

The Mahaparinirvana Express

(07 Nights / 08 Days)

The Mahaparinirvana Express is a tourist train operated by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). It was launched on 28th March 2007 to cater Buddhist pilgrims. India, the country where Buddhism originated has rich memories of the Buddhist heritage.

This train name has been derived from the Mahaparinirvana of the Lord Buddha.

This special train takes you to experience first-hand knowledge of the self-disciplined and legendary life of Lord Buddha. Here, your visit will include memories of the Buddhist legacy, austerity, the only kind of art and architecture that it supported were Stupas (stone cased moulds that remembered relics of Buddha), Chaityas (worship halls) and Viharas (cells for the monks). This train includes Buddhist destination of north India.

So, you are invited to discover the path to enlightenment by a luxury train.

Tour program

(Delhi - Gaya - Bodhgaya - Nalanda - Rajgir - Varanasi - Sarnath – Nautanwa - Lumbini - Kushinagar- Gorakhpur - Balrampur - Sravasti - Balrampur – Agra - Delhi)

Day 01: Delhi – Gaya (990 Kms)

Tourists are supposed to gather at Safdarjung railway station, Delhi by 13:00 Hrs. Check-in formalities are completed. An Indian traditional welcome is given and welcome drink is served. Train departs around 14:30 Hrs for Gaya.

Dinner and overnight stay onboard.

Day 02: Gaya - Bodhgaya (16 kms)

Early morning tea, wash & Change & breakfast will be served onboard. Arrive at Gaya Railway station. De-board the train and depart to Bodhgaya by AC Transport.

Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Enjoy hot lunch at hotel and have some rest at your room. Later start your city tour visiting Mahabodhi Temple & Niranjana River, Thai Temple, Japanese Temple and Buddha Statue.

Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 03: Bodhgaya - Nalanda - Rajgir - Gaya - Varanasi

Morning after breakfast, check-out from hotel and drive to Rajgir. Upon arrival visit Bimbisara Jail, Gridhakut hill & Venuvan. Hot lunch will be arranged at hotel.

After lunch drive to Nalanda, visit ruins of world-famous Nalanda University & Nalanda Museum. Later drive to Gaya railway station and board the train.
Dinner and overnight stay onboard.

Day 04: Varanasi - Sarnath - Nautanwa

Early morning tea on-board and arrival at Varanasi. Breakfast will be served onboard.

De-board the train and drive by AC transport to Sarnath (10 kms) for sightseeing of Dhamekh Stupa, Sarnath Museum, Ashokan Pillar and MulgandhaKutiVihar.

Later check-in at hotel for wash & change. Hotel lunch will be served at hotel. After lunch drive to Varanasi. Visit temples and river Ganges. Evening enjoy Aarti ceremony at river Ganges.

Return back to Varanasi railway station. Train departs for Nautanwa for visit to Lumbini, Nepal.

Dinner and overnight stay onboard.

Day 05: Nautanwa – Lumbini

Early morning tea on-board. Breakfast will be served onboard.

Arrival at Nautanwa Railway station. De-board the train and drive to Lumbini (Nepal) by AC transport. (Tourists to keep their passport and Visa ready. In case Nepal visa not issued visa fees to be kept ready also along with passport size photographs).

Upon VISA & immigration formalities, drive to hotel. Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Lunch at hotel. After lunch visit Maya Devi Temple and Ashokan Pillar.

Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Day 06: Lumbini - Kushinagar – Gorakhpur

Morning breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, check-out and drive to Kushiangar. Upon arrival enjoy hotel lunch at hotel. After lunch visit Mahaparinirvan Temple, Rambhar Stupa, Mata Kutir Temple and other Buddhist sites. Later, drive to Gorakhpur to board MahapranirvanaExpress train. Depart to Balrampur by Buddhist Train.

Dinner and overnight stay onboard.

Day 07: Balrampur - Sravasti - Balrampur - Agra

Early morning tea on-board. Arrival at Balrampur Railway station. De-board the train and depart to Sravasti (15 Kms) by AC Transport. Upon arrival use wash & change rooms with breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, visit Jetvana Vihara, PakkiKuti&SehatMahet.

Lunch arranged at hotel. Free time for worship. Later drive back to train and board the train. Train departs for Agra (450 kms). Dinner on board.

Day 08: Agra - Delhi

Early morning tea on-board. Wash & change and breakfast onboard. Train arrives at Agra Cantt. railway station. Upon arrival, drive to visit Taj Mahal. Return back to train. Train departs for Delhi. Lunch will be served onboard.

Evening tea onboard.

Arrival at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station. De-board the train and our services end.

The Mahaparinirvana Express for the season 2021-22 & 2022-23

Year	Month/ Date						
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
2021	09, 23	20	04, 08	-	-	-	-
2022	08, 29,	12, 26	10, 24	-	-	-	-