhood Home of Lord Buddha in Kapilvastu. Other sightseeing in Kapilvastu are Tilaurakot Museum, Kapilvastu Kingdom Complex and Lumbini Garden.

Continue driving to Sravasti . Have dinner and stay at night in Sravasti.

## Day 09 Sravasti Lucknow By Road (250 Km / App.06 hrs)

After breakfast, proceed to visit Saheth (Jetvanaram) & Maheth(Angulimal Caves). You will also visit other Sightseeing of Shravasti like Jetavana Vihara, Ananda BodhiTree, Monasteries, Angulimala's Stupaand Anathapindika Stupa.

Later drive towards Lucknow. Check-in to the hotel.

Day 10 Lucknow Varanasi By Road (300 Km / App.07 hrs)

Lucknow airport dropping for home..

**Tour Ends**