

# In the Footsteps of the Buddha-A Pilgrimage Retreat through India

*Led by Brother Phap Huu and other monastics from Plum Village and Dharmacharya Shantum Seth*

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**Peepal\* Pilgrimage Saturday January 31 to Friday February 13, 2026**

**Optional Extensions:**

**Building Love - Agra (Taj Mahal and Agra Fort) February 13-14, 2026** (ending in Delhi)

**The Exquisite Caves– Ajanta & Ellora February 14-February 17, 2026** (beginning and ending in Delhi)

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

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This 14-day journey begins in the vibrant capital of India, Delhi, where ancient history meets modern charm and sacred sites offer a meaningful gateway to our spiritual journey.

**Arrival day is Saturday, January 31, 2026. Your hotel room will be available for check-in after 2.00 pm.**

## ITINERARY:

No.	Date	Week Day	Travel	Night Stay
1	31-Jan-26	Saturday	Pilgrimage begins in Delhi at 12:00 pm (noon)	Delhi
2	01-Feb-26	Sunday	Delhi – Varanasi by flight	Varanasi
3	02-Feb-26	Monday	Varanasi	Varanasi
4	03-Feb-26	Tuesday	Varanasi – Bodh Gaya	Bodh Gaya
5	04-Feb-26	Wednesday	Bodh Gaya	Bodh Gaya
6	05-Feb-26	Thursday	Bodh Gaya - Rajgir	Rajgir
7	06-Feb-26	Friday	Rajgir - Nalanda - Rajgir	Rajgir
8	07-Feb-26	Saturday	Rajgir - Vaishali	Vaishali
9	08-Feb-26	Sunday	Vaishali - Kesariya - Kushinagar	Kushinagar
10	09-Feb-26	Monday	Kushinagar	Kushinagar
11	10-Feb-26	Tuesday	Kushinagar- Kapilavastu-Sravasti	Sravasti
12	11-Feb-26	Wednesday	Sravasti	Sravasti
13	12-Feb-26	Thursday	Sravasti - Lucknow	Lucknow
14	13-Feb-26	Friday	Lucknow-Delhi by flight. Pilgrimage ends in Delhi at 12:00 pm (noon)	Departure/Agra
1	14-Feb-26	Saturday	Agra-Delhi late evening.	Departure Delhi (for Caves)
1	15-Feb-26	Sunday	Delhi - Aurangabad by flight	Aurangabad
2	16-Feb-26	Monday	Aurangabad	Aurangabad
3	17-Feb-26	Tuesday	Aurangabad - Delhi by flight.	Departure

*\* Adjustments to the itinerary may occur depending on causes and conditions.*

## ARRIVAL

- All travel arrangements to and from New Delhi (DEL), India, are the responsibility of participants.
  - It is best to book international flights as early as possible, as prices tend to increase closer to the travel date.
  - Most international flights arrive in Delhi late at night or in the early morning hours. We will provide an airport transfer regardless of your arrival time.
  - We offer a **complimentary airport transfer** upon your arrival in New Delhi.
  - Hotel check-in on **Saturday, January 31, 2026**
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## DEPARTURE

- A complimentary airport transfer is also provided for your departure.
  - Your flight from **Lucknow to Delhi** arrives at approximately **12:00 pm (noon)** on **Friday, February 13, 2026**. We recommend booking international flights **departing after 8:00 pm** on February 13.
  - For those joining the **Agra extension**, you will return to Delhi on the evening of **Saturday, February 14, 2026**. Plan to book a **late-evening** departure on **February 14** or an **early morning** flight on **February 15**.
  - If you are taking the **Ajanta & Ellora extension**, your journey ends **on the evening of Tuesday, February 17, 2026**. You should book your departure for the **night of February 17 (after 1:00 am on February 18)**.
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## EXTRA NIGHTS

For those who wish to arrive early to adjust to the time zone or stay longer after the pilgrimage ends, we can assist with additional nights in New Delhi. Please request these arrangements well in advance. If you plan to take extra excursions within India or elsewhere in Asia, we would be happy to help coordinate them.