IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE BUDDHA: CIMC Pilgrimage in India and Nepal

with Narayan Helen Liebenson and Dharmacharya Shantum Seth January 19 – February 1, 2025 Optional Extensions: February 1 – February 5

We invite you to join other CIMC practitioners on a transformative journey that will allow you to touch an ancient and diverse culture and civilization and experience the life of the Buddha through the places he lived and taught. When we visit the very places where the Buddha lived and taught, we discover deeper meaning in his teachings.

Co-led by CIMC's Guiding Teacher, Narayan Helen Liebenson and Dharmacharya Shantum Seth, *In the Footsteps of the Buddha* is an unforgettable opportunity to explore areas that few tourists visit and to see and experience aspects of contemporary Indian life that, in many ways, have not changed since the time of the Buddha. We will create a traveling sangha of Dharma practitioners within which each person may deepen their practice and understanding of Buddhism. Your participation in this pilgrimage will also support the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center*.

"With each step and breath, the Buddha comes alive. Shantum's knowledge, insight and humor brings joy to those journeying with him in the footsteps of the Buddha."

- Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese Zen Master, Plum Village, France

"Shantum's love of Buddha-dharma and in-depth historical understanding was a constant source of enrichment. For me the value of an 'outer' pilgrimage is the ability to nourish the 'inner' pilgrimage - travelling with Shantum did just that." - Larry Rosenberg, Guiding Teacher, Cambridge Insight Meditation Center

The Buddha lived and traveled along the Gangetic plains in Northern India. Following his footsteps, our pilgrimage starts in Delhi and visits two states of northern India, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. We will journey across the plains of the river Ganges to Bodh Gaya, where the Buddha attained enlightenment, and the Deer Park at Sarnath, where he gave his first teachings. We will visit his favorite meditation places such as Vulture Peak in Rajgir, the Jeta Grove at Sravasti (where he spent 24 rainy season retreats), and Kushinagar, where he passed away. We will also visit Lumbini, where he was born, and the palace at Kapilavastu, where he spent his childhood. In addition to these places where the Buddha lived, we will visit monasteries, temples and shrines and take a gentle walk to the Dungasiri Mountain (Mahakala Cave) where the Buddha practiced his austerities. In Varanasi we will take a boat ride on the Ganges at sunrise. Starting our journey in Delhi, we will also visit the place where Mahatma Gandhi, the *father of India*, lived his last days. Gandhi was a man open to all cultures and religions but with a deep faith in his own; he reminds us of the Buddha in our living memory and personified a unique way of peaceful living and challenging the politics and status quo of his time.

At each pilgrimage site along the way, Shantum will tell stories of the Buddha's life and give teachings to help us understand the Buddha as a human being, the drama of his life and the significance of what he taught. Narayan will offer Dharma teachings to ground our journey in the contemplative life and support participants in cultivating wisdom and compassion as they meet the experience with open hearts. We will schedule time for daily sitting and walking meditation, regular discussions, and contemplative time. Our sangha will be an important aspect of this trip, giving the journey a greater cohesiveness and richness and building a supportive community for those seeking to deepen their practice.

India's cities stand in contrast to her villages and have their own interesting (if seemingly chaotic) lifestyle. Varanasi and Bodh Gaya are both significant pilgrimage sites, having their own distinct character. In these places we get a closer view of how modern and traditional India co-exist. Kushinagar, Sravasti and Rajgir are smaller towns and relatively quiet, giving the pilgrims the opportunity to absorb the nuances of the local culture and society. Our pilgrimage will also include time with local people in cities and villages. We will visit the homes of both the homes of the poor and the privileged to get a sense of contemporary India with all its complexities, vibrancy, and challenges. Our understanding of the Buddha's teachings, and our experiences in the places he lived and visited, will allow us to meet what we witness fully and to examine our reactions and responses both from an external and internal perspective.

We hope you will join Narayan Helen Liebenson and Dharmacharya Shantum Seth on this sacred pilgrimage.

* Buddhapath is generously donating a portion of program registration fees to benefit the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center.

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Information Packet



Reclining Buddha at Kushinagar



Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya



Nalanda



Vaishali



Ghats on the river Ganga at Varanasi



Vulture peak



In Sujata's Village. Sujata, a 13-year-old girl offered Buddha some rice-milk



On Buddha's path

TEACHER BIOGRAPHY:



Dharmacharya Shantum Seth, an ordained dharma teacher in the Zen Buddhist lineage of Thich Nhat Hanh, is the foremost expert on sites associated with the Buddha and has been leading pilgrimages since 1988. He worked with the United Nations on volunteering, peace, and social development for more than 15 years, and is currently a Senior Advisor to the World Bank and on the Advisory board to the Minister of Tourism, on pilgrimage tourism. He has co-authored books such as *Walking with the Buddha* and been a consultant for films like BBC-Discovery's *Life of the Buddha* and BBC-PBS's *The Story of India. He has been promoting Mindfulness in Education and with the police/para-military through the non-profit Ahimsa Trust.*



Narayan Helen Liebenson is a guiding teacher at the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center where she has been teaching since it opened its doors in 1985. She is an Emeritus Guiding Teacher at IMS (the Insight Meditation Society) in Barre, Massachusetts, after serving as a guiding teacher there for twenty years. Narayan is the author of a small book entitled *Life as Meditation*, and *The Magnanimous Heart; Compassion and Love, Loss and Grief, Joy and Liberation*. Her training includes over 35 years in the Theravada tradition as well as ten years in the Chan tradition with the late Master Sheng-yen. She finds it a joy and a privilege to share the Buddha's teachings with all who are interested.

Cambridge Insight Meditation Center (CIMC) pilgrimage January 2025:

CIMC Pilgrimage January 2025: *In the Footsteps of the Buddha* (14 days beginning and ending in New Delhi–January 19 to February 1, 2025 – US\$ 7200

Building Love- Agra, the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort (beginning and ending in Delhi) February 1 to 2, 2025 – US\$ 495

The Exquisite Caves– Ajanta & Ellora (beginning and ending in Delhi) February 2 to February 5, 2025 – US\$ 1695

			CIMC Pilgrimage begins in Delhi at	
1	19-Jan-25	Sunday	12pm (noon)	Delhi
2	20-Jan-25	Monday	Fly Delhi - Varanasi	Varanasi
3	21-Jan-25	Tuesday	Varanasi	Varanasi
4	22-Jan-25	Wednesday	Varanasi - Bodhgaya	Bodh Gaya
5	23-Jan-25	Thursday	Bodhgaya	Bodh Gaya
6	24-Jan-25	Friday	Bodhgaya - Rajgir	Rajgir
7	25-Jan-25	Saturday	Rajgir - Nalanda - Rajgir	Rajgir
8	26-Jan-25	Sunday	Rajgir - Vaishali	Vaishali
9	27-Jan-25	Monday	Vaishali - Kesariya - Kushinagar	Kushinagar
10	28-Jan-25	Tuesday	Kushinagar - Lumbini	Lumbini
11	29-Jan-25	Wednesday	Lumbini	Lumbini
12	30-Jan-25	Thursday	Lumbini - Kapilavastu - Sravasti	Sravasti
13	31-Jan-25	Friday	Sravasti - Lucknow by road.	Lucknow
14	01-Feb-25	Saturday	Fly to Delhi/Drive to Agra for Extension	Departure/ <mark>Agra</mark>
1	02-Feb-25	Sunday	Agra-Delhi late evening. Departure	Delhi (for Caves)
1	03-Feb-25	Monday	Delhi - Aurangabad by morning flight	Aurangabad
2	04-Feb-25	Tuesday	Aurangabad	Aurangabad
3	05-Feb-25	Wednesday	Aurangabad - Delhi by evening flight	

ITINERARY January 2025

There could be minor changes to this itinerary based on a variety of considerations.

(Please note that Shantum Seth will only lead the pilgrimage if there is a minimum of 10 registrants.

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In Delhi, we will visit the place where Mahatma Gandhi, the *father of India*, lived his last days. This is a wonderful place to begin the pilgrimage. Gandhi reminds us of the Buddha in our living memory, and personified a unique way of peaceful living and politics. He was a man open to all cultures and religions but with a deep faith in his own.

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Building Love- *Agra,* the *Taj Mahal and Agra Fort* (beginning & ending in Delhi) February 1-2, 2025 – US\$ 495 Agra was the capital of the great Mughals. Emperor Akbar, was the main architect of the *Agra Fort*. His grandson Shah Jahan built the beautiful monument to love, the Taj Mahal, as a mausoleum for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. Both these monuments are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The **Exquisite Caves**– *Ajanta & Ellora* (beginning & ending in Delhi) February 2 – February 5, 2025 – US\$ 1695 *Ajanta*

Ajanta is situated near Aurangabad. Beginning in the 2nd century BCE and continuing for 900 years, twenty-six caves were chipped out of a horseshoe shaped cliff. The early followers of the Buddha created an isolated haven, shrouded in the darkness of the caves where they could meditate in peace. The exquisite Buddhist paintings and sculptures created by using simple tools in the glow of lamps rank among the world's most important cultural treasures and the area has been declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Although the Jataka Tales form the main theme of the paintings, also depicted are scenes from contemporary courtly life all demonstrating a startling degree of sophistication. In the Ajanta paintings we see the brilliant union between sacred and secular art.

Ellora Caves: Nearby is Maharashtra state's most phenomenal ancient monument, the Ellora caves which carried on the legacy of Ajanta from the 7th century AD and was subjected to Buddhist, Jain and Hindu influences. The

sculptures at Ellora are massive in form and the entire spectrum of carvings pulsates with life and energy. The phenomenal rock cut Hindu temple of Kailash which is carved out of a hillside is the world's largest monolith and the site's principal attraction. Ellora too, is a World Heritage site declared by UNESCO.

DAILY SCHEDULE & SPECIAL EXCURSIONS

Our retreat schedule will include daily sitting and walking meditation, often starting with a morning meditation at one of the Buddhist sites. This will be followed by breakfast at the hotel, after which we'll visit one of the Buddhist sites listed below in the itinerary. Shantum will offer a detailed talk on that site in the context of the Buddha's life and teachings, and what was happening in the area many centuries ago. Pilgrims will have some time at the site itself, after which we will go to lunch. We'll rest after lunch or we may visit another site, go to a village, school, visit a teacher or institute, meet with environmental activists, etc. We return to the hotel by evening in time for dinner and usually end with a group discussion on the day. On the days we travel, the itinerary will vary slightly, and there will be some flexibility depending on the size, needs, and interest of the group.

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION INFORMATION & TRAVEL FACTS

The cost for the pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of the Buddha" (January 18 to January 31, 2025) is US **\$7200** based on double occupancy. The single room supplement is an additional US **\$1650***.

The cost of the Agra visit (February 1-February 2, 2025) is US **\$495** based on double occupancy. The single room supplement is an additional US **\$140***. The tour price includes guide services, transportation, meals, monument entrance fees, bottled water and lodging arrangements for the duration of the Agra option.

The cost of The Exquisite Caves of Ajanta & Ellora journey February 2 to February 5, 2025) is US **\$1695** based on double occupancy. The single room supplement is an additional US **\$535***. The tour price includes guide services, transportation, meals, monument entrance fees, bottled water and lodging arrangements for the duration of the Caves option.

The tour **price includes**: airport transfers and escort services in New Delhi, guide services, transportation inside India, monument entrance fees, all meals, bottled water and lodging arrangements (based on twin-sharing rooms) for the duration of the pilgrimage. All registration fees are payable in US dollars or the equivalent in Canadian dollars, GBP, Euro etc. *Forced single room supplement (in case we are not able to room you with anyone else) will be 50% of the single supplement

Please note that the cost does not cover:

International airfare to and from New Delhi, visas and other international arrangements, any extra days spent in India beyond the dates of the pilgrimage, excess baggage fees on the flights and phone calls during the pilgrimage, laundry during the pilgrimage or medical and other insurance coverage such as travel insurance.

As the good hotels are limited at the Buddhist sites, and sometimes a few groups arrive on the same day, it may be difficult for hotels to provide a single room, and in some very exceptional circumstances, even a twin-sharing basis is unavailable. We ask for your understanding if this circumstance should arise.

TO REGISTER

A non-refundable deposit of **\$500 U.S. per person** is required at the time of booking. The remainder of the cost of the pilgrimage is due by October 1, 2025.

For cancellations received up to eight weeks before the commencement of the journey only the deposit will be forfeited. The cancellation fee within eight weeks of the beginning of the journey will be 100% of the total cost.

Travel Insurance: We encourage people to take travel insurance. The range of coverage can vary significantly from policy to policy, and travelers are encouraged to speak with a travel agency to identify a policy that suits their needs. Things to consider are travel delays, trip cancellation or interruption, medical coverage, and baggage loss or delay. Before purchasing insurance, you may wish to check with your health insurance carrier to see if your policy includes medical care overseas. Please note that many insurance carriers require that insurance be purchased at the time a deposit or final payment is made; check with your carrier for details.

ARRIVAL

Arrival and departure are to and from New Delhi (Delhi), India. Participants are responsible for making their own round-trip flight arrangements from their point of origin to New Delhi, India and back. For international flights, tickets should be booked as early as possible. Flights to and from India are frequently full, and this trip takes place at the height of the tourist season. Most international flights arrive at night or early morning. You may check with us before you confirm your flight bookings.

We will arrange a **complimentary airport transfer** on arrival.

The pilgrimage will begin at 12.00 noon on January 19, 2025.

DEPARTURE

We will do a **complimentary airport transfer** for your departure.

The pilgrimage will end at 12 pm (noon) on February 1, 2025 in New Delhi. You should book your departure for a late-evening flight.

The Agra Taj Mahal journey will end at 12:00pm (noon) on February 2, 2025. You should book your departure flight for a late evening flight on February 2, 2025.

The Exquisite Caves of Ajanta & Ellora journey will begin on the evening of February 2, 2025 and will end in the evening on February 5. You should book your departure flight for a late-night flight on February 5 or early morning of February 6, 2025.

EXTRA NIGHTS

For those wishing an extra day or two to recover from air travel before the pilgrimage begins, or who wish to stay longer after the pilgrimage ends, we would be happy to provide a list of hotels in Delhi. Please make your hotel bookings for New Delhi well in advance, as November is a peak travel month.

SINGLE ROOM

Single rooms are available and there is a single room supplement.

For single travelers who do NOT want to opt for a single room, we will undertake to room them with someone suitable.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP

You will need a valid passport and visas for both India and Nepal. Normally the visa is valid for 6 months from date of issue.

The **visa for Nepal can be obtained on arrival** ((it costs US\$ 30, in cash – please bring clean and un-torn notes) at the Indo-Nepal border while on the pilgrimage. Please ensure you have an empty page on your passport and one passport-sized photograph.

India Visa Information

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP You will need a valid passport and visa for India.

The visa for India should be obtained before travel and should be a **Multiple Entry Visa**. The visa should be obtained before travel. Please make sure that the visa covers the dates of your travel.

An <u>Electronic Travel Authorization</u> (ETA) as e-Tourist Visa on Arrival (eTVA) is available for some countries. The Link for e-Tourist Visa <u>https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html</u> Home Page <u>https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/</u>

If there are payment issues on the evisa portal, please try and use PayPal along with your Debit card if you fail to do so by Credit card.

You may need to submit the following information about the tour company: Company Name: Seth Consultants Pvt. Ltd. (Government-Approved Tour Operators) Registered Address: 50/8 First Floor, Tolstoy Lane, Janpath, New Delhi 110001, INDIA Tel: +91-120-4334284 Email: info@buddhapath.com

PLEASE CARRY A COPY OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RETURN TICKET AS YOUR TICKET IS CHECKED BEFORE YOU ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER INDIAN AIRPORTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED

Each participant must provide the following details in order to reserve train, air and hotels: Name, gender, date of birth, passport number, date of issue of passport, date of expiry of passport, place of issue of passport, and emergency contact information. In addition, registrants must provide the visa number, date of issue, date of expiry and place of issue as soon as the visa for travel to India has been issued. Please send us the visa details after you have obtained them.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE, ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS & TIPPING

As stated above, hotels, food, transportation within India, and guide services are all covered by the tour fees. It is suggested that travelers carry adequate cash for expenses like gifts or souvenirs, as it is difficult to change money at the sites we visit during the pilgrimage. Travelers will also need money if they are planning to extend their stay in India before or after the pilgrimage. Credit cards such as VISA or American Express are accepted *only* in some of the hotels and large shops in Delhi or Varanasi, but **not** in all the places we visit. There are ATM machines in most places where one can access cash, but their presence is not universal as it is in the U.S. or other countries. One US Dollar approximates 83 Indian Rupees as of December 7, 2023. We recommend that you convert some cash at the airport when you arrive in New Delhi. There is no need to exchange it in your country — it is best to do so in India. There are a couple of banks with a standard exchange rate at the airport both before and after you clear customs. Please keep your bank receipts carefully in case you need to change the money into dollars when you return home.

Travelers often have questions about **tipping.** In the last few years, we have developed a system where a kitty is collected at the beginning, and the tips are distributed from it (contributing is optional). Thus far, this has worked well. It usually works out to \$10 to \$15 per day, but this figure could vary. It may be a good idea to set aside \$200 for tips.

US\$ 500 in cash currency is a suggested amount to carry to India.

If you arrive before the start of the pilgrimage or stay after it concludes, the general rule is as follows: tipping someone who has carried your luggage is common and we would suggest Rs.100. In restaurants, one normally leaves a tip of between 5% to 10% of the entire bill, unless a service charge has already been levied. It is not necessary to tip taxi drivers; however, if you have hired a car for the day and you are happy with the driver, a tip of between Rs.200 to Rs.500 is fine.

HOTELS/HOUSING

We choose the best available accommodations in the vicinity of the sites (which are normally five-star hotels, heritage hotels and Japanese guest houses) based on shared, twin-bedded rooms with a private bath or shower and toilet. The accommodations are clean and comfortable — in some cases monastic-style, and in some cases rather luxurious. If you prefer a single room (where available), there is a price supplement.

ELECTRICITY

India uses 220 volts, 50 cycles AC. Plugs/sockets are usually an issue (the electrical sockets in India have round holes, not flat one, so please ensure that the stems of your plug have rounded stems). It's best to travel with a **universal plug adaptor**.

WEATHER & CLOTHING NEEDS

Given that there can be a high variation between the daytime and evening temperatures (the general range is from 10 degrees to 25 degrees Celsius, (60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit) layering is a practical approach. It's important to be comfortable and modestly dressed. We recommend that you bring one jacket and a light sweater for the evening; perhaps a shawl if you want to meditate in the morning. For the warmer part of the day, cotton shirts, T-shirts and cotton trousers will work well. There is no need to bring formal clothing.

Generally, the weather is dry with a small possibility of light rain or fog in some places. It is handy to have an umbrella that can double as a sunshade if it gets too sunny or even be used as a walking stick. Please bring comfortable sneakers or sandals (which you can wear with socks if it gets cold). We do not go on treks, but one or two of the (optional) walks are long. We also visit a number of temples where you will need to remove your shoes, so it is helpful to bring a pair of socks (the airline slip-ons are very convenient). It is always useful to have a hat or cap to protect you from the sun. We are allowed 15 kilos (33 lbs.) check in baggage and 7kgs (15 lbs) as cabin baggage on Indian airplanes, so we recommend that you travel light. You can carry extra baggage, at an additional cost. Laundry facilities are available at all the places we stay, and laundry is returned within 24 hours. Please do bring along your meditation cushion (if you are unable to sit, a folding camp stool is a good substitute).

HEALTH CONCERNS (please note this is pre-COVID 19 information. We will update you a few months before the journey)

We are cognizant of the ongoing COVID pandemic and will be taking precautions to avoid unnecessary exposure where possible. There are Governmental regulations that change from time to time. We will keep you informed of the relevant changes as we go along.

We stay in clean, safe places, and the food in the places we stay will be clean, fresh and prepared to suit a delicate digestive system. You will be provided bottled mineral water for drinking.

If you are coming from Africa or some parts of Latin America, a certificate of yellow fever inoculation is required by the Indian authorities. If you are coming from Kenya, you have to take the OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) before you travel.

There is no other medical restriction upon your entry into India. We recommend a Hepatitis-A inoculation and a Tetanus shot. If you prefer to be more careful, then please speak to your physician. We do carry a first-aid kit with us, but many people prefer to bring their own supply of medicines. We would recommend you get an insect/mosquito repellent and also a stomach medicine for both diarrhea and constipation as one's stomach has its own way of adjusting to different foods.

SIM CARD, IPHONE ETC.

It is quite easy and inexpensive to get a local SIM card for your mobile phone at the Delhi airport. You need one photograph and a copy of your Indian visa and passport. If you have an iPhone, you may need to 'unlock' it before you come to India. Mobile telephony in India is inexpensive.

Internet and wi-fi is available at many of the hotels we use.

IT IS USEFUL TO HAVE WHATSAPP ON YOUR PHONE WHEN TRAVELLING. PLEASE SHARE THIS NUMBER WITH US

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL SERVICES (e.g. shuttle buses, taxis)

<u>We provide airport transfers both ways</u> and all the transport services during the pilgrimage, including having you met on arrival in New Delhi. There is no extra charge for meeting you at the airport. For those who want to make your own arrangements, the Delhi Airport has cabs lined up and you can register with them.

DISCLAIMER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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By making a deposit for the tour, participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this document in its entirety, and have consented to all conditions herein, including the Disclaimer and Release of Liability. For participants under 18 years of age, their parent or legal guardian shall sign on their behalf and the same Disclaimer and Release shall apply.

REGISTRATION FORM

Each pilgrim must complete this form in full, and send with a **non-refundable** deposit of \$500 per pilgrim to: Ms. Bina Aranha *Buddhapath/Eleven Directions* 309-B, Sector 15A, Noida 201 301, India Tel: +91-120-4334284; 2511633; 2512162; 2512162 Email: <u>info@buddhapath.com</u>

Here is the link to the Registration form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9IW-HQ9Zt7tQswLHdHjNpw9yHwhicA8tHeze1vArDwS_JSg/viewform?usp=sf_link