

■ VARANASI COMPLETE ITINERARY (8–12 NOV 2025)

Your Ultimate Spiritual & Cultural Journey

Base Stay: Harishchandra Ghat, Varanasi

Trip Duration: 8 Nov (Evening) – 12 Nov (Morning)

Theme: Temples • Ghats • Food • Heritage • Culture

Travel Tip: Walk, boat, and e-rickshaw – the Banarsi way!

■ DAY 1 – 8 NOV (SATURDAY): Arrival, Ganga Aarti & First Taste of Banaras

- 5:00 PM – Arrive & check-in at Harishchandra Ghat.
- 6:00 PM – Witness the grand Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat (arrive by 6:10 PM).
- 7:30 PM – Explore Godowlia & Vishwanath Gali. Try Tamatar Chaat & Thandai.
- 9:00 PM – Return walk via ghats – tranquil and sacred at night.

■ DAY 2 – 9 NOV (SUNDAY): Sunrise, Sacred Temples & Culture

- 5:15 AM – Sunrise boat ride (Assi → Dashashwamedh → Manikarnika).
- 7:15 AM – Breakfast at Pappu Chaiwala, Assi Ghat.
- 8:00 AM – Kashi Vishwanath Temple & Annapurna Devi Temple.
- 9:30 AM – Kal Bhairav Temple (Kotwal of Kashi).
- 10:30 AM – Nepali (Kathwala) Temple at Lalita Ghat.
- 12:30 PM – Lunch at Dosa Café / Baati Chokha.
- 1:30 PM – BHU Campus & New Vishwanath Temple.
- 4:00 PM – Durga Kund & Tulsi Manas Mandir.
- 6:30 PM – Evening Aarti at Assi Ghat.
- 8:00 PM – Dinner at Baati Chokha / Aum Café.

■ DAY 3 – 10 NOV (MONDAY): Sarnath & Hidden Heritage

- 6:00 AM – Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple.
- 7:30 AM – Breakfast – Brown Bread Bakery / Lanka stalls.
- 9:00 AM – Sarnath Tour (Dhamek Stupa, Bodhi Tree, Museum).
- 1:00 PM – Lunch – Mango Tree Café / Varuna (Taj Ganges).
- 3:30 PM – Explore Man Mandir Observatory, Scindia Ghat, Kedar Ghat.
- 6:00 PM – Manikarnika Aarti (spiritual experience).
- 8:00 PM – Dinner & Street Food Trail (Deena Chat, Blue Lassi, Ram Bhandar).

■ DAY 4 – 11 NOV (TUESDAY): Ramnagar Fort, Markets & Farewell Sunset

- 6:00 AM – Morning ghat walk (Harishchandra → Assi → Tulsi).
- 8:00 AM – Breakfast – Open Hand Café.
- 9:00 AM – Ramnagar Fort & Museum.
- 12:30 PM – Lunch – Kerala Café / Dosa Café.
- 2:00 PM – Shopping – Vishwanath Gali, Thatteri Bazaar, Godowlia.
- 5:00 PM – Sunset boat ride with diyas.
- 8:00 PM – Farewell Dinner – Baati Chokha / Varuna Restaurant.

■ DAY 5 – 12 NOV (WEDNESDAY): Departure

- 7:00 AM – Morning tea on the ghat.
- 8:00 AM – Breakfast – Brown Bread Bakery.
- 9:00 AM – Checkout & head to station.
- 11:00 AM – Train departure.

■ Temple Visit Recommendations

Kashi Vishwanath – 6–8 AM (less crowd)
Kal Bhairav – 9–10 AM (after Vishwanath)
Sankat Mochan – 6–7 AM (Hanuman Chalisa hour)
Durga Kund & Tulsi Manas – 4–5 PM
New Vishwanath (BHU) – 11 AM–12 PM
Manikarnika – anytime (no photos)
Nepali Temple – 10 AM (quiet & serene)

■ Must-Try Foods

Kachori Jalebi – Ram Bhandar, Thatheri Bazaar
Tamatar Chaat – Kashi Chat Bhandar
Baati Chokha – Assi Ghat
Lassi – Blue Lassi Shop (Chowk)
Tea – Pappu Chaiwala (Assi)
Thandai – Thandai Ghar (Godowlia)

■■ Shopping Hotspots

Vishwanath Gali – Rudraksha, idols, souvenirs
Thatheri Bazaar – Brass diyas & lamps
Chowk – Banarasi sarees
Godowlia – Local markets & shops
Assi Market – Handmade crafts