

## II023 Kashi, Ayodhya with Chitrakoot – 9 Days



Greetings from WPS Holidays. It gives us immense pleasure to provide you with detailed itinerary and quote for your upcoming pilgrimage to Kashi, Ayodhya with Chitrakoot.

### Cities Covered

- ✓ Varanasi : 4 Nights
- ✓ Ayodhya : 1 Night
- ✓ Lucknow : 1 Night
- ✓ Allahabad : 2 Nights

### Highlights:

- ✓ Varanasi City Tour with Darshan at Kashi Vishwanath Temple and evening Ganga Aarti
- ✓ Visit Sarnath Temple, Ashok Pillar, Varansi weaving Centre
- ✓ Visit Gaya and darshan at Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhi Tree, Vishnupaad Temple
- ✓ Ayodhya City Tour with visit to famous Ramayana era religious places
- ✓ Visit Namisharanya (Enroute Ayodhya to Lucknow)
- ✓ Holy Dip at Triveni Sangam and City Tour of Allahabad
- ✓ Day Trip to Chitrakoot including visit to Ram ghat, Hanuman Dhara, Janki Kund & Bharat Milap Temple

### Meals:

- ✓ 08 Breakfast at Hotel
- ✓ 08 Dinner at Hotel

### **Day 1:- Arrive Varanasi / Transfer to Hotel. City tour of Varanasi & evening Ganga Aarti. (Dinner)**

- Welcome to Varanasi or Banaras, mentioned in the scriptures as Kashi, is less of a city and more of a dreamy experience. The city is located on the banks of River Ganga which has two tributaries in the

city: Varuna and Assi; hence the name Varanasi. The combination of Kashi – the holy city, Ganga- the sacred river and Shiva- the supreme God, makes Varanasi an immortal destination.

- On arrival, transfer to hotel and check in.
- Freshen-up and then we proceed for city tour including visit to New Kashi Vishwanath Temple in campus of Banaras Hindu University, Sankat Mochan Temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, Durga Temple & Tridev Temple.
- In the evening get ready for the boat ride on the River Ganga converge at the Dashashwamedha Ghat. Later proceed for the magical Aarti. Five-seven young priests follow a practiced routine with flaming lamps, incense sticks, conches and other holy paraphernalia to a live bhajan sung on the microphone – the synchrony is mesmerizing.
- Back to hotel after Maa Ganga Aarti.
- Dinner and Overnight in Varanasi.

## Day 2:- Day trip to Gaya and Bodhgaya.

**(Breakfast & Dinner)**

- After breakfast, proceed to Gaya, Bihar. Visit Vishnupaad temple for Ritual Pinda Dann Pooja and Mangala Gauri Darshan.
- Later drive to Bodhgaya and visit / darshan at Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhi Tree, Great Buddha Statue, Chinese Temple, Barabar Caves,
- Later visit The Ajapala Nigrodha tree which is denoted by the pillar standing in its place on the eastern entrance of the temple complex. After attaining enlightenment, Buddha spent his fifth week in meditation here. There are many followers who sit around here and chant continuously.



- Lastly visit the Royal Bhutan Monastery, Another place to learn and practise Buddhism in Gaya is the Royal Bhutan Monastery, which is also considered as one of the most magnificent monasteries in the region.
- In the evening, back to Varanasi.
- Dinner and Overnight in Varanasi.

## Day 3:- Sightseeing in Varanasi with Darshan at Holy Temples.

**(Breakfast & Dinner)**

- Early morning proceed to banks of holy river Ganga to take a dip in the holy waters and darshan at main Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Annapurna Temple, Vishalakshi Temple & Kaal Bhairav Temple.
- After breakfast visit Sarnath. Sarnath is the place where Lord Buddha preached first sermon after enlightenment. Visit Dhamek Stupa, Chaukhandi Stupa, Jain Temple, Buddha Temple, Sarnath Museum, Ashok Pillar, Deer Park. Then move drive to Ramnagar Fort, Palace of Maharaj Banaras.
- In evening, indulge in some shopping at the famous Silk weaving center of Banaras. Varanasi is famous for its Silk Sarees and the brocades hand-woven in Gold or Silver thread. If you pass by these areas, the clack of weaving looms persists like a background score. Shopkeepers often do the

quintessential 'ring test' to affirm the quality of the silk, where the complete Saree can pass through a ring.

- Back to hotel in the evening.
- Dinner and Overnight in Varanasi.

#### **Day 4:- Depart Varanasi / Arrive Ayodhya. Visit of holy Ramayana Era sites including Ram Janam Bhumi.**

**(Breakfast & Dinner)**

- After Breakfast, checkout from hotel and drive towards Ayodhya.
- It is a city situated on the banks of holy river Saryu. It is an ancient city of India, birthplace of Bhagwan Shri Rama and setting of the great epic Ramayana. It is adjacent to Faizabad city in the central region of Uttar Pradesh. Owing to the belief as the birthplace of Bhagwan Shri Ram, Ayodhya (Awadhपुरी) has been regarded as first one of the seven most important pilgrimage sites (Mokshdayini Sapt Puris) for Hindus.
- On arrival, transfer to hotel and check in.
- Freshen-up and proceed to visit holy sites of Ayodhya including Saryu River, Hanuman Garhi, Ram Janam Bhumi, Kanak Bhawan, Ramkot, Swarg Dwar, Mani Parbat, Sugriv Parbat, Treta Ke Thakur and Nageswarnath Temple.
- In the evening, back to hotel.
- Dinner and Overnight at Ayodhya.

#### **Day 5:- Depart Ayodhya. Day Trip to Namisharanya. Arrive Lucknow.**

**(Breakfast & Dinner)**

- After Breakfast, checkout from hotel and drive towards Namisharanya.
- Start with the visit to chakrathirth, it is believed that Chakratirth is the place where Lord Brahma's wheel cracked through the Earth developing a large source of water. Then next to Hanuman Garhi, Pandav Kila, Lalita Devi Temple, Yvas Gaddi, Havan Kund, Misrikh Dadhichi Kund, Sita Kund, Param Mandir and Ashram of Maa Anandamayi.
- After visiting all the pilgrimage places, head towards Lucknow.
- Arrive Lucknow hotel and checkin.
- Dinner and Overnight in Lucknow.

#### **Day 6:- Depart Lucknow / Arrive Allahabad. Local Sightseeing.**

**(Breakfast & Dinner)**

- After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and proceed to Allahabad now known as Prayagraj.
- It is one of the oldest cities in India. It is crowned in ancient scriptures as 'Prayag' or 'Teertharaj' and is considered the holiest of pilgrimage center of India. It is situated at the confluence of three rivers- Ganga, Yamuna and the invisible Saraswati.
- On arrival transfer to hotel and check in, and freshen up.
- Witness and take holy dip at the Triveni Sangam, the point where the brown water of the Ganga meets the green water of the Yamuna, along with the mythical Saraswati, which remains unseen but believed to run underground.
- Later visit the Allahabad Fort, Hanuman Temple, Anand Bhawan, Allahabad Museum, Iskon Temple, Alopi Devi Temple & Nav Grah Temple.
- Dinner and Overnight in Allahabad.

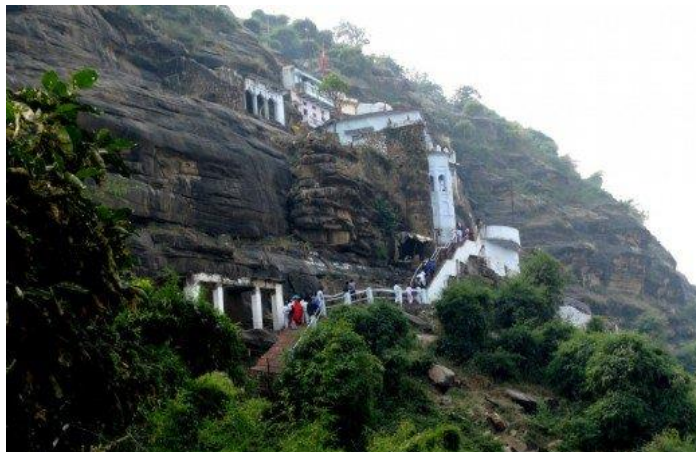
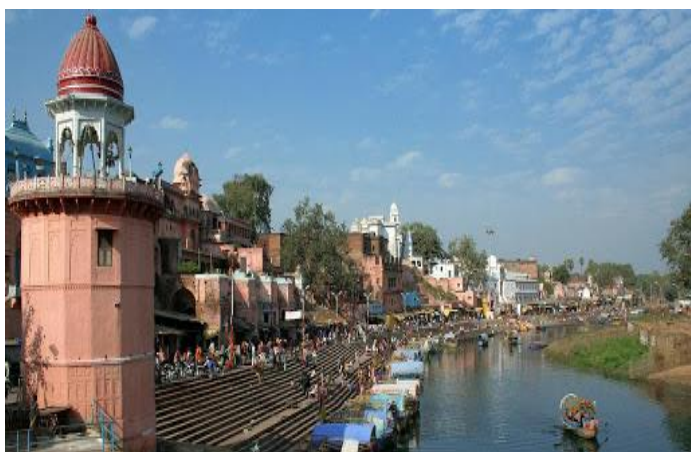
#### **Day 7:- Day trip to Chitrakoot.**

**(Breakfast & Dinner)**

- After breakfast, proceed to Chitrakoot, meaning "the hill of many wonders".



- It falls in the northern Vindhya Range of mountains spread over the states of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Lord Rama spend a major part of his exile here. According to the epic Ramayana, Chitrakoot is the place where Bharat, brother of Lord Rama came to visit him and asked him to return to Ayodhya and rule the kingdom. It is believed that the supreme Gods of Hinduism, (Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva) took incarnations here. The place is dotted with many temples and several religious sites.
- At Chitrakoot, everything relates to Lord Rama. One can also explore the amalgamation of culture and history on this land. Chitrakoot is a spiritual retreat, thronged almost throughout the year by travellers, who have a penchant for the unknown and unexplored. Chitrakoot is a perfect blend of divinity, serenity, and natural beauty.



- In Chitrakoot visit Ram ghat, Hanuman Dhara, Kamadgiri, Bharat koop, Bharat milap Temple, Gupt Godavari, Janki kund, Sati Anusuya ashram, Sphatik shila, Ganesh Bagh, Valmiki ashram, Lakshman chowki, Ram Shaiyya etc.
- Retrace to Allahabad, transfer to hotel.
- Dinner and Overnight in Allahabad.

**Day 8:- Depart Allahabad / Arrive Varanasi. Enroute visit Vindhyachal & Sitamadhi. (Breakfast & Dinner)**

- After Breakfast checkout from hotel and proceed to Varanasi.
- Enroute visit the Vindhyachal, Sitamadhi Devi Temple & Shaktipeeth. Vindhyachal is the only place in the world, where ‘Devi’ (Goddess) is worshipped as per tenets of ‘Vaam Maarg’ as well as ‘Dakshina Maarg’ of ‘Shakti’ cult of Hinduism. The very famous war between Goddess Durga and Demon King Mahishasur, took place at Vindhyachal.
- Proceed to Varanasi. On arrival, transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is free for leisure.
- Dinner and Overnight in Varanasi.

**Day 9:- Depart Varanasi / Arrive Home. (Breakfast)**

- After breakfast check out from hotel and transfer to Varanasi Airport / Railway Station for your journey back home with wonderful memories & souvenirs from your Kashi, Ayodhya with Chitrakoot Pilgrimage.

**Hotels**

City	Hotels
Varanasi	3* Hotel
Ayodhya	3* Hotel
Lucknow	3* Hotel
Allahabad	3* Hotel

## Tour Cost (Based on Minimum 6 Pax Travelling Together)

Hotel Category	Adult on Twin Sharing
3* Hotel	

**\*\* Above tour cost does not include Diwali Peak Season Supplement Charges**

### Inclusions

- ✓ 08 Nights Hotel Accommodation
- ✓ 08 Continental Breakfast at Hotel
- ✓ 08 Dinner at Hotel
- ✓ All Sightseeing as per itinerary (Entrance Fees not included)
- ✓ All tours and transfer by Pvt. Vehicle
- ✓ All toll, parking, driver Bata, Fuel cost and night halt etc.

### Exclusions

- ✓ Cost of Flight / Train Tickets
- ✓ Cost of Lunches
- ✓ 5% GST
- ✓ Porterage at the hotels
- ✓ Anything not specified in inclusions above

### Booking Conditions

At the time of Booking	Rs. 10,000/- Per Person
45 Days before departure	50% of Holiday Cost
44 - 30 Days before departure	100% of Holiday Cost

### Cancellation Policy

45 Days before departure	Rs. 10,000/- Per Person
44 - 30 Days before departure	50% of Holiday Cost
29 - 15 Days before departure	100% of Holiday Cost

### Terms & Conditions

- This is just a quote, no reservations held yet or booking is not to proceed yet.
- The rooms & rates are subject to availability at the time of booking/ confirmation. Room rates are on per person/Twin or Double sharing basis. Single room supplements charges extra.
- Hotel, Sightseeing, Meals, Transfers rate might change without any prior notice until & unless it has been booked/ confirmed from your end.
- The change in dates will attract re-quote.
- Normal Hotel check-in time is from 14.00 hrs onwards. & check-out time is at 12.00 hrs.
- Additional Bank charges will be applicable, if payment is made in foreign currency.
- The above cost does not include any kind of surcharge if applicable during the given travel period.
- At check in, all guests will be required to present a Major Credit Card for incidentals. "No Show" is subject to Full Booking Charges.
- Quotation might change due to currencies ROE fluctuation during confirmation & booking process.

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