

2 Night Kashi (Varanasi) Tour Itinerary

A 2-night Kashi tour offers an enriching experience of Varanasi's spiritual essence, historical significance, and vibrant culture. From the divine temples and ghats to the ancient rituals and mesmerizing Ganga Aarti, this tour will allow you to explore the heart of India's sacred city.

Day 1: Arrival in Varanasi & Exploring the Ghats

- **Morning:**
 - Arrive in Varanasi by flight, train, or road. Transfer to your hotel for check-in and some relaxation.
 - Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel to start your day.
- **Late Morning:**
 - Visit the **Kashi Vishwanath Temple**, one of the holiest and most famous temples in India dedicated to Lord Shiva. Experience the spiritual vibes and witness the rituals performed by devotees.
 - After the temple visit, take a short walk to **Gyanvapi Well**, located next to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.
- **Afternoon:**
 - Head to **Sarnath**, a short drive from Varanasi, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon. Explore the serene surroundings and visit:
 - **Dhamek Stupa** – A significant Buddhist monument marking the spot where Buddha gave his first sermon.
 - **Sarnath Museum** – Home to ancient Buddhist artifacts, sculptures, and relics.
 - **Ashoka Pillar** – A symbol of Emperor Ashoka's efforts to spread Buddhism across India.
- **Evening:**
 - Return to Varanasi and prepare for an evening at the ghats.
 - Attend the mesmerizing **Ganga Aarti** at **Dashashwamedh Ghat**, a spiritual ceremony with fire, music, and prayer that takes place every evening on the banks of the holy Ganges. The vibrant atmosphere is a must-see experience.

- **Night:**
 - Take a **boat ride** on the Ganges River after the Aarti. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of the river as you pass by the ghats, temples, and the cityscape illuminated by lights.
 - After the boat ride, enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant or your hotel.
 - **Overnight:**
 - Stay overnight at your hotel in Varanasi.
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Day 2: Varanasi Exploration & Spiritual Experiences

- **Early Morning:**
 - Wake up early for a **morning boat ride** on the Ganges River. The early morning boat ride is an incredibly spiritual experience where you can witness devotees performing their morning rituals, taking holy dips, and offering prayers.
 - Visit **Manikarnika Ghat**, the most significant cremation ghat, which holds deep spiritual and cultural significance in Varanasi.
- **Late Morning:**
 - After your boat ride, visit **Kaal Bhairav Temple**, a prominent temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the key places to visit in Varanasi.
 - Take a walk around the **Kashi Vishwanath Corridor** area, where you'll find other small temples, vibrant street markets, and local shops selling traditional crafts, like Banarasi silk sarees and brass items.
- **Afternoon:**
 - Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local restaurant. You can try some local delicacies like **kachaudi**, **chana masala**, and **benarsi paan** (a local betel leaf snack).
 - Visit the **Tulsi Manas Temple**, dedicated to Lord Rama, known for its serene atmosphere and beautiful murals depicting scenes from the *Ramayana*.
- **Evening:**
 - Visit **Assi Ghat**, a quieter and more peaceful ghat where you can spend some time in solitude by the Ganges.

- Optionally, attend a **Ganga Aarti** at Assi Ghat, which offers a more intimate and serene experience compared to the one at Dashashwamedh Ghat.
 - If you are interested in local handicrafts, visit the local **banarasi silk weaving shops** to witness how the world-famous Banarasi silk sarees are made.
 - **Night:**
 - Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, savoring Varanasi's traditional food.
 - **Overnight:**
 - Stay overnight at your hotel in Varanasi.
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Day 3: Last Spiritual Experiences & Departure

- **Morning:**
 - After breakfast, visit the **Bharat Mata Temple**, which is unique because it houses a map of undivided India carved in marble.
 - Explore the **Durga Temple**, also known as the "Monkey Temple," dedicated to the goddess Durga, offering beautiful views of the surrounding area.
 - **Late Morning:**
 - Visit the **Ramnagar Fort**, located on the opposite bank of the Ganges. The fort offers insights into Varanasi's royal history and stunning views of the river.
 - **Afternoon:**
 - Depending on your departure time, you may want to explore the local markets around the **Godowlia Bazaar**, perfect for picking up souvenirs such as handicrafts, brass items, and Varanasi silk.
 - **Departure:**
 - Transfer to Varanasi Airport or Railway Station for your onward journey.
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End of Tour

This 2-night Kashi tour gives you a deeper immersion into the spiritual, cultural, and historical wonders of Varanasi. From the sacred temples and ghats to the mystical boat rides on the

Ganges, every moment in Varanasi is an unforgettable experience that leaves you spiritually enriched.