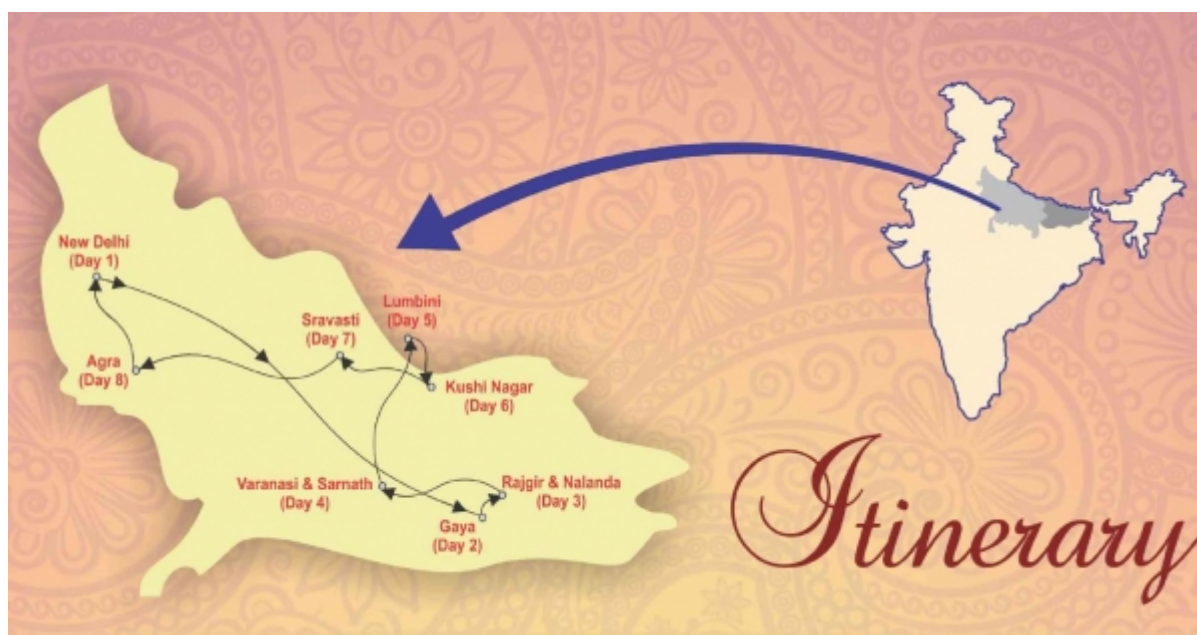


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Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train

Besuchen Sie alle Orte, die einen wesentlichen Einfluss auf das Leben und die Lehren Buddhas hatten.



Reiseübersicht

Im Mahaparinirvanvana-Sutra sagt der Buddha seinen Anhängern, dass sie Verdienste und eine edle Wiedergeburt erlangen können, indem sie auf Pilgerreise zu folgenden Orten Bhuddas pilgern: Lumbini Ort der Geburt, Bodhgaya Ort Erleuchtung, Sarnath Ort der ersten Lehrrede und Kushinagar Ort des Aufstiegs zum Nirvana.

Der buddhistische Touristenzug führt Sie zu diesen Orten und ermöglicht Ihnen, das selbstdisziplinierte und legendäre Leben von Lord Buddha hautnah zu erleben.

Indien, das Land, aus dem der Buddhismus stammt, hat reiche Erinnerungen an das buddhistische Erbe. Als Teil des buddhistischen Strebens nach Sparsamkeit unterstützte sie nur Stupas (steingefasste Formen, die an Relikte Buddhas erinnern), Chaityas (Gebetshallen) und Viharas (Zellen für die Mönche). Mit dem *Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train* können Sie all diese Orte aus nächster Nähe zu besuchen, um eine wahrhaft religiöse Erfahrung zu machen.

Kommen Sie mit und entdecken Sie den Weg zur Erleuchtung.

Reiseprogramm - Tage

Tag 1 Samstag: Delhi - Gaya

Tag 2 Sonntag: Gaya - Bodhgaya - Bodhgaya

Tag 3 Montag: Bodhgaya - Nalanda - Rajgir - Gaya - Varanasi

Tag 4 Dienstag: Varanasi - Sarnath - Nautanwa

Tag 5 Mittwoch: Nautanwa - Lumbini

Tag 6 Donnerstag: Lumbini -- Kushinagar -- Gorakhpur

Tag 7 Freitag: Balrampur - Sravasti - Balrampur - Agra

Tag 8 Samstag: Agra - Delhi

Im Preis inbegriffen

- Unterbringung in der Klasse AC-1 & AC-2 im Zug
- Doppel-/Twinbettunterkunft in Hotels
- alle Mahlzeiten
- geführte Exkursionen wie im Programm beschrieben, inklusive Eintrittsgelder
- Transport und Reiseleitung
- kostenloser Tee, Kaffee und Mineralwasser an Bord
- Träger an den Bahnhöfen.

Nicht im Preis inbegriffen

Alle optionalen Touren, wie in der Reiseroute erwähnt, Steuern, Versicherungen, Trinkgelder, Telefonate, Wäscherei, alkoholische Getränke, Video, Film und professionelle Fotoapparate sowie An- und Abreise Transfers. Internationale und nationale Flugtickets, Unterkünfte vor und nach der Reise sowie etwaige Verlängerungen der Reise sind nicht inbegriffen, es sei denn, sie sind im Rahmen der Reise ausdrücklich erwähnt.

Detailprogramm

Tag 1 Samstag: Delhi - Gaya

13:30 Uhr Versammlung am Bahnhof Delhi Safdarjung. Steigen Sie in den Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train ein.
14:30 Uhr Abfahrt des Zuges nach Gaya.
20:00 Uhr Abendessen an Bord & Weiterfahrt nach Gaya.

Tag 2 Sonntag: Gaya - Bodhgaya - Bodhgaya

06:30 Uhr Fröhorgendlicher Tee, Waschen & Umziehen & Frühstück an Bord
07:00 Uhr Das Frühstück wird um 07:00 Uhr serviert.
10:30 Uhr Ankunft in Gaya. Abfahrt nach Bodhgaya mit dem Bus.
11:30 Uhr Check-in im Hotel. Mittagessen und entspannen.
14:30 Uhr Besichtigung von Bodhgaya mit Mahabodhi Tempel und Niranjana Fluss. Setzen Sie die Besichtigung des Thai-Tempels, des japanischen Tempels und der Buddha-Statue fort.
19:30 Uhr Abendessen & Übernachtung im Hotel.

Tag 3 Montag: Bodhgaya - Nalanda - Rajgir - Gaya - Varanasi

05:30 Uhr Frühstück im Hotel.
07:00 Uhr Check Out und Weiterfahrt nach Rajgir mit dem Bus.
09:30 Uhr Ankunft in Rajgir. Besichtigung von Rajgir mit Bimbimsara Gefängnis, Gridhakut Hügel und Venuvan.
12:30 Uhr Mittagessen im Hotel.
13:30 Uhr Weiterfahrt nach Nalanda für Besichtigungen von Ruinen der weltberühmten Nalanda University & des Nalanda Museum.
17:00 Uhr Weiterfahrt zum Bahnhof Gaya.
19:30 Uhr Ankunft am Gaya-Bahnhof und Einsteigen in den Zug.
20:00 Uhr Abendessen an Bord und Weiterfahrt nach Varanasi.

Tag 4 Dienstag: Varanasi - Sarnath - Nautanwa

05:00 Uhr Fröhorgendlicher Tee an Bord und Ankunft in Varanasi. Frühstück an Bord.
06:00 Uhr Aussteigen aus dem Zug und Weiterfahrt nach Sarnath (10 km) zur Besichtigung von Dhamekh Stupa, Sarnath Museum, Ashokan Säule und Mulgandha Kuti Vihar.
12:30 Uhr Check-in im Hotel zum Mittagessen, Waschen und Umziehen.
17:00 Uhr Besuch des Flusses Ganges Ghat für den Abend Aarti. Rückkehr zum Bahnhof.
20:00 Uhr Abendessen an Bord & Weiterfahrt nach Nautanwa zu Besuch in Lumbini, Nepal.

Tag 5 Mittwoch: Nautanwa - Lumbini

06:00 Uhr Fröhorgendlicher Tee mit anschließendem Frühstück an Bord.
07:00 Uhr Ankunft am Bahnhof Nautanwa. Weiterfahrt mit dem Bus nach Lumbini, Nepal. (Touristen müssen ihren Reisepass und ihr Visum bereithalten. Im Falle, dass das Nepal-Visum keine Visagebühren ausgestellt hat, sind diese auch zusammen mit Passfotos bereit zu halten).
11:30 Uhr Check-in im Hotel. Mittagessen im Hotel.
15:30 Uhr Besichtigung von Lumbini mit Maya Devi Tempel und Ashokan Säule.
19:30 Uhr Abendessen und Übernachtung im Hotel.

Tag 6 Donnerstag: Lumbini -- Kushinagar -- Gorakhpur

05:00 Uhr Frühstück im Hotel
06:15 Uhr Check-out des Hotels und Weiterfahrt nach Kushinagar mit dem Bus.
12:30 Uhr Ankunft in Kushinagar. Weiter geht es mit dem Mittagessen im Hotel.
13:30 Uhr Nach dem Mittagessen Besuch des Mahaparinirvan Tempels, Rambhar Stupa, Mata Kutir Tempels und anderer Stätten.
17:30 Uhr Abfahrt nach Gorakhpur mit dem Bus.
19:00 Uhr Ankunft am Gorakhpur Bahnhof. Abfahrt nach Balrampur mit dem Buddhistischen Zug

20:30 Uhr Abendessen an Bord & Weiterfahrt nach Balrampur zum Besuch von Sravasti.

Tag 7 Freitag: Balrampur - Sravasti - Balrampur - Agra

04:00 Uhr Ankunft am Bahnhof Balrampur.

05:30 Uhr Frühmorgendlicher Tee an Bord.

06:30 Uhr Abfahrt mit dem Bus nach Sravasti (15 km).

07:30 Uhr Ankunft im Hotel. Waschen & Umziehen und Frühstück.

13:00 Uhr Mittagessen im Hotel. Freizeit.

17:30 Uhr Weiterfahrt zum Bahnhof Balrampur.

18:00 Uhr Ankunft am Bahnhof Balrampur.

18:30 Uhr Weiterfahrt nach Agra (450 km). Abendessen an Bord.

Tag 8 Samstag: Agra - Delhi

05:00 Uhr Frühmorgendlicher Tee und Ankunft am Bahnhof Agra City.

07:00 Uhr Waschen & Umziehen und Frühstück an Bord.

08:00 Uhr Weiterfahrt zur Besichtigung des weltberühmten Taj Mahal

12:30 Uhr Weiterfahrt zum Agra Cantt. Bahnhof

14:15 Uhr Abfahrt mit dem Zug nach New Delhi (220 km). Mittagessen an Bord.

16:00 Uhr Abend-Tee.

18:00 Uhr Ankunft am Bahnhof Delhi Safdarjung.

Ende der Pilgerreise

Termine & Preise

Reisetermine

15.01.2022 - 22.01.2022

AC-2 Tier / AC 2nd Class	USD 1'050
AC 1ST Class	USD 1'295
AC- First Coupe	USD 1'455

29.01.2022 - 05.02.2022

AC-2 Tier / AC 2nd Class	USD 1'050
AC 1ST Class	USD 1'295
AC- First Coupe	USD 1'455

12.02.2022 - 19.02.2022

AC-2 Tier / AC 2nd Class	USD 1'050
AC 1ST Class	USD 1'295
AC- First Coupe	USD 1'455

26.02.2022 - 05.03.2022

AC-2 Tier / AC 2nd Class	USD 1'050
AC 1ST Class	USD 1'295
AC- First Coupe	USD 1'455

12.03.2022 - 19.03.2022

AC-2 Tier / AC 2nd Class	USD 1'050
AC 1ST Class	USD 1'295
AC- First Coupe	USD 1'455

26.03.2022 - 02.04.2022

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Hinweis: Preise pro Person

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Orte

Pilgrimage Destinations for Buddhist Tourist

Pilgrimage Destinations for Buddhist tourists have been carefully selected by IRCTC. The train takes them on an 8-day journey where tourists get to learn the Teachings of Buddhism. Everything that this religion embraces is felt up close to provide an enriching experience. On this destination trip, they travel to both India and Nepal where Buddhism took roots and thrived.

Everything from their monasteries, the facilities they had and the code of conduct they adhered to is there in these places. Upon completing this journey, we guarantee that you will emerge out more calm, optimistic and understanding of both humanity and mother nature. Below are the Key Pilgrimage Destinations

Gaya

Gaya is an integral part of Buddhist legacy. It is famous for Vishnupad temple which is popular among all tourists for its tale that the demon gayasura must never go hungry. According to legend the demon gayasura sought only one thing which was that whoever saw him attains salvation. However Lord Vishnu was not pleased to see this as only men who lived their life in righteous manner should attain salvation. He then put his foot on gayasura's head and sent him beneath surface so that he is at mercy of kindness. This stopped immoral people from achieving salvation and helped people who are kind and considerate achieve salvation by offering food to the place where Vishnu's footprint is embedded. The food always disappears and if gayasura is not fed for a day then he may come out again and make achieving salvations easy.

Bodhgaya: An Ideal Place of Buddhist Travel in India

Gautam Buddha attained his enlightenment in Bodhgaya under the Bodhi Tree. All pilgrims are asked to perform rites for their departed ancestors as it appeases them upon their visit to one of the main attractions of Buddhist tourism in India.

Maha Bodhi Temple

Maha Bodhi Temple is a significant attraction of Buddhist Pilgrimage in India and is in the shape of a slender pyramid that is 52 meters tall on a square base of 15 meters. There are four small towers at the corners of the square each wrapped in a spire. Inside the temple, Lord Buddha is seated in a meditative posture and is facing east. It is said that the idol is 1700 years old and is precisely how Buddha was sitting when he attained enlightenment. There is also a shrine made of diamond erected by Emperor Ashoka.

Bodhi Tree

When you take part in **Pilgrimage tourism in India**, you cannot miss the Bodhi Tree. It is a direct descendant of the tree under which Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. According to legend, he walked while meditating and the path he walked on is surrounded with lotuses and is called Jewel Walk. A stupa is also situated right in front of it and goes by the name Animeschalochna.

Holy Buddha Tourism takes you to Niranjana River

IRCTC Buddhist Tourist Train takes you to the Niranjana River which is the old name of the Phalgu river. It needs to be on every itinerary of Buddhist travel in India. The river is extremely pious and is considered an ideal place for performing last rites. According to legend, it is said that a woman challenged Buddha's divinity. She gave him a golden bowl and claimed that it wouldn't go upstream. All the previous bowls that were sent in the river by Buddha went upstream whereas those of ordinary people went downstream. When Buddha finally sent his dish, it went upstream erasing all doubt.

80 Ft Buddha:

This statue of Lord Buddha is the tallest in India and was instated by the Dalai Lama in 1989. It is a meditating Buddha resting on a giant lotus, constructed using intricately carved sandstone and red granite.

Thai Monastery:

Well known for its curved roof covered with exquisite tiles of gold, the Thai Monastery houses a bronze statue of Buddha in the garden.

Sujata Kutti:

Sujatha Temple is dedicated to a humble tribal woman named Sujatha who offered pudding (Milk Rice) to Gautam Buddha. It is said that the pudding was the first meal Gautam Buddha had consumed after years of starvation ever since he renounced the materialistic life including food to attain enlightenment. The temple is considered to be very important as the offering is believed to have saved Lord Buddha's life.

Rajgir: Famous Buddhist Pilgrimage Destination

Rajgir is another holy pilgrimage place for Buddhists. Devotees of Lord Mahavira and Gautam Buddha are known to visit Rajgir in huge numbers. In the Rajgir Buddhist sector tour, IRCTC covers Bimbisara Jail, Gridhakuta Hills and Venuvana Monastery.

Bimbisara Jail

Bimbisara Jail is an essential Buddhist travel destination. It is a ruin of big square stones where his son Ajashatru imprisoned King Bimbisara. Ajashatru did not like anything his father did and was easily persuaded by Devdutta who wanted to become Sangh Leader which was not possible if Bimbisara was king. He imprisoned his father as he ruled Magadh along with Devdutta.

Gridhakuta Hills

Gridhakuta hills are shaped like a sitting vulture hence the name. Buddha used to rest here after the day's preaching frequently.

Venuvana Monastery

King Bimbisara built Venuvana as an offering to Buddha. It is a Japanese styled shrine surrounded in a bamboo grove and one of the famous Buddhist pilgrimage sites in India.

Nalanda: Discover Nalanda on Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour in India covers Nalanda which was a significant town where Buddhism was practiced with sincerity. It was an esteemed center for learning and practicing Buddhism for over 800 years starting the 5th Century.

Nalanda Ruins

Nalanda ruins make one wonder what the university would have been in its prime. One can observe the vast arrays of compounds, dormitories, temples, meditation halls, library, and other educational infrastructures during

Buddha Tourism.

Nalanda Archaeological Site

At the Nalanda Archaeological site one of the leading Buddhist Pilgrimage Destinations you can observe the salvaged items excavated from the Nalanda Ruins along with other preserved relics of that time.

Nalanda International University

Nalanda International University currently offers only masters programs with the promise of Ph.D. programs in the future. Now, three schools have been established a school of historical studies, School of Ecology and Environmental Studies, School of Buddhist studies, philosophy and comparative religion.

Varanasi

Varanasi is known as the spiritual capital of India. It is also known as Kashi since it is popular for funeral rites to give peace to the departed. It is known as Benares as a dip in the holy river of Ganges helps pilgrims absolve all their sins. Lord Kashi Vishwanath temple is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of the world and is revered hugely by devotees of Lord Shiva. A lot of smaller shrines and mosques are surrounded near the temple making the place a mecca of pilgrimage. The Japan Vali Well also known as the well of wisdom is believed to be dug by lord Shiva himself. Buddhists in the region can reap rewards of a lifetime of asceticism as Lord Buddha travelled 200 km on

foot before he arrived at the Ghats of Ganga and attained nirvana.

Ganges Boat ride and Evening Aarti ceremony:

In the evening, enjoy a boat ride along the ghats of River Ganges to witness the Hindu rituals. Witness the grand Evening Aarti where thousands of locals and pilgrims gather together to offer their prayers to the Mother Ganges.

Sarnath: Sarnath a must see Buddhist Travel Destination

Buddha religious tours and travels take you to Sarnath. It is located in Uttar Pradesh near the point where Ganges and Varuna river meet. Buddha gave his first sermon here.

Dhamekh Stupa

Emperor Ashok built Dhamekh Stupa in 249 BCE. It is a majestic and massive structure with a diameter of 28 m and height of 43.6 m. Buddhist pilgrims circumambulate the cylindrical red stone stupa while worshipping.

Sarnath Museum

Sarnath Museum contains vast relics and curios of Buddha's journey to enlightenment. It also houses many artifacts, coins, and sculptures from the Maurya Dynasty including the Lion Capital sculpture as the centerpiece. It is best explored with **Buddhist tours and travels**.

Mulagandha Kuti Vihar

Mulagandha Kuti Vihar is a temple with a big bell at the entrance and prayer wheels which pilgrims can turn clockwise to offer their loyalty. It is surrounded by trees and was used as a monastery initially. Inside the temple are beautifully done frescoes on the wall and ceiling which often take one's breath away.

Kushinagar: Buddhist Religious Tours and Travels take you to Kushinagar

Kushinagar is a town in Uttar Pradesh and a Buddhist pilgrimage site. It is the place where Buddha attained parinirvana after his death.

Parinirvan Stupa and Temple

The Parinirvan temple is a small structure of the white building in the shape of a dome. Inside the temple is a big golden statue of Buddha lying down with a hint of a smile on his face.

It is surrounded by a small number of buildings and a lot of farmland which creates a stronger atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.

Rambhar Stupa

Rambhar Stupa is one of the most sacred shrines of Buddhism and a play of Holy Pilgrimage for Buddhists. Lord Buddha is cremated here and throughout his life had many discourses at this place. The stupa is more than 50 meters tall and has a pond close by. It is on a mound facing the road connecting Kushinagar and Deoria.

Matha Kuar Shrine

Matha Kuar Shrine has a 3 m high statue of Lord Buddha which has been carved from a single stone. It displays an enlightened Buddha sitting under a Bodhi Tree.

Lumbini: Buddhist Tours and Travel takes you to Lumbini

Lumbini is covered in the Indian Buddhist Pilgrimage Tours. It is the holy place where Buddha was born. The sacred site is 4.8 km in length and 1.6 km in width. No shops, restaurants, hotels are allowed in its vicinity under the religious law which states only monasteries will be allowed near the holy land.

Ashokan Pillar

The Ashokan Pillar is made from pink sandstone and stands at 6 meters. It stands next to Mayadevi Temple where Buddha was born. It is one of few Ashokan pillars to have an inscription.

Mayadevi Temple

Mayadevi Temple marks the birthplace of Gautam Buddha. It is surrounded by a sacred pool on one side and holy garden on the other side. Hop on the IRCTC Buddhist train to get here.

Inside the temple is stone with the characters of Buddha's name engraved and paintings depicting his birth.

Shravasti: Shravasti a mainstay of Buddhist pilgrimage tour in India

According to **Legend Gautam Buddha** spent 24 chaturmasya in Shravasti. It was also one of the largest cities in India at the time. It was a prosperous trading and religious center for both Jains and Buddhists and is a site of great interest when it comes to Buddhist Tourism in India.

Jetavana Monastery

Jetavana Monastery was a crucial part of Lord Buddha's life as he passes 19 of 45 vases here. It has small stupas, buddha's hut gandhakuti and anandabodhi tree for meditation respecting and preserving Buddhist pilgrimage in India.

Pakki Kutti

Pakki Kutti or angulimala's stupa is an excavation site where idols and inscriptions of the Buddhist period can be found. Lord Buddha calmed the local dacoit Angulimala on his journey when he taught him that violence is wrong. The dacoit learned how wrong his conduct was and quickly accepted Buddhism to correct his behavior. This makes it one of the must-see Buddhist Pilgrimage Sites in India as most of us seek redemption from time to time.

Sahet Mahet

Sahet and Mahet are separated by half a kilometer. Sahet has the foundations and bases of statues as the idols have been restored in a museum. Maher, on the other hand, has the remains of the massive gates. Buddhists built to protect their town from attacks. It is covered in the Buddhist Sector Tour.

Agra: The Final Journey

It is impossible to think of Agra and not think of Taj Mahal. However, that is not all which tourists come to see when on pilgrimage tourism in India.

Taj Mahal

Taj Mahal was inspired by the great love story between Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and his second wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The mausoleum is made from scintillating marble and is the main attraction in the complex. Other buildings include minarets, gardens and a reflecting pool.

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About Buddhist Train

With a view to continually heighten our offerings, the IRCTC Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train was envisioned for covering the most venerable sites of Buddhism, following the life path of the Enlightened One, the Buddha, himself.

His birth place, Lumbini, lies across the India-Nepal border, yet the IRCTC Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train itinerary enables all guests to pay their respects at the holy site in addition to the Mayadevi temple, dedicated to the Enlightened One's mother. The Buddha's moment of enlightenment, enshrined for eternity under the Maha Bodhi Tree at Bodh Gaya, occupies an important place in the itinerary, as much for its religious & scholarly significance as for the monumental beauty of its confluence of Buddhist traditions from all over the world.

General information

Please find below some general information to assist you with your planning for your journey aboard TO BUDDHIST CIRCUIT TOURIST TRAIN.

Buddhist Train' dining Car

Buddhist Train has two fine dining restaurants that seat 54 persons each and everyone on board dines together.

Visas

Passengers should be in possession of valid travel documents and a valid visa granted by Indian Missions abroad for entering India. Those arriving in India without visas bearing the correct validity dates and number of entries into India are subject to deportation. For Foreign nationals holding Tourist Visas with a stay stipulation of 180 days / 90 days and with a multiple entry facility; there should be a gap of at least 2 months between two visits to the country on this visa. In case there is a requirement to visit the country within two months, permission should be sought from the Head of Mission concerned indicating the specific reasons for another visit within a short period.

Pre & post hotel accommodation

It is highly recommended that you take a minimum of one pre and post night accommodation with your rail journey. Bookings and reservations can be made by contacting us at irctcbuddhisttrain.com

Customs

Customs regulations are in line with those prevailing elsewhere in the world; however, the import of prohibited items carries serious penalties. Please note that it is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that they are in possession of any necessary and valid documentation and the Company assumes no responsibility for the consequences of any failure to apply.

Personal travel insurance

At Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), guest safety and holiday enjoyment are very important. Therefore, travel insurance is essential; indeed it is a condition of booking with us that passengers have adequate travel insurance cover from the country of domicile for injury, illness, death, accident, loss of effects or luggage and holiday cancellation. Guests must supply IRCTC with the name, address and telephone number of the insurers, policy number and the 24-hour medical emergency telephone number. Any pre-existing medical conditions must be declared to the insurer and to us; failure to do so may invalidate your Travel Insurance Policy.

Embarkation & disembarkation

Guests are required to check-in at least 1 hour prior to departure at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station for pre-boarding formalities. Final details will be provided in the travel documents and vouchers which will be e-mailed or handed over to you approximately 14 days prior to departure.

Following completion of boarding formalities, you will be escorted to your cabin and assisted with your luggage.

On your final night on board, the Train Manager will assist with disembarkation formalities which include luggage

and clearance of extras.

Note: Due to any unforeseen delays owing to foggy weather conditions prevailing in northern parts during Dec-Jan period and due to any railway delays guests are requested to plan their post disembarkation onward journey having sufficient intermittent time.

What your journey price includes

Accommodation in AC-1 & AC-2 class in train, double/twin bedded accommodation in hotels, all meals, guided off train excursions as illustrated in the journeys inclusive of entrance fees, transport and services of a guide, complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water on board, portage at stations.

What your journey price does not include

Any optional tours as mentioned in the itinerary, taxes, insurance, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, alcoholic beverages, video, film and professional still camera fees and arrival and departure transfers. International and domestic air tickets, pre and post tour accommodation and any tour extensions are not included unless specifically mentioned as part of the journeys.

Travel documents

Travel Documents, which are valid only for the passenger(s) named, will be issued after receipt of full payment for your reservation and not normally later than 14 days prior to departure. Please carry your confirmation of booking with you on departure.

Clothing & travel accessories

Recommended Clothing: Lightweight cottons and linens throughout the summer and most winter days; with warm clothes for December and January and winter nights.

Please include light sweaters and light wraps for the cold mornings and evenings, It is advisable to carry sunscreen, caps / hats and sunglasses.

Note: a) Please note that with the change in weather, we recommend enough woollens while on tour.

b) Please note that for the journeys between mid of December till mid of January, the Northern India witnesses severe cold and fog, therefore it is recommended to carry heavy woolen during this period.

Currency & money exchange

India's currency is the Rupee, abbreviated as Rs. which is divided into 100 paisa. The Rupee notes come in denominations of Rs.5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, & Rs.2000. Coins are in denominations of rupee 1, 2, 5 and 10.

Foreign Exchange encashments are regulated in India. Any passenger bringing Foreign Exchange in excess of USD 5000 or its equivalent in currency notes and an aggregate total of USD 10,000 and above are required to declare the same at the port of entry in India. Please note that changing money in remote areas can be difficult and hence please change with authorized money changers or banks. Please take care not to accept damaged notes or notes with tapes attached as these are not accepted. It is always advisable to carry smaller denomination instead of Rs.2000 note as it is not easy to obtain change.

Note: Please contact your Guest Relations Manager on Board for special facilities provided to guests for their Foreign Exchange encashment.

Smoking policy

In accordance with Indian Law, smoking is not permissible on board the train. Smoking is also prohibited in all public places such as restaurants, airports, stations, shopping malls, hotels, public areas etc.

Special meals / dietary requirement / medical conditions

In case of any special dietary requirement or allergies, guests should mention the same at the time of booking and to the chef/Train Manager on Board. Our Chef shall endeavour to accommodate these as far as possible. Guests

with dust related allergies are advised to carry their prescribed medication / inhalers on the journey.

Emergencies

IRCTC requires the details of the ground handler, the place of stay before and after the journey on the Buddhist Train, so that we can contact the ground handler in case of any emergencies.

Porters

Porters will be available at all embarkation and disembarkation stations to assist you with your luggage.

Electricity

Voltage available on the train is 110 volts. International adaptors are also available on board.

Off train excursions

Since most of our Off Train Excursions involve a fair amount of walking, we recommend you pack some comfortable walking shoes. A moderate degree of physical fitness is required to participate on our off train excursions. You may encounter unpaved sidewalks, uneven surfaces and problems getting on and off the train.

Travellers with walking difficulties or any such physical condition should inform us at the time of booking. We reserve the right to refuse participation on any of our excursions to anyone who would be incapable of completing the tour or would cause unacceptable delays to the rest of the group. In these circumstances there would be no refund for any unused part of the tour.

Guides

On all off train excursions, you will be accompanied by professional and qualified English speaking guides. There's no substitute for a little local flavour, so we employ experienced local guides who provide an invaluable and in-depth view of the sights that you visit. Language speaking guides can be provided at select destinations, subject to availability. Please let us know of your requirement at the time of booking.

Health

No specific vaccinations are required for travel to India currently. However, the latest advisory in this regard may kindly be checked before departure. Foreign tourists should be in possession of a Yellow Fever Vaccination certificate conforming to international health regulations, if they are originating or travelling through Yellow Fever endemic countries. Anti-malaria precautions should be taken. It is also advisable to carry sufficient insect repellent.

It is recommended that a physician be consulted for any personal health advice based on the travel itinerary. If under prescription medication, it is advisable to carry enough supplies to last for the duration of the trip.

It is recommended that guests carry their own medicines, since all medications in India are locally manufactured and the same brand names may not be available.

Please specify any ailments at the time of booking and update the Guest Relations Manager of the same while boarding.

Luggage allowance

There is limited storage space inside the cabins. We recommend that each guest travels with luggage as per an international airline guidelines for first and business class passengers. It is also advisable to carry soft-topped luggage as it is easier to store.

Luggage storage is provided under the bed. If there is any extra luggage, it can be stored in the luggage hold, which is located in a separate cabin. It is advisable to lock your luggage with locks.

Laundry

A limited laundry service is available at select destinations.

Cell phones

Kindly keep your Cell Phone on silent mode on board the train out of consideration for your fellow passengers and also while visiting certain monuments on your Off Train Excursions. Please also note that the use of cell phones and laptop computers is discouraged in all the public areas and should be used in the privacy of your cabin.

Cell phone reception

The reception can vary while the train is moving, but does improve when the train is stationary or near large cities.

Train manager

Train Manager will be available in the train throughout the journey. For special requests / problems / tour information, you may contact him.

Placement of train on platform at stations

After deboarding of the guests at the stations Buddhist Train moves to the yard for fueling and watering. Hence, timings as advised at the time of deboarding should be followed to avoid any inconvenience. In case any guest decides to return to the train before the advised boarding time, he/she should contact the Train Manager to check the availability of the Buddhist Train on the platform.

Expectation from guest

Passengers are advised to be punctual and to adhere to the prescribed timings. IRCTC will not delay departures or make provisions for late arrivals. In case any services are missed due to the late arrival of the guests, IRCTC shall not provide alternate services and shall not make any refunds for the same. The guests are expected to follow the tour to avoid any confusion. Prior information should be given to Train Manager if the guest wants to leave the group/train for personal visits/tours. Guests who repeatedly fail to follow the tour may be asked to leave the tour to avoid inconvenience to the other guests and the management.

Minimum passenger requirement

All our journeys require a minimum number of passengers to operate. Should this not be accomplished, we will offer you an alternate departure date or an alternate journey or a refund. In the unlikely eventuality of this occurring, 30 days advance intimation can be given.

Charters

The Buddhist Train can be chartered to corporate companies, agencies and individuals worldwide for incentives, conferences, weddings or any other exclusive event.

Child Policy

Buddhist Train does accommodate children but we ask parents to be mindful of the sophisticated adult atmosphere we endeavour to maintain.

1. Children below 5 years shall be allowed free, subject to sharing of berth with parents.
2. Single child (5 years - 12 years) - 50% of the adult fare, subject to sharing of double bed with parents.
3. All applicable taxes will be charged extra.

Referenz-Weblink:

<https://www.zugreisen.ch/de/reise/buddhist-circuit-tourist-train>