



Buddhist Circuit Tour in Pakistan

8 nights & 9 days

Gandhara literally meaning land of fragrance was one of the most famous Buddhist civilization, it existed which in now North West Pakistan and northern Afghanistan, After conversion to Buddhism Ashoka played a greater part in spreading Buddhism in the region by building Buddhist Monasteries & Stupas one of these is at Dharmarajika stupa in Taxila where Ashoka buried several relics of Buddha here however Greater Gandhara spread as far as Kabul, Bamiyan, Peshawar, Dir, Bajaur, Hill of Swat valley, Plains of Punjab, and south in Sindh towards Mohenjo-daro city of Indus Valley civilization Buddhism has played a major role in the history of Pakistan — the land of which over time has been part of predominantly Buddhist empires such as the Indo-Greek Kingdom, the Kushan Empire, the Maurya Empire of Ashoka, the Pala Empire.

Itinerary

DAY 01: Arrival Islamabad

- Meet & greet at Islamabad International Airport, Islamabad
- You will be transferred to hotel
- Rest time
- In evening short Islamabad City Tour
- Return to hotel
- Overnight stay at hotel in Islamabad
(Approx. 1 hour of drive depending on road conditions /approx. 40 kms)

DAY 02: (Islamabad Stay)

Islamabad – Taxila – Bhamala – Islamabad (full day trip)

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- **Museum**
The Museum at the entrance to the site is the best place to start. It gives an overview of the history of the city, as well as showcasing some of the wonderful finds, including many Buddha statues. Return to Islamabad / Overnight stay in hotel
- **Sirkap**
Sirkap is close to the museum, so is easily accessible on foot. This site is the second city of ancient Taxila (Taxila II on the maps) and is presently known as Sirkap after the name of a wicked character from a folk legend, who lived and died here.
- **Jandial**

Just down the hill from both Jaulian and Mohra Moradu is Jandial, a sanctuary which looks remarkably similar to a Greek temple.

- **Mohra Moradu**
Mohra Moradu is, like Jaulian, a Buddhist complex consisting of a stupa and a monastery. It was excavated in 1915-16.
- **Jaulian**
The first site we visited was Jaulian, a Buddhist stupa with a vihara (or monastery) and university on a hill 300 feet above the surrounding countryside. They date to the Kushan Era (between 1st and 5th centuries C.E.)
- **Bhamala, Khanpur**
Bhamala Stupa is a ruined Buddhist stupa and National Heritage Site near Haripur, Pakistan that dates to the 2nd century CE. Bhamala stupa is part of the larger Bhamala Buddhist Complex.
- Return to hotel / Overnight stay at hotel in Islamabad
(Approx. 5 hours of drive depending on road conditions /approx. 130 kms)

Day 03: Peshawar Stay

Islamabad – Swabi – Peshawar

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- Check out and drive towards Swabi
- Reach Swabi
- Short detour from Swabi Interchange & drive towards Hund Museum
- Later on drive towards Chota Lahor
- Visit archeological site of Warruki Lahor / Chota Lahor
- After Chota Lahore, we will head towards Shahbaz Garhi to see The Historic Stones of Ashoka 'The Famous Rock Edicts of Ashoka'.
- The rock edicts were added to the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List on 30 January 2004 in the Cultural category
- Later on, head towards Peshawar
- Return to hotel in Peshawar and check in
- Overnight stay at hotel in Peshawar
(Approx. 5 hours of drive depending on road conditions /approx. 220 kms)

Day 04: Peshawar Stay

Peshawar

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- Half day Peshawar Museum Tour which is notable for its collection of Buddhist artwork dating from the ancient Gandhara Empire.

- In the 2nd half of the day, following places will be visited.
- Ruins of Ghor Khatri
- Royal Trail of Peshawar
- Sethi Houses, Qissa Khawani Bazaar, Ornaments Bazaar, Meena Bazar, Chowk Yadgar, Mosque Moaabat Khan
- Return to hotel
- Overnight stay at hotel in Peshawar

DAY 05 (Mingora / Saidu Sharif Stay)

Peshawar – Takht Bahi – Mingora / Saidu Sharif)

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- Drive towards Takh Bahi
- Visit Takht Bai
- Takht-i-Bahi "Throne of the water spring, commonly mispronounced as Takht-i-Bhai , is an Indo-Parthian archaeological site of ancient Buddhist monastery in Mardan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. The site is considered among the most imposing relics of Buddhism in all of Gandhara, and has been "exceptionally well-preserved."
- After Takht Bahi visit, drive towards Saidu Sharif
- Check in at hotel in Mingora Swat
- Free time
- Overnight stay at hotel in Peshawar
(Approx. 5 hours of drive depending on road conditions /approx. 180 kms)

DAY 06 (Mingora / Saidu Sharif Stay)

Swat

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- Drive towards Swat Museum
- 1 hr visit of Swat Museum
- And then afterwards we will cover following spots
- Jehanabad Buddha
- Visit Butkara 1 and 2
- Visit Saidu Stupa
- Return to hotel
- Free time
- Overnight stay at hotel in Saidu Sharif

DAY 07 (Mingora / Saidu Sharif Stay)

Swat

- Breakfast at 08:30 am

- Following ancient spots will be covered on this day
- Barikot, Nemogram
- Gumbatuna Stupa
- Amlook dara ruins and stupa
- Buddhist Statue at Ghalegay
- Buddhist carved statues at Shanlo Bagh & Hatti Dara
- Overnight stay at hotel in Saidu Sharif

Day 08: Islamabad International Airport

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- Drive towards Islamabad
- Reach Islamabad
- Hotel check in
- Visit Shah Allah Ditta Caves
- The Shah Allah Ditta caves, located in the village of the same name in the lap of the Margalla Hills on the outskirts of the capital, boast Buddhist murals which date back some 2,500 years.
- Short Islamabad City Tour
- Return to hotel
- Free time
- Overnight stay at hotel in Islamabad
(Approx. 4 hours of drive depending on road conditions /approx. 250 kms)

Day 09: Islamabad International Airport

- Breakfast at 08:00 am
- Check out by 12:00 am
- Departure for Islamabad International Airport
- Drop at IIA

----- END OF TOUR -----

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Accommodation on twin sharing for eight (08) nights
- Breakfast complimentary
- Air-Conditioned transport for whole journey
- Tour guide for whole tour
- Local guides in Swat & Peshawar
- Pick and drop at Islamabad
- Fuel & driver

- Toll taxes and parking Fee
- Entry tickets of museums, forts, ancient sites

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals (lunch, dinner)
- Any sightseeing outside of Itinerary
- Expenses of personal nature
- Bus / Train / Air tickets not included in the package price
- Entrance fee of national parks, museums, etc
- Personal insurance or loss of belongings
- Tips for driver, guide etc.
- Any Personal Expense
- Anything not mentioned in 'services included''

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