

Mahaparinirvan Express

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About the Train

The Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train, popularly known as the Mahaparinirvan Express, is a specially designed pilgrimage train introduced by IRCTC in 2007. Created for Buddhist pilgrims and spiritual travelers from around the world, this remarkable train journey connects some of the most revered Buddhist destinations across India and Nepal. The thoughtfully curated itinerary allows travelers to walk in the footsteps of Lord Buddha while experiencing comfort, convenience, and spiritual serenity throughout the journey.



A Spiritual Journey Across Sacred Buddhist Destinations

The Mahaparinirvan Express offers an enriching 8-day pilgrimage tour that begins and concludes in Delhi. During the journey, travelers visit some of the holiest Buddhist sites associated with the life and teachings of Lord Buddha, including:

- Bodhgaya – The sacred place where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment.
- Sarnath – Where Buddha delivered his first sermon.
- Varanasi – One of the world's oldest living cities with deep spiritual significance.
- Lumbini – The birthplace of Lord Buddha.
- Sravasti – A significant site where Buddha spent many monsoon seasons teaching disciples.
- Agra – Home to the iconic Taj Mahal.

The itinerary is carefully balanced, allowing guests to comfortably explore each destination without feeling rushed.



Comfortable Accommodation Onboard

The Mahaparinirvan Express is designed to provide a relaxing and comfortable travel experience for pilgrims and tourists alike. The train offers multiple accommodation categories to suit different preferences:

- First AC Cabins with spacious deluxe compartments
- First AC Coupe for enhanced privacy and comfort
- AC Two Tier Coaches with comfortable berths and curtains

The train includes:

- 18 First AC berths
- 92 AC Two-Tier berths
- 256 AC Three-Tier berths

All coaches are fully air-conditioned and maintained to ensure a peaceful journey.



Dining Experience Onboard

Dining aboard the Mahaparinirvan Express is both hygienic and satisfying. Freshly prepared vegetarian meals are served from the onboard kitchen car in a clean and comfortable environment.

Guests can enjoy:

- Hot and freshly cooked meals
- Indian and selected international cuisine
- Hygienic food preparation standards
- Courteous onboard service

The dining experience is thoughtfully arranged to provide comfort throughout the spiritual journey.



Modern Washrooms & Hygiene Facilities

The train is equipped with clean and spacious western-style washrooms designed for passenger comfort.

Facilities include:

- Hot and cold running water
- Shower cubicles
- Well-maintained lavatories
- Regular housekeeping and cleanliness services

Special attention is given to hygiene standards during the entire journey.



Safety & Additional Facilities

To ensure a safe and smooth travel experience, the Mahaparinirvan Express provides:

- 24x7 onboard security personnel
- CCTV surveillance
- Dedicated support staff
- Reading library for travelers
- Comfortable seating and resting areas

Passengers can travel with complete peace of mind while focusing on the spiritual essence of the tour.



Mahaparinirvana Express - Journey

Day 1 (Saturday) : Delhi – Gaya (990 kms)

Your spiritual journey aboard the Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train begins from Delhi, where guests assemble at Safdarjung Railway Station for a traditional welcome and tour briefing before boarding the train. After settling into the comfortable coaches and exploring the onboard facilities, the train departs for Gaya in the afternoon. In the evening, guests can enjoy a delicious dinner onboard while relaxing during the overnight journey towards one of Buddhism's holiest destinations.

Day 2 (Sunday) : Gaya – Bodhgaya (16 kms)

Begin the day with refreshing morning tea and breakfast onboard while admiring the scenic landscapes from the train. Upon arrival at Gaya Railway Station, proceed by coach to Bodhgaya, the sacred site where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. After hotel check-in and lunch, embark on a fascinating sightseeing tour covering the revered Mahabodhi Temple, Niranjana River, Thai Temple, Japanese Temple, and the magnificent Buddha Statue. The peaceful atmosphere and spiritual aura of Bodhgaya create an unforgettable experience. Later in the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3 (Monday) : Bodhgaya – Nalanda – Rajgir – Gaya – Varanasi

After an early breakfast at the hotel, proceed by coach to Rajgir, an important Buddhist heritage destination known for its spiritual significance. The sightseeing tour includes Bimbisara Jail, Gridhakuta Hill, and Venuvan Monastery. Following lunch, continue to Nalanda to explore the ruins of the world-famous Nalanda University and Nalanda Museum, once considered one of the greatest centers of learning in ancient India. In the evening, return to Gaya Railway Station and board the train for the onward journey to Varanasi while enjoying dinner onboard.

Day 4 (Tuesday) : Varanasi – Sarnath – Gorakhpur

Early in the morning, enjoy tea and breakfast onboard before arriving at Varanasi Railway Station. From here, proceed to Sarnath, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. The sightseeing tour includes the famous Dhamekh Stupa, Sarnath Museum, Ashokan Pillar, and Mulgandha Kuti Vihar. Later, check in at the hotel for lunch and some relaxation. In the evening, visit the sacred ghats of the River Ganges to witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony, a deeply spiritual experience filled with chants and glowing lamps. After the ceremony, return to the railway station and board the train for the overnight journey towards Nautanwa and Lumbini.

Day 5 (Wednesday) : Nautanwa – Lumbini

Begin the day with early morning tea and breakfast onboard before arriving at Nautanwa Railway Station. From here, proceed by coach to Lumbini in Nepal, the birthplace of Lord Buddha. After completing border formalities and hotel check-in, enjoy lunch and relax for a while. Later, embark on a sightseeing tour covering the sacred Maya Devi Temple and Ashokan Pillar, two of the most significant Buddhist pilgrimage attractions in the region. The serene surroundings and spiritual ambiance of Lumbini offer a peaceful and memorable experience. Dinner and overnight stay are arranged at the hotel.

Day 6 (Thursday) : Lumbini – Kushinagar – Gorakhpur

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and proceed by coach to Kushinagar, the sacred place where Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at the hotel before exploring important Buddhist sites including the Mahaparinirvan Temple, Rambhar Stupa, Mata Kutir Temple, and other notable monuments associated with Buddhism. In the evening, continue by coach to Gorakhpur Railway Station and board the Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train for the onward journey to Balrampur. Dinner is served onboard as the train proceeds overnight.

Day 7 (Friday) : Balrampur – Sravasti – Balrampur – Agra

Arrive at Balrampur Railway Station during the early morning hours and enjoy tea onboard before proceeding by coach to Sravasti, one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage destinations where Lord Buddha spent many monsoon seasons teaching his disciples. After breakfast at the hotel, begin sightseeing covering Jetavana Vihara, Pakki Kuti, and Sahet Mahet, all known for their deep spiritual and historical significance. Following lunch, return to Balrampur Railway Station and board the train for the onward journey to Agra. Relax onboard and enjoy dinner as the train continues towards the city of the Taj Mahal.

Day 8 (Saturday) : Agra – Delhi

The final day of the journey begins with morning tea and breakfast onboard before arriving at Agra Railway Station. Proceed for sightseeing of the world-famous Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a timeless symbol of love. After exploring this architectural masterpiece, return to Agra Cantt Railway Station and board the train for the return journey to Delhi. Enjoy lunch and evening tea onboard while reflecting on the unforgettable spiritual experiences of the tour. The Buddhist pilgrimage journey concludes upon arrival at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station in the evening.



Departure Dates for 2026-27

Month/Year	2026	2027
January	3	2
February	21	20
March	21	20
October	24	-
November	21	-
December	19	-



Package Rates (Per Person) for 2026-27

Surcharge (Per pax):

- A surcharge of USD 150 or INR 12,600 is applicable for confirmed allocation of a 2-berth cabin in AC First Class for both full and partial tour bookings.
- Guests opting for single hotel occupancy throughout the journey will be charged an additional USD 200 or INR 16,800 for the entire tour (applicable for AC First Class and AC Two Tier passengers). Alternatively, a charge of USD 50 or INR 4,200 per stay or freshen-up arrangement at the hotel will apply.
- An additional USD 669 or INR 56,200 will be charged for confirmed exclusive allocation of a single lower berth in a 2-seater First Class cabin for the full or partial journey. In this arrangement, the upper berth will remain unallocated to any other passenger.
- An additional USD 669 or INR 56,200 will apply for guaranteed allocation of two lower berths in a 4-seater First Class cabin for the full or partial journey. The two upper berths in the cabin will remain vacant and will not be allotted to other travelers.

Class of Train Journey	Capacity	Per Day		Full Tour (7N/8D)	
		In USD	In INR	In USD	In INR
AC 1st Class	96 Guests	175	14,375	1,400	1,15,000
AC 2nd Class	60 Guests	145	11,875	1,160	95,000



Mahaparinirvana Express - Gallery

