

MAHABODHI TEMPLE COMPLEX

Bodhgaya, Gaya, Bihar, India

God

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Interesting Facts

There are Seven sacred spots here where the Buddha meditated after he attained Enlightenment, which are the Mahabodhi Temple, the Bodhi Tree, the Ratnachakrama (the path where the Buddha walked 18 steps in deep thought), the Animeshlochan Chaitya, the Ratnagar Chaitya, the Ajapala Nigrodh Tree and the Rajyatana Tree all of which are close to the main temple.

The Lotus Pond or the Muchalinda Pond where the Buddha meditated in the 6th week after attaining enlightenment.

In 2013, the upper portion of the temple was covered with 289 kg of gold. The gold was a gift from the King of Thailand and devotees from Thailand, and installed with the approval of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit area October to December.

Weather

Highest - April to June (38°C during day and 22°C during night)Average - May (36°C during the day and 21°C during night)Lowest - December to February (20°C during day and 14°C during night)Monsoon season - June to August

Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

transport connections

Name
Distance
Contact Number

Bodhgaya Bus Stand

1.5 KM
0612-2222011

Gaya Junction

17 KM
139

Gaya Airport
10.7 KM
06312210129

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