

Group DharmikYatra for Varansi (Kashi): A Journey of Faith Together

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Divine Group tour	Month / Year	Start Date	Finish Date	Day
Divine Group tour 1	2025 December	5th December	8th December	Friday
Divine Group tour 2	2026 January	16th January	19th January	Friday
Divine Group tour 3	2026 March	16th March	19th February	Monday
Divine Group tour 4	2026 April	16th April	19 th February	Thursday



Varanasi – The Eternal City on the Banks of Ganga

Varanasi, also known as Kashi or Banaras, stands as one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world and the spiritual nucleus of India. Resting gracefully along the crescent-shaped banks of the sacred river Ganga, the city is revered as the earthly abode of Lord Shiva. For the devout, a visit to Varanasi is not merely a journey, but a deeply transformative experience — a tryst with timeless faith and liberation.

The city's spiritual rhythm echoes through its countless ghats, age-old temples, and the melodic chanting of mantras that float in the air from dawn till dusk. Varanasi is where life and death converge, where the sacred and the mundane blend effortlessly, and where every corner tells a story of devotion, tradition, and continuity of Dharma.



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Spiritual Significance

According to ancient scriptures, Kashi was founded by Lord Shiva himself, making it a city beyond time and destruction. It is said that the flames on the ghats of Kashi never die — symbolizing the eternal light of the soul. A dip in the Ganga here is believed to purify one's karma and pave the path toward Moksha (liberation).

Devotees from across India and abroad throng to this holy city to perform *Pind Daan* for their ancestors, seek blessings at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, and witness the mystical *Ganga Aarti* that celebrates the goddess Ganga's divine descent upon earth.

The city's importance is enshrined in the *Kashi Khand* of the *Skanda Purana*, which declares that those who die in Kashi attain liberation directly through Lord Shiva's grace. It is thus called *Mahasmashan* — the great cremation ground that promises eternal peace.

Must-Visit Sacred Places

1. Kashi Vishwanath Temple

The crown jewel of Varanasi, the Kashi Vishwanath Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva in his Vishwanath (Lord of the Universe) form. The golden domes of the temple and the spiritually charged energy of its sanctum create an aura unlike any other. A darshan here completes the spiritual pilgrimage to Kashi.

2. Dashashwamedh Ghat

Famed for its vibrant *Ganga Aarti*, Dashashwamedh Ghat is where devotion meets divine brilliance. As the lamps illuminate the river and chants fill the air, one feels an indescribable peace.

Evening Aarti Timings: Around sunset daily.

3. Assi Ghat

Located at the confluence of river Ganga and Assi, this ghat symbolizes the balance of the five elements. Morning yoga sessions, poojas, and musical gatherings make it a serene hub for seekers and travelers alike.

4. Manikarnika Ghat

Considered the holiest among cremation ghats, Manikarnika is where life's transience meets spiritual eternity. Hindus believe that those cremated here find liberation from the cycle of rebirth.

5. Annapurna Devi Temple

Situated near the Vishwanath Temple, it is dedicated to Goddess Annapurna, the bestower of food and nourishment. Devotees believe that darshan here ensures lifelong prosperity and abundance.

6. Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple

One of the most revered temples in the city, it was believed to have been established by



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Tulsidas himself. The temple exudes powerful devotional energy, especially on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

7. Tulsi Manas Mandir

This temple marks the place where Goswami Tulsidas composed the epic *Ramcharitmanas*. The walls of the shrine bear verses from this sacred text, immersing visitors in the devotion of Rama Bhakti.

Ganga Aarti – The Divine Evening Spectacle

Every evening, as twilight descends upon the ghats, priests clad in saffron robes prepare for the iconic *Ganga Aarti*. The rhythmic blowing of conch shells synchronized bell ringing, and the graceful waving of lit lamps transform the ghat into a celestial theatre of devotion. The reflection of hundreds of diyas on the river symbolizes the union of heaven and earth. Visitors often take boat rides during the Aarti to experience its full grandeur from the waters.

Cultural and Local Experiences

Beyond its temples, Varanasi is a living museum of Indian tradition, music, art, and learning. It is the birthplace of renowned saints, philosophers, and musicians.

- **Banarasi Silk Weaving:** Famous globally, Banarasi sarees are handwoven masterpieces, symbolizing the artistry of local craftsmen passed down generations.
- **Sarnath Visit:** Just 10 km from the city, Sarnath is where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon after enlightenment. The stupas, museum, and Dhamek Stupa make it an essential addition to any spiritual itinerary.
- **Banaras Hindu University (BHU):** Established in 1916, BHU is a hub of cultural and intellectual exploration surrounded by the serene Bharat Kala Bhavan and the Vishwanath Temple within the campus.
- **Local Food:** Savor delicacies like Kachori Sabzi, Tamatar Chaat, Rabri, and the famous Banarasi Paan — each bite capturing the unique flavor of the city.

Suggested Spiritual Activities

- Early morning boat ride on the Ganga at sunrise
- Ganga Snaan (holy dip) at Assi or Dashashwamedh Ghat
- Attend evening Ganga Aarti with group chanting or meditation
- Visit to Sarnath and nearby monasteries
- Participation in Rudrabhishek or special pooja at Kashi Vishwanath Temple
- Stroll through the narrow alleys of the old city for authentic cultural immersion



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Practical Travel Information

Best Time to Visit: October to March, when the weather is pleasant for temple visits and sightseeing.

Connectivity: Varanasi is well-connected by air, rail, and road. Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport serves daily flights from major cities.

Local Transport: Auto-rickshaws, battery rickshaws, and boat rides are the most convenient modes of movement within the city.

Dress Code: Modest attire is recommended when entering temples and ghats.

Etiquette Tip: Photography is prohibited in temple interiors. Always maintain silence during rituals.

Soulful Reflection

A journey to Varanasi is a passage through faith, fire, and eternity. It is where one finds a deeper meaning in life's impermanence — a reminder that the soul, like the sacred Ganga, flows endlessly toward liberation. Each sunrise paints the ghats golden, each aarti renews devotion, and each darshan at Kashi Vishwanath fills the heart with the Silent Light of Shiva.

Detailed Divine Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival and Major Spiritual Experience

- Arrive at Varanasi airport by 8:00 am.
- Transfer to hotel, check-in, freshen up, and prepare for the day.
- Tour starts at 11:00 am.
- Visit Kaal Bhairav Nath Mandir, the fierce guardian deity's shrine and a raw spiritual epicenter.
- Proceed to Shri Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir, a peaceful oasis associated with poet Tulsidas.
- Visit the famous Kashi Vishwanath Temple, the iconic Jyotirlinga and spiritual heart of Varanasi.
- Visit Annapurna Devi Mandir, revered for its Nagara architectural style and golden idol glimpsed during special occasions.
- Taste prasad from historic local shops for an authentic flavor of Varanasi's temple offerings.
- Evening: Embark on Alaknanda Cruise/boat for panoramic views of illuminated ghats, cultural narratives, and the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony.

Day 2: Underrated Temples and Lanes of Varanasi

- Darshan at Til Bhandeshwar Mahadev Mandir, a serene ancient Shiva temple highly respected by locals.
- Visit Avimukteshwara Temple near Assi Ghat, a tranquil and architecturally charming sanctuary.



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- Explore Nepali Mandir, crafted in traditional pagoda woodwork offering a distinct cultural connection.
- Discover Kashi Karvat Temple, a rarely mentioned sacred spot steeped in local myth.
- Pause at Lolarka Kund, a sacred water tank surrounded by significant shrines important for cleansing rituals.
- Visit Markandeya Mahadev Mandir, a peaceful Shiva temple with historical roots.
- Stop by Bharat Mata Temple, unique for its marble map of India celebrating the motherland.
- Explore Durga Kund Temple complex, a cluster of shrines around a holy pond famed for ritual significance.
- Guided walking tour of Varanasi's narrow lanes running parallel to the ghats: see artisan homes, taste Banarasi Paan, and discover hidden temples and street life.
- Evening stroll at Assi Ghat with sampling of local street food specialties.

Day 3: Spiritual Depth and Sarnath Excursion

- Depart from Varanasi early morning (around 8:00 am) for the short drive to Sarnath (13 km).
- Visit Dhamekh Stupa, meditate in tranquil gardens and admire intricate carvings.
- Explore Mulagandha Kuti Vihar with Japanese fresco murals and peaceful ambiance.
- Visit Chaukhandi Stupa, a quiet spot for reflection.
- Tour Archaeological Museum featuring Buddhist artifacts like Ashoka Lion Capital.
- Visit Japanese, Thai, Chinese, and Burmese temples showcasing Buddhist cultural heritage.
- Return to Varanasi: Visit Tulsi Manas Mandir with engraved verses from Ramcharitmanas.
- Explore Banaras Hindu University and Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum displaying Indian art and artifacts.
- Wander ancient alleys, local markets, historic havelis, step wells, and artisan workshops.

Day 4: Subah-e-Benaras and Departure

- Participate in Subah-e-Benaras: early morning ritual immersion with conch blowing, bells ringing, and ethereal dawn Ganga Aarti from river viewpoints.
- Breakfast and checkout from hotel.
- Transfer to airport/railway station for onward departure.
- Yatra concludes.

Category/Service	Spiritual Standard	Spiritual Luxury	Spiritual Elite
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DharmikStays	Stay in quality 2-star hotels offering basic comforts and a spiritual atmosphere.	Accommodation in 3-star hotels, providing enhanced comfort and amenities, focusing on a tranquil and spiritual ambiance.	Accommodation arranged in deluxe 4-star hotels, with superior service and facilities for a premium spiritual retreat.
Sattvik Meals	Daily breakfast included, typically served at the hotel.	Both breakfast and dinner are included at the hotel	Both breakfast and dinner are included at the hotel
Ganga Aarti Experience	Witness the iconic Ganga Aarti from a boat or from Dashashwamedh Ghat, providing an up-close spiritual immersion.	Experience the Ganga Aarti from aboard the Alaknanda cruise, combining comfort with panoramic river views.	Experience the Ganga Aarti from aboard the Alaknanda cruise, combining comfort with panoramic river views.
Local Yatra	Private Tempo Traveller provided for all local transports, ensuring a relaxed travel pace.	Private Tempo Traveller provided for all local transports, ensuring a relaxed travel pace.	Travel in a Maharaja AC Traveller, offering the most comfortable interiors and added privacy for the group.
Airport/Railway Transfers	Included	Included	Private airport/railway station transfers included for complete travel convenience.
Kashi Vishwanath VIP Darshan	VIP Darshan at Kashi Vishwanath Temple is facilitated for hassle-free spiritual access.	VIP Darshan at Kashi Vishwanath Temple arranged with guided assistance throughout.	VIP Darshan with additional Sparsh Darshan privilege, offering closer proximity to the deity.
DharmikGuide Services	Professional guides are available each day of the itinerary to offer cultural and historical insights.	Professional guides are available each day of the itinerary to offer cultural and historical insights.	Expert guides are available for all days to provide in-depth commentary and spiritual background throughout the tour.
Pooja / Special Services & Seva	No additional pooja or seva included in this tier.	No additional pooja or seva included in this tier.	Premium tier includes Rudrabhishek, Prasad distribution, and extended pooja/seva experiences within Kashi Vishwanath complex.
Total Cost of Yatra per person for double sharing	INR 16,222	INR 26,000	INR 48,778
Discounted Price per person for double sharing	INR 14,600	INR 23,400	INR 43,900



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Total Cost of Yatra per person for single sharing	INR 22,111	INR 30,556	INR 66,778
Discounted Price per person for single sharing	INR 19,900	INR 27,500	INR 60,100

Common Exclusions

- Train/Air return tickets to Varanasi. (DharmikVibes will help you book your travel tickets on request).
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, optional extra meals.
- Tips/gratuities for hotel staff, drivers, and guides.
- Optional boat rides or activities unless included in the itinerary.
- Camera fees/entry fees at certain temples or monuments (if applicable).
- Travel insurance and medical expenses.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities, flight delays, or changes to the itinerary.
- Visa fees and related travel documentation costs.
- Any items or services not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses for additional sightseeing or activities not listed in the itinerary.

Additional Notes:

- Donation-based: All above costs typically involve donations/fees for the priest(s), materials, and prasad.
- Booking: Advance booking is recommended, especially during November peak pilgrimage season.
- Customization: Costs can vary with size of the group, personalized rituals, and any additional offerings or ceremonies.
- GST: Taxes, if applicable, will be extra.
- Transport & Timing: Arrangements for transfers and timing coordination can be included in your travel planner.

Optional Add on Poojas/Seva

(Conducted separately from the group between 5 am to 8:30 am on Day 2 and Day 3 of the yatra)



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Pooja / Ritual Name	Temple / Location	Suggested Donation / Cost (INR)	Spiritual Significance & Details
Rudrabhishek	Kashi Vishwanath Temple	₹1,400 – ₹4,400	Sacred bathing of Lord Shiva with holy offerings, invoking peace, prosperity, and divine purification.
Laghu Rudra Abhishek	Kashi Vishwanath Temple	₹6,400 – ₹9,400	Eleven recitations of Rudram Chamakam, purifying karma and granting blessings of strength and clarity.
Maha Rudra Abhishek	Kashi Vishwanath Temple	₹26,000 – ₹38,800	Grand elevenfold Rudra ritual performed by multiple priests; removes deep-rooted negativity and grants liberation.
Yagya / Havan (Maha Mrityunjaya / Rudra Yagya)	Ganga Ghat / Temple Premises	₹9,400 – ₹18,800	Sacred fire ritual invoking divine healing, longevity, and spiritual renewal through Agni and mantra.
Akhand Deep Seva	Kashi Vishwanath Temple	₹900	Continuous lamp lighting signifying the soul's eternal flame and devotion to Lord Shiva.
Maa Annapurna Abhishek	Annapurna Devi Mandir	₹6,400	Ritual bathing and offerings to Goddess Annapurna, invoking abundance and nourishment.
Maa Annapurna Alankar Seva	Annapurna Devi Mandir	₹6,400	Adorning the Goddess with ornaments and flowers, expressing gratitude and devotion.
Maa Annapurna Sodas Puja	Annapurna Devi Mandir	₹9,400	Sixteen-step Shodashopachara ritual invoking blessings of food, wealth, and peace.
Kaal Bhairav Pooja	Kaal Bhairav Mandir	₹600 – ₹1,900	Worship of Lord Bhairav, protector of Kashi, for courage, clarity, and strength.
Kumkum / Shringar Pooja	Annapurna or Local Devi Temple	₹600 – ₹950	Traditional Devi worship offering kumkum and flowers symbolizing divine feminine energy.
Shravan Somvar Sanyasi Bhojan Seva	Kashi Vishwanath Complex	₹3,800	Feeding saints and ascetics, earning immense spiritual merit and Lord Shiva's grace.



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Annadaan (Food Donation Seva)	Annapurna Mandir / Local Ashram	₹2,600 – ₹6,400	Sacred donation of food to devotees and needy; considered the highest form of service.
VIP Guided Darshan + Personalized Pooja	Kashi Vishwanath Temple	₹400 – ₹6,300+	Priority entry and personally guided worship within the temple premises.
Deep Daan on Ganga (Lamp Offering)	Dashashwamedh / Assi Ghat	₹600 – ₹1,300	Floating diyas on Maa Ganga at dawn or dusk, symbolizing surrender and devotion.
Pitru Tarpan / Pind Daan	Manikarnika / Harishchandra Ghat	₹2,600 – ₹6,400	Vedic ritual for ancestral peace and liberation, performed at the holiest ghats.
Personal Sankalp Pooja	Kashi Vishwanath / Assi Ghat	₹1,300 – ₹2,600	Personalized prayer for specific intentions — health, peace, or fulfillment of desires.
Chandi Path / Durga Saptashati Path	Durga Kund Temple	₹13,800 – ₹31,300	Recitation of sacred texts invoking Goddess Durga for protection and victory.
Navagraha Shanti Yagya	Temple Complex / Ghat	₹7,500 – ₹12,500	Ritual to pacify planetary influences, bringing harmony and balance in life.

Important Notes for Devotees

- All rituals are performed by **authorized temple priests** under supervision of **DharmikVibes Ritual Coordinators**.
- Rituals are available between **5:00 AM – 8:30 AM** on **Day 2 and Day 3**.
- Devotees may participate individually or as part of a group offering (Sankalp shared or personal).
- Donations are given directly to temple trusts and priests as per tradition.
- Advance booking is advised for **Maha Rudra Abhishek, Yagya, and Pind Daan**, due to limited priest availability and elaborate setup.

✨ Each mantra chanted, each offering made in Kashi reverberates through eternity — may these sacred rituals bring divine light, healing, and liberation to your soul.



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 **Important Note for Pilgrims (For all religious destinations):**

Please Note:

- During **auspicious dates, festive periods**, weekends, these destinations experience exceptionally high footfall.
- This often leads to enhanced **security protocols, crowd control barriers**, and strict **temple timings or entry regulations**.

What We Offer:

- Our team is committed to arranging **VIP darshan access, queue management**, and **guided rituals** at all key temples and holy sites.
- You'll receive real-time updates from our **on-ground ritual coordination team**, ensuring you're informed and cared for throughout the journey.

However, due to:

- Temple trust/government **directives**
- Sudden **security changes or crowd surges**
- **Unforeseen religious processions or restricted temple zones**

...some **darshan schedules, ritual access, or entry routes** may be adjusted at the last moment for everyone's safety.

We request your patience, faith, and spiritual openness. Our team will do everything possible to provide you the **best alternate arrangements** with **devotional sanctity and comfort**.

Your **divine experience, peace of mind**, and **spiritual fulfilment** remain our **highest priority**.



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