

India, the cradle of spirituality, the birthplace of several religious and sects, beckons visitors from across the world in search of inner peace.



Buddhism, which originated in India sometime in 6th-4th BCE, has spread throughout the world. Gautama Buddha gained enlightenment, preached his first sermon and propagated his message of universal compassion to the world in India.

The Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train, a special tourist train launched by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited, is a comfortable, safe and hassle free tour on the Buddhist Circuit covering important places connected with the life of Gautama Buddha.

The package includes train journey, hotel accommodation at selected destinations, road transportation in Zx2 AC Busses, Tour Guide, all meals and monument entry fee.

The train was awarded National Tourism Award by the Ministry of Tourism. Government of India in 2009.







Day 1/Saturday : Proceed from Delhi (Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station in the afternoon) for Gaya. Dinner on board.

Day 2/Sunday : Breakfast on board. Arrive Gaya in the morning and proceed for Bodhgaya. Check in at the hotel. After Lunch, sightseeing of Bodhgaya. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

: Breakfast at hotel. Proceed from Bodhgaya to Rajgir for sightseeing. Lunch at a hotel in Rajgir and Day 3 / Monday proceed to Nalanda for sightseeing, After sightseeing, proceed to Gaya Railway Station, Dinner on

board. Proceed for Varanasi.

: Breakfast on board. Arrive Varanasi and proceed for Sarnath sightseeing. Check in at the hotel for Day 4/Tuesday Lunch and wash and change. Later proceed for Boat ride on the holy Ganges and Evening Aarti ceremony. Dinner at a hotel and return to Train. Proceed for Lumbini (Nautanwa).

Day 5 / Wednesday: Arrive Nautanwa, breakfast on board. Proceed for Lumbini (Nepal). Check in at hotel. After Lunch, sightseeing of Mayadevi Temple. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

: Breakfast at hotel. Proceed to Kushinagar. After Lunch, sightseeing of Kushinagar. Return to Train. Day 6/Thursday Dinner on board and proceed for Balrampur (Sravasti).

Day 7 / Friday : Arrive Balrampur, Proceed for Sravasti, Check in at the hotel for breakfast, wash and change and Lunch. After sightseeing of Sravasti return back to Train. Dinner on board and proceed for Agra.

Day 8 / Saturday : Breakfast on board. Arrive Agra and proceed for sightseeing of Taj Mahal. Lunch on board and proceed for Delhi. Arrive Delhi (Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station) in the evening.





- Exclusive Train for the Buddhist Circuit Tour: The Buddhist Circuit Special Train is an exclusive air conditioned train for Buddhist circuit destinations and does not carry passengers other than the tourist booked with IRCTC for this special tour.
- **Security on Train:** Private Security Guards in each coach for constant & close watch to ensure safety of the passengers and their belongings. CCTV is provided in the train. In addition, Electronic safe & smoke detection system is available in the train.
- On-board Hygienic Kitchen Car & Dining Car Facility: The passengers can choose from an assortment of sumptuous hot meals (Veg/Non Veg) and snacks. Packaged drinking water, tea and coffee are available freely to the passengers.
- On-board Clean & Hygienic Toilets and Showers: For the convenience of the passengers, clean and hygienic toilets and hot and cold water showers are provided.
- Accommodation in comfortable Hotels on the Buddhist Circuit: IRCTC provides accommodation in best available hotels on the Circuit for stay as well as wash-and-change.
- **Insurance Cover:** All passengers are provided with Travel Insurance Cover for the duration of the tour.
- **Transportation:** Transportation by AC Deluxe Coaches.
- Foot Massager and Library: Facility of a Foot Massager & Small Library.







Inclusions

• Journey by Exclusive Air-conditioned Train as per the Itinerary. • Road transport by AC deluxe coaches as per the itinerary. • Visit monuments and locations as per the itinerary. • Accommodation as per the itinerary. • Meals as per the itinerary. • Services of Tour Manager - IRCTC officials available at all times on tour. • Services of Language Tour Guide. • Entrance fees of monuments/locations as per the itinerary. • Travel Insurance.

Departure Dates for 2021-22 and 2022-23

Month/Year	2021	2022	2023
October	09,23	08,29	U \$600
November	20	12,26	
December	04,18	10,24	
January		15,29	14,28
February	2000	26	11,25
March		12	11,25

Package Rates for 2021-22 and 2022-23

	Capacity	2021-22 & 2022-23	
Class of Train Journey		Per Night	Full Tour (7 Nights)
		In USD	In USD
AC 1st Class	96 Guests	165	1155
AC 2nd Class	60 Guests	135	945

All rates are on per person per journey on twin sharing basis.

Surcharge:

- a) USD 150 Per Pax for confirmed 2 berth cabin in AC 1st Class for Full/Partial Tour.
- b) USD 200 Per Pax for single occupancy in hotel for entire tour or USD 50 per night.
- c) USD 580 Per Pax (Full/ Partial) would be applicable for confirmed allocation of one lower berth only in a 2 seater 1st Class Cabin. Upper berth would not be allocated to other passenger.
- d) USD 580 Per Pax (Full/ Partial) would be applicable for confirmed allocation of two lower berths only in a 4 seater 1st Class Cabin. Two upper berths would not be allocated to other passengers.
- All rates are on per person per journey on twin sharing basis. In case of Single Occupancy, supplement charges shall be payable. Rates subject to change in case of any change or amendment in the routing, itineraries, inclusions etc. Package rates are inclusive of GST. For Child Policy and other details, please refer to our website www.irctcbuddhisttrain.com. Itineraries and scheduled departures are subject to approval from Ministry of Railways and may change without prior notice. For the latest updates, please visit our website www.irctcbuddhisttrain.com. Minimum 3 nights/4 days journey. INR rates also available, please write to us at buddhisttrain@irctc.com.

















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