Bodhgaya

An exalted historical past defines Bodh Gaya or Bodhimanda, as one of the most revered places for Buddhists. Home to the Mahabodhi Temple with the diamond throne and the holy Bodhi tree, it assumes a special place in Buddhist culture.

One of the four most important sites of pilgrimage for the Buddhists, Bodh Gaya is an abode of spiritual recreation and historical delight. Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, was said to have achieved enlightenment under the shade of a revered Bodhi tree here. Located on the shores of River Neranjara, Gaya boasts of shrines dedicated to the Buddha by various countries like China, Japan and Bangladesh. The sacred place also offers an intriguing insight into the culture and history of Indian philosophy along with a plethora of archaeological surprises. The Mahabodhi Temple Complex is a spiritual haven for both seekers and art enthusiasts alike.

When To VISIT

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Jan
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 20.89999961
Min: 8.80000019
Rain: 27.0mm

Feb
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 23.89999961
Min: 10.60000038
Rain: 21.0mm

Mar
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 29.0
Min: 14.69999980
Rain: 6.0mm

Apr
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 33.29999923
Min: 19.20000076
Rain: 6.0mm

May
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 35.0
Min: 22.60000038
Rain: 12.0mm

Jun
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 30.60000038
Min: 21.89999961
Rain: 108.0mm

Jul
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What To SEE

5 Sights

Mahabodhi Temple
Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee, Post office-2, Bodhgaya, Gaya, Bihar, 824231, India

The famed site where Gautam Buddha is believed to attained enlightenment, Mahabodhi Temple is the central site that attracts tourists and pilgrims to the city of Bodh Gaya. A UNESCO World heritage site, this temple complex houses structures built in the Dravidian style, as opposed to the usual Nagara style of temples.

The principal points of interest here are the Bodhi Tree; the Vajrasana (‘Seat of Stability’), also called the Diamond Throne; a red sandstone platform which marks the spot where the Buddha meditated; the Mahabodhi Temple, a towering structure to the east of the Bodhi Tree that houses a large, gilded black stone image of the Buddha in the bhumisparsha mudra (‘earth-touching posture’); the carved, sculpted stone railing around the temple, believed to have been built around the 1st century BCE; and stupas and structures that commemorate events during the seven weeks that the Buddha spent here in a state of bliss after his enlightenment.

At any time, a handful of monks and devotees can be seen performing countless prostrations to the tree. It’s a highly rigorous purificatory ritual: some monks are known to do up to 1,00,000 prostrations at one time.

2 **Indosan Nippon Japanese Temple**

Indosan Nipponji Temple, Buddha Road, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, 824231, India

Bodh Gaya is a sanctuary to different Buddhist cultures, across various countries. The Indosan Nipponji Temple is an example of this tradition, exemplifying the presence of Buddhism in Japanese culture and lifestyle.

3 **Great Buddha Statue**

Great Buddha Statue, Great Buddha Statue Road, Daijokyo Buddhist Temple, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, 824231, India

The Great Buddha Statue is one of the most significant landmarks of Bodh Gaya, second in significance only to the Mahabodhi Temple. Literally a hard-to-miss element of this fascinating city, the statue is a physical example of the Buddhist influences on this town. So, once in Bihar do make a point to visit this mesmerising place to have great time with family and friends.

4 **Archaeological Museum**

Archaeological Society of India Museum, Gaya Center, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, 824231, India

The history of a city like Bodh Gaya is sometimes difficult to encapsulate and make available for research and understanding. The Archaeological Survey of India has endeavoured to capture this history and make it available to its visitors at the ASI Museum in Bodh Gaya.

5 **Bodh Gaya Multimedia museum**

Old PWD building, Next to Mahabodhi Temple complex, Bodh Gaya 824231, India

An informative place to learn about the Buddha through exciting 3D animation displays and multimedia films.

Where To Eat
1. **Siam Thai**

   Bodh Gaya Road, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India

   Taking the Buddhist aura of Bodh Gaya forward, this warm and friendly restaurant is pleasantly decorated with Buddhist motifs and paintings, perfectly merging food and art. People swear by the Thai food that they've had here, some even calling it as authentic as the food you'll get in Thailand.

   The staff is quite helpful and friendly, assisting you to decide what to order and about the city in general. Their Pad Thai is quite close to the original authentic version and service is here is pretty quick. An air-conditioned restaurant on the first floor, this is one ideal for a lovely meal after a tiring day in the city.

2. **Hari Om Cafe**

   Bodh Gaya Road, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India
   +91-98682-76888

   A simple, laid back and chirpy restaurant, Hari Om Cafe is quite popular among travellers and backpackers. Walk in here to stop for a quick meal, or carry your favourite book and sit here for hours, soaking in the aura of Buddhism that prevails in the city.

3. **Swagat Restaurant**

   Swagat Restaurant, Bodhgaya Road, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India
   Rs. 150
   +91-631-2200106

   You'll find some lovely Indian food at this restaurant, located ideally on the Bodhgaya Road, very close to the Mahabodhi Temple. With an eclectic and exciting menu of both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes, the restaurant is quite famous among travellers.

4. **Mohammad's Restaurant**

   Mohammed's Restaurant, Restaurant Row, Kalachakra Ground Area, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, 824231, India

   Located in Kalchakra Maidan, this one is a popular tent-style restaurant that has its own regular stream of guests. A simple and unpretentious place, you'll find warm hospitality and some delicious food here.

5. **Tibetan Om Cafe**

   Tibetan Om Cafe, Namgyal Monastery, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, 824231, India

   Located inside the Dalai Lama's famous Namgyal Monastery, Tibetan Om Cafe is run by the Namgyal monks themselves. A lovely place to stop by between your sightseeing visits, this cafe is another great place to interact and exchange stories with fellow travellers.
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