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PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME TO INDIA-NEPAL (9D/7N)

**BODH GAYA – RAJGIR – NALANDA – VARANASI – SARNATH
KUSHINAGAR – SRAVASTI – LUCKNOW**

DATE: 10 – 18 JANUARY 2019

Day 1 (Thu 10 Jan 2019) Bangkok (check-in at airport) – Bodh Gaya

08:30hrs: Meet at Suwanabhumi Airport, Air India check-in counter Row C19-20

12:20hrs: Depart to Bodh Gaya (Gaya) by **Thai Smiles WE327 or Thai Airways TG2327.**

14:00hrs: Arrived Bodh Gaya then transfer to check-in at Hotel.

PM: Visit to Mahabodhi Temple and Bhodi Tree where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment and selected became to a World Heritage site by the UNESCO. The site contains a descendant of the Bodhi Tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment, and has been a major pilgrimage destination for Buddhists for well over two thousand years, and some elements probably date to the period of Ashoka (died c.232 BCE). What is now visible on the ground essentially dates from the 7th century CE, or perhaps somewhat earlier, as well as several major restorations since the 19th century. But the structure now may well incorporate large parts of earlier work, possibly from the 2nd or 3rd century CE.

18:00hrs: Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 2 (Fri 11 Jan 2019) Bodh Gaya – Rajgir – Nalanda – Bodh Gaya

06:00hrs: Breakfast at hotel.

07:00hrs: Depart to Nalanda by coach. (Bodhgaya-Nalanda approx. 90kms / 3 hrs.)

Upon arrival, visiting the **Vulture Peak** (**Pali:** *Gijjhakuta*, **Sanskrit:** *Gr̥dhrakūṭa*), also known as the **Holy Eagle Peak** or **Gádhraḱúṭa**, was the Buddha's favorite retreat in **Rajagaha** (now Rajgir) and the scene for many of his discourses. Rajgir is **Bihar**, India. It is so named because it resembles a sitting vulture with its wings folded, thereafter visit to Venuvan, this is the bamboo grove provided by King Bimbisara to the Buddha to stay. Veluvana was the first monastery accepted by the Buddha, and the Buddha spent the second, third, and fourth retreat rainy season at Veluvana – A Bamboo grove which was called later as the name Veluvana monastery of the Buddha and his Order.

11:30hrs: Lunch at Rajgir Residency Hotel.

PM: Visit to the Nalanda University, the oldest university in the world. The university was an architectural and environmental masterpiece. It had eight separate compounds, 10 temples, meditation halls, classrooms, lakes and parks. It had a nine-story library where monks meticulously copied books and documents so that individual scholars could have their own collections. It had dormitories for students, perhaps a first for an educational institution, housing 10,000 students in the university's heyday and providing accommodations for 2,000 professors, 800 years after being destroyed by the Muslim invader Bakhtiyar Khalji, Nalanda Buddhist University reopens In the 1860's the great archeologist Alexander Cunningham identified the site as the Nalanda University and in 1915/1916 the Archeological Survey of India began excavations of the site and next to the Nalanda University worship the holy Black Buddha that was saved from the destroyed of the great fire and the worship of the villagers around there. Thereafter return to Bodh Gaya.

19:00hrs: Upon arrival, dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 3 (Sat 12 Jan 2019) Bodh Gaya

07:00hrs: Breakfast at hotel, thereafter making Bodh Gaya sightseeing around the city such as Thai Temple, The Burmese Temple, Tibetan Monastery, Japanese Temple, International Buddhist House and the Sujata Village where Sujata offered rice in milk to Lord Buddha.

11:30hrs: Lunch at hotel.

PM: Free time at leisure for your meditation at Mahabodhi Temple or shopping at local market around Mahabodhi Temple such as pashmina scarfs, Himalaya product etc.

19:00hrs: Dinner and Overnight at Hotel.

Day 4 (Sun 13 Jan 2019) Bodh Gaya – Varanasi – Sarnath (Sermon Place)

- 06:00hrs: Breakfast at hotel
07:00hrs: Depart to Varanasi by coach (Bodhgaya-Varanasi approx. 251Kms / 5-6 hrs.).
13:00hrs: Arriving in Varanasi, check-in and lunch at the hotel.
PM: Visit to Dhamekha Stupa is a massive stupa located at Sarnath there is 13 km away from Varanasi in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The Dhamekha Stupa is said to mark the spot (*Rishipattana* which can be translated as "where the Rishi arrived") where the Buddha gave the first sermon to his first five brahmin disciples after attaining enlightenment.
19:00hrs: Dinner and Overnight at hotel.

Day 5 (Mon 14 Jan 2019) Varanasi – - Kushinagar

- Early Morning: Boat ride on Ganges River and viewing sunrise in the morning then back to the hotel.
07:00hrs: Breakfast at hotel.
08:00hrs: Depart to Kushinagar by coach. (Varanasi-Kushinagar approx. 273 Kms. / 8-9 hrs.), Kushinagar is the place where Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvan in his 80th year.
11:30hrs: Lunch at local Restaurant.
PM: Proceeding to Kushinagar.
Evening: Upon arrival Kushinagar where Buddha entered perfect tranquility, the state of Mahaparinirvana, check-in and dinner at hotel.

Day 6 (Tue 15 Jan 2019) Kushinagar (The Death places) – Lumbini (Nepal)

- 06:30hrs: Breakfast at hotel.
AM: Visit to Mahaparinirvana Temple & Ramabhar Stupa (cremation place of Lord Buddha), one of the principal centres of Buddhist pilgrimage.
11:30hrs: Lunch at hotel.
PM: Depart to Lumbini, Nepal by coach (Kushinagar – Lumbini approx. 4-5 hrs), there will be taking sometime for immigration procedures at the border.
18:30hrs: Upon arrival Lumbini, check-in and dinner at hotel.

Day 7 (Wed 16 Jan 2019) Lumbini-Nepal (The Birth places) - Sravasti

- 06:00hrs: Breakfast at hotel.
07:30hrs: Visit the place where the Queen Mahamaya gave birth to Prince Siddhartha who later became the Buddha. Over 2000 years ago the Emperor Ashoka set up a commemorative pillar here. The pillar carries the inscription - Here the Buddha was born-. Another shrine preserves an ancient image depicting the nativity of the Lord.
10:30hrs: Lunch at hotel in Lumbini.
11:30hrs: Depart to Sravasti by coach. (Lumbini-Sravasti approx. 270 kms. / 05:30-6 hrs.).
Upon arrival Sravasti where Lord Buddha has spent 24 rainy season here, check-in at Mahamaya Hotel or similar, and dinner at hotel.

Day 8 (Thu 17 Jan 2019) Sravasti – Lucknow

- **Please prepare the necessary personal belonging only for washing change at the hotel in Lucknow.****
06:00hrs: Breakfast at hotel.
AM: Visit **Jetavana** was one of the most famous of the Buddhist monasteries or viharas in India. It was the second vihara donated to Gautama Buddha after the Veluvana in Rajgir. Jetavana was the place where the Buddha gave the majority of his teachings and discourses, having passed at Jetavana nineteen out of 45 vassas. more than in any other monastery. It is said that after the Migāramātupāsāda, a second vihara erected at Pubbarama. Here Anathapindaka was built in the garden of Prince Jeta for the reception of the Buddha. Today, the remains unearthed testify to the flourishing condition of this sacred spot in the Gupta period.
11:30hrs: Lunch at hotel.
12:30hrs: Depart to Lucknow by coach (Sravasti – Lucknow approx. 193 kms / 5 hrs).
19:30hrs: (approx.) Arriving Lucknow, direct to the hotel for washing change and dinner.
****4 persons per room for washing change room at Piccadilly Hotel in Lucknow****
21:30hrs: Transfer to Lucknow Airport for flight to Bangkok

Day 9 (Fri 18 Jan 2019) Lucknow – Bangkok.

- 01:20hrs: Depart to Bangkok by **Thai Smiles WE334 or Thai Airways TG2334**.
06:30hrs: Arrive in Bangkok.
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Remark: The itinerary and scheduling above are subject to change depend on road and weather condition on that time, and we will be thinking of the safety and benefits of travelers are important.

Accommodation:

Bodhgaya	Bodhgaya Regency Hotel or similar	3 Nights
Varanasi	Radisson Hotel or similar.	1 Night
Kushinagar	Imperial Hotel or similar.	1 Night
Lumbini (Nepal)	New Crystal or Buddhamaya Hotel or similar	1 Night
Sravasti	Sravasti Residency Hotel or similar	1 Night
Lucknow	Piccadily Hotel for Washing Change & Dinner only	

Flight Information:

WE: TG3237	Thu 10 JAN 19	Bangkok – Bodhgaya	12:20-14:00	Operate on Tue/Thu/Sat
WE: TG2334	Fri 18 JAN 19	Lucknow – Bangkok	01:20-06:30	Operate on Wed/Fri/Sun

Tour Condition:-

Tour Fee: 61,000 THB. (Twin sharing room)
12,500 THB. (Single supplement)

Remark: Airfare which included in the above cost is subject to change at any time or until the reservation were done and confirmed by the airlines, might will be effected to the tour cost higher or lower rates.

Tour Included:-

- Air ticket on Economy class by Thai Smile & Thai Airways as above itinerary.
RT: Bangkok – Gaya // Lucknow – Bangkok.
- Transportation, accommodation, all meals as mention in the program.
- All airport tax, Entrance fee, Indian escort & driver Tip.
- Tour Escort from Bangkok & Local Escort in India along with the group throughout the trip.

Tour Excluded:

- All personal expense such as soft drink, oversea calls, Minibar in the room at all hotel.
- Over Baggage access fee.
- India visa fee 4,500THB or E-Tourist visa 2,200THB & Nepal visa fee 900THB, This rate for Thai passport only. Foreigner passport, please check.
- Any supplement surcharge for New Year & Christmas Eve, if any.

Cancellation Policy:

- 15 Days before Departure cancellation charge 50% of applicable tour fee.
- 7 Days before Departure cancellation charge 100% of applicable tour fee.