

Pilgrimage in the Holyland of India

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(Read the story of my Pilgrimage in India)

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Purana Qila Archaeological complex and fort, Lotus (Bahai) Temple, Manavir statue (Jain shrine), Krishna Temple, Fort Jaigarh near Jaipur, Wind Palace near Jaipur



India Gate, Qala-i-Kuhna Masjid (mosque), eating at Dilli Haat, at a restaurant, "Tika" (3rd eye), Akshardham of Swami Narayan



Epic of Ramayana (Rama & Sita, Hanuman, etc.), Amber Fort near Jaipur; with a Gandhi look-a-like; Driver Shivnarayan at Fort Jaigarh near Jaipur





at Chohki Dahni feast near
Jaipur ("Ram ram sa!");
at Singh "Pol" (Lion's
Gate);
Humayun's Tomb (1565);
at Moon's Gate in Amber
Fort





Jama Masjid (Grand Mosque); view of New Delhi from minaret; Mahatma Gandhi's Rajghat; Gandhi, the weaver; inside Amber Fort; Silver Jar (Gangajali)

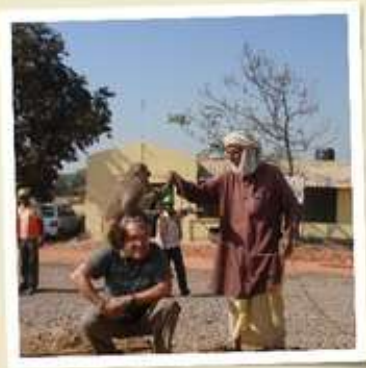


Elephant ride
at Amber Fort;
Temple area at
city palace;
driver Kishor Kumar;
Jaipur Observatory
(Jantar Mantar)



Shri Laxmi Narayan temple (made of white marble); temple dedicated to Sufi saint Salim Chishti at ancient capital Fatehpur Sikri

riding in a Tuk Tuk - Indian taxi; monkey on my back





The Grand TAJ MAHAL, an octagonal building built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan for wife Mumtaz (1631-1643), "a sublime garden-tomb"; Yaseen sells me a rug; Yamuna River near the Taj





Birthplace of Krishna in Mathura, and painting of Krishna; Agra Fort on west bank of the Yamuna River (built by Emperor Akbar); train ride from Agra to Varanasi; first view of Ganges River & Varanasi; welcome to Varanasi



Guide Ravi explains the stupa at Sarnath, birthplace of Buddhism near Varanasi;
Varanasi (Benares) ghats (stepped places);
Dashashwamedh Ghat ("10 horse sacrifices"), where Brahma ("the creator") established the sacred site on the Ganges River





Sunrise on the Ganga (Ganges River); a cremation ceremony along the river; immersion in the river; flower and candlelight offering to the river; Christ the Yogi; Sadhu, a holy man at the river



with guide Brajesh and driver
Raj in front of Buddhist
temple;
beggar boy at Bodh Gaya;
monkey at Rajgir;
paying homage to site of
Buddha's enlightenment at
Mahabodhi Temple





Entrance to the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhi Gaya, "the most sacred place of Buddhist pilgrimage"; at the Bodhi tree, where the Buddha achieved the supreme



On top of "Vulture's Peak" (Griddhakuta Hill) in Rajgir,
where the Buddha preached and meditated;
Sign mentioning the Chinese pilgrim Hiuen Tsang (hero of
"Journey to the West" -- the story that I taught in school);
meditating in the cave where Buddha meditated



Nalanda University, where Buddha discoursed on the Four Noble Truths; excavated remains of Kolhua (ancient Vaishali); Dharma bell; MahaParanirvan, the stupa and temple of Buddha's passing; the Reclining Buddha; moonset at



Matha Kuar shrine with
1,000-year-old murti of the
Buddha; at Makutabandhana
("banding the crown")
Chaitya ("stupa"); 4 major
Buddhist sites: Sarnath, Bodh
Gaya, Rajgir, Kushinagar;
Mahamaya and Buddha child





beggar children; at Mahamaya Hotel (palace) in
Balrampur; painting of Mahamaya (Buddha's mother);
celebrating Holi (spring festival of colors) at the hotel;
"HAPPY HOLI"; HOLI-COW



A photo of a former maharaja at Mahamaya Hotel, and the real maharaja of Balrampur; the maharaja's modern palace



Mahamongkolchai, with Dhamma Buddha and Thai temple; Buddhist archaeological site Jetavana at Sravasti; with Gopesh Tiwari (brother of Gerjesh); Taj of Lucknow





The Registry at Lucknow (where the War for Independence started in 1857); ladies doing Chikan embroidery in Lucknow; train station at Lucknow

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