**Gaya Airport**

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Also known as the Bodhgaya Airport, it serves the city of Gaya in Bihar. Gaya Airport is located at a distance of 5 kilometers from the city. Bodhgaya is the place where Buddha gained enlightenment and the Gaya Airport is the second busiest airport in Bihar.

There is heavy traffic at this airport because Gaya is a popular holy city where Lord Buddha is worshipped. The main temple is home to the renowned Mahabodhi Stupa and descendant of the Bodhi Tree, beneath which Lord Buddha received enlightenment. Within the temple are the meditation gardens and the Lotus Pool.

**Flight Information**

Gaya Airport is serviced by several major domestic and international airlines. These include Indian Airlines, Air India, Mihin Lanka, Thai Airways, Druk Air, Air Bagan, and Myanmar. Direct flights are available to Varanasi and Delhi from this airport. Indirect destinations connected with Gaya include Nagpur, Kolkata, and Yangon.

International flights from the Gaya Airport operate to destinations, such as Kathmandu, Paro, Colombo, Mandalay, and Bangkok.

**Terminals**

The domestic and international terminal at Gaya Airport has one boarding gate each. The capacity of the terminal is 250 each for departures as well as arrivals. The entire terminal covers an area of 11,000 square meters with 5 check-in counters, 2 security checks, 12 immigration, and 5 customs counters.

**Traveling Around**

The bus stand is located about 5 kilometers from the airport, while the railway station is 11 kilometers away. Passengers can hire auto-rickshaws, private vehicles, taxis, or buses to get to these and other destinations within the city. Buses and trains are available from the bust stand and railway station, respectively, to get to other parts of the state and country.

**Services and Facilities**

The airport has passenger services like free trolleys, telephone security hold area, and lost and found baggage counter. Wheelchair service is available on request. Assistance to elders, physically challenged, and infirm travelers is also available at Gaya Airport. Parents can also avail of child care room facilities at the airport if required.

**Things to Do**

The departure terminal provides an aero boutique shop selling gift items and handicrafts. Currency exchange, travel and tourism agencies, and banking extension counters are present at the terminal. Postal services can also be availed outside the terminal building.

Several restaurants, eating joints, bakeries, and cafes within the airport premises ensure that travelers will not go hungry and most eateries are reasonably priced. Other shops within the airport include those selling magazines, books, stationery, as well as a chemist store.

**Hotels**

Accommodations like Kundan Bazaar Guest House, Alok House, Swagat Guest House, and Hotel Wat Thai Bodhi Vihara Trust offer affordable options for tourists. Luxury hotels, such as Om International, Tokyo Vihar, Embassy, Lumbini International, and Tathagat International are also situated in close proximity to Gaya Airport.

**Tips for Fliers**

Tourists are advised to check the government identity cards of tourist guides on motorbikes to avoid falling prey to imposters who charge exorbitant rates.

**Nearby Attractions**

Tourist destinations in close proximity to the Gaya Airport include Bodhgaya Temple and Bishnupad Temple, which are only 8 kilometers away. Rajgir and Nalanda are roughly 80 kilometers from the airport. Handicraft items are popular with almost all tourists but make sure to bargain when shopping.