

Deer Park/Plum Village Peepal# Pilgrimage February 2025:

In the Footsteps of the Buddha - A Pilgrimage retreat through India and Nepal led by the Plum Village Monastics of Deer Park Monastery and Dharmacharya Shantum Seth

February 9 – February 22, 2025

#Peepal (Ficus religiosa) is the species of tree under which the Buddha awakened in Bodh Gaya

Sponsorship: For every 6 people who sign up for the pilgrimage, one monastic is sponsored free on the pilgrimage. You are also welcome to independently sponsor a monastic to come on the pilgrimage.

● TRAVEL FACTS

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 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, while also making it relevant to our times. Pilgrims will have some time at the site to walk around, after which we will have lunch. We'll rest after lunch, after which we may visit another site associated with the Buddha or go to a village, school, home and meet with interesting people etc. We return to the hotel by evening in time for dinner. The monastics will lead us in many of the practices.

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.

Deer Park Monastery/Plum Village Peepal Pilgrimage February 2025: In the Footsteps of the Buddha - A pilgrimage retreat led by the Monastics of Deer Park and Dharmacharya Shantum Seth (February 9 to February 22, 2025) - US\$ 5500, based on double occupancy. The single room supplement is an additional US\$ 1560.

The Pilgrimage **price includes** teachings, meditation and Dharma talks from the Plum Village tradition monastics and Shantum, guide services, transportation, meals, monument entrance fees, bottled water and lodging arrangements for the duration of the pilgrimage.

Agra – Building Love, the Taj Mahal Option (February 22 to February 23, 2025) 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 Exquisite Caves of Ajanta & Ellora extension (February 23 to February 26, 2025) - US\$ 1695 based on double occupancy. The single room supplement is an additional US\$ 475

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, teaching and guide services, local flights and transportation during the pilgrimage, monument entrance fees, all meals (vegetarian), bottled water and lodging arrangements for the duration of the pilgrimage. All registration fees are payable in U.S. dollars, Euros or the equivalent in another currency.

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,

laundry and medical and other insurance coverage, tips and anything not included in what the 'price includes'.. It is advisable that participants purchase 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 places we may even have triple-sharing for rooms. We ask for your understanding if this circumstance should arise.*

TO REGISTER

To register, you may complete the form at the end of this document and email it and send your payment.

CANCELLATION

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

REGISTRATION FORM

Each pilgrim must complete the form below in full, and send (email is fine) with the deposit payment (\$500 per person) to:

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