

## Day 1: Arrival & Ghats

Varanasi, India

### 8:00am Arrival & settle in

Check into your hotel or guesthouse in the old city near the ghats to be within walking distance of Kashi Vishwanath and Dashashwamedh Ghat; leave luggage and freshen up before heading out. This location reduces walking between attractions and saves time on tuk-tuk transfers.

INR0, 0h30m

### 9:00am Breakfast: Brown Bread Bakery or local kachori shop

Start with Brown Bread Bakery for continental options and good coffee, or try a local kachori-bedai cart (popular in old city) for an authentic Banarasi breakfast. Kachori shops open early from ~6:00–9:00am; Brown Bread opens around 8:00am.

INR100, 0h45m

### 10:00am Kashi Vishwanath Temple (old city)

Visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple complex and newly developed corridor area — a central spiritual site of Varanasi; expect crowds and security checks. Typical darshan windows: early morning and evening; mid-day access may be limited so plan for darshan queue times and check current temple timings.

INR0, 1h0m

### 11:30am Heritage lanes & shops

Walk the narrow lanes around Vishwanath Gali to see Banarasi silk weaving shops, paan stalls and small temples — great for photos and shopping for sarees and paan souvenirs. Shops generally open by 10:00am.

INR0, 1h30m

### 1:00pm Lunch: Deena Chaat Bhandar / Kashi Chaat Bhandar

Enjoy the legendary chaat and street snacks at Deena Chaat Bhandar (or another popular chaat counter); order kachori, tamatar chaat and dahi-vada to sample local flavours. Many chaat stalls open late morning through evening.

INR200, 0h45m

### 2:00pm Relax and short siesta / riverfront stroll

Return to the hotel to rest or take a gentle walk along the ghats to absorb the riverside atmosphere before late afternoon activities; gentle pace helps adjust to crowds and heat.

INR0, 1h30m

### 4:00pm Boat ride and sunset on the Ganges

Take a boat from Dashashwamedh Ghat for a riverside cruise at sunset to watch life on the ghats and get a water-level view of the temples and cremation ghats. Early evening boat rides typically run from ~5:00pm; sunset rides around 4:30–6:30pm depending on season.

INR600, 1h0m

**6:00pm [Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat](#)**

Attend the spectacular Ganga Aarti ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat — arrive 30-45 minutes early to secure a good vantage point; the aarti normally starts at sunset (~6:00-7:00pm) and lasts about 30 minutes but times vary by season.  
INR0, 0h45m

**8:00pm [Dinner: Rooftop restaurant near the ghats](#)**

Choose a rooftop restaurant overlooking the river for dinner (try local thali, dal, paneer and river fish if you eat fish); calm riverside views are perfect after the aarti. Most rooftop restaurants are open from early evening until ~10:00-11:00pm.  
INR600, 1h0m

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## **Day 2: Sarnath & Museum**

Sarnath / Varanasi, India

**6:00am [Sunrise boat \(optional second trip\) or riverside walk](#)**

If you want a quieter sunrise, take an early boat again or a riverside walk near Assi/Dasaswamedh; mornings show daily rituals and fishermen at work. Boats begin as early as 5:00am in peak season.  
INR400, 1h0m

**8:00am [Breakfast: local lassi & malaiyo \(seasonal\)](#)**

Try a thick Banarasi lassi at Blue Lassi Shop near Assi Ghat and, in winter months (Nov-Feb), look for malaiyo (a frothy sweet served in the mornings). Most lassi shops open by 7:00-8:00am.  
INR150, 0h30m

**9:30am [Day trip to Sarnath — Dhamek Stupa & ruins](#)**

Drive ~10-20 minutes to Sarnath to visit Dhamek Stupa, Chaukhandi Stupa and the archaeological site — a core Buddhist pilgrimage with calm parkland. Sarnath is open in daylight hours; aim to arrive when the site opens (~6:00-7:00am onward).  
INR50, 2h0m

**11:30am [Sarnath Museum \(Archaeological Museum\)](#)**

See exquisite Gupta and Mauryan sculptures, Ashoka pillar fragments and the famous Lion Capital; the museum typically opens ~10:00am to 5:00pm (check seasonal hours).  
INR200, 1h0m

**1:00pm [Lunch: Local vegetarian restaurant in Sarnath](#)**

Have a relaxed vegetarian thali or simple North Indian lunch at a cafe near Sarnath; options serve travellers and monks visiting the stupa. Cafes near the archaeological park stay open through afternoon hours.  
INR300, 0h45m

2:30pm	<b><a href="#">Tibetan temple &amp; deer park stroll</a></b> Visit the Tibetan Buddhist temple complex and stroll the adjacent Deer Park where Buddha first taught; the tranquil grounds are ideal for reflection and photos. Grounds open during daylight hours. INR0, 1h0m
4:30pm	<b><a href="#">Return to Varanasi &amp; Bharat Kala Bhavan (BHU) if time allows</a></b> If energy permits, head to Banaras Hindu University to visit Bharat Kala Bhavan museum for a superb collection of paintings, textiles and sculptures; museum hours are typically 10:00–5:00pm (check for closures). INR50, 1h0m
7:00pm	<b><a href="#">Dinner: Try litti chokha / local thali</a></b> Sample litti chokha — an authentic Bhojpuri dish — at a recommended local eatery or order a well-prepared thali to experience regional flavours. Many traditional restaurants serve dinner from ~7:00–10:00pm. INR300, 1h0m
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## Day 3: Ramnagar & BHU

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8:00am	<b><a href="#">Breakfast: Brown Bread Bakery / hotel</a></b> Fuel up with a relaxed breakfast at Brown Bread Bakery or your hotel before heading out — good for travellers who prefer continental or lighter morning fare. INR200, 0h45m
9:30am	<b><a href="#">Ramnagar Fort &amp; Museum</a></b> Drive to Ramnagar Fort on the eastern riverbank to explore the palace museum (armoury, vintage cars, traditional costumes) and climb the ramparts for river views; the fort museum generally opens around 10:00am and closes by 5:00pm. INR100, 2h0m
12:00pm	<b><a href="#">Walk markets &amp; lunch near Chowk</a></b> Return to the old city, wander Chowk markets and choose a local restaurant for a relaxed lunch; explore shops selling Banarasi paan, sweets and brassware. Markets are open most of the day; pick a quiet mid-day time to avoid crowds. INR300, 1h30m
2:30pm	<b><a href="#">Bharat Kala Bhavan (if skipped earlier) &amp; BHU campus walk</a></b> Explore the BHU campus and visit Bharat Kala Bhavan's collection of Indian art, textiles and rare manuscripts; perfect for museum lovers — opening hours usually 10:00–5:00pm (confirm and note any closures). INR50, 1h30m

**4:30pm**

**Heritage walking tour or bicycle rickshaw tour**

Take a guided heritage walk through narrow lanes, ghats and lesser-known temples or hire a cycle-rickshaw for a short guided tour; many operators run tours in the late afternoon for cooler temperatures.

INR400, 1h30m

**7:00pm**

**Classical music or tabla performance (subject to schedule)**

Attend a local classical music recital or a tabla/sitar performance at a cultural centre or a hotel — Varanasi is a living classical-music city, but shows vary by festival season, so check schedules in advance.

INR500, 1h30m

**9:00pm**

**Dinner: Rooftop or heritage restaurant**

Relax over dinner at a heritage restaurant or rooftop with local specialities (dal-puri, paneer dishes, kebabs); many good places stay open until 10:30-11:00pm.

INR700, 1h30m

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## **Day 4: Old City Immersion**

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**6:00am**

**Sunrise: Boat ride to Manikarnika/Harishchandra area (observational)**

Take an early boat to observe life on the ghats and respectfully view the cremation ghats from the river — be discreet and adhere to local customs; the ghats operate 24/7, so mornings are active but respectful behaviour is essential.

INR400, 1h0m

**8:00am**

**Breakfast: street-style bedai & jalebi**

Try bedai with spicy potato curry and jalebi at a popular street stall near the ghats for a true local breakfast experience; most stalls open early morning.

INR80, 0h30m

**9:30am**

**Guided food & lane walk: Old city**

Join a guided food tour that navigates the alleys, introducing sweets, paan, chaat, silk workshops and temples — a hands-on way to taste the best local bites and learn history. Tours usually run mid-morning and last 2-3 hours.

INR800, 2h30m

**12:30pm**

**Lunch: Thali at a recommended vegetarian restaurant**

Enjoy a varied thali to sample many local dishes (dal, sabzi, rice, breads and dessert) at a reputable vegetarian spot in the old city. Restaurants typically serve lunch 12:00-3:00pm.

INR350, 0h45m

<b>2:00pm</b>	<b><a href="#">Silk weaving workshop visit &amp; shopping</a></b>
	Visit a Banarasi saree workshop to see weaving techniques and shop for handloom silk — excellent for buying quality souvenirs and learning the craft; workshops usually operate during business hours (10:00-18:00). INR0, 1h30m
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b><a href="#">Free time / optional spa or ayurvedic massage</a></b>
	Take free time to rest or book a short ayurvedic massage to recover from walking; reputable parlours operate in the afternoon and evening — confirm appointments ahead. INR1000, 1h0m
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b><a href="#">Evening: Assi Ghat &amp; small aarti</a></b>
	Head to Assi Ghat for a calmer evening aarti experience and to mingle with locals and students from BHU; Assi aarti usually takes place around sunset and is less crowded than Dashashwamedh. INR0, 0h45m
<b>8:30pm</b>	<b><a href="#">Dinner: Try river-side café or famous lassi/dessert stands</a></b>
	Finish with a relaxed dinner at a riverside café or sample local sweetmeats and a final lassi from a renowned stall; many cafés open until late evening. INR500, 1h0m
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## Day 5: Final Sunrise & Day Trips

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<b>5:30am</b>	<b><a href="#">Final sunrise boat or optional kayak adventure</a></b>
	Book a final sunrise boat or an organised kayak session on the Ganges for a more active experience; operators start early (from ~5:00-6:00am) and runs last 60-90 minutes. Kayaking availability varies—reserve in advance. INR800, 1h0m
<b>8:00am</b>	<b><a href="#">Breakfast: Blue Lassi Shop or hotel</a></b>
	Enjoy one last indulgent lassi and some light snacks before packing up and checking out; lassi shops open early and are perfect for a quick, flavourful start. INR150, 0h30m
<b>9:30am</b>	<b><a href="#">Optional day trip: Chunor Fort or Vindhya (adventure &amp; history)</a></b>
	If you're keen on a concluding adventure outside the city, take a half-day trip to Chunor Fort (35-45 km) for rugged fort walls and river views, or Vindhya (approx 70 km) for a pilgrimage and hillside vistas; both require a hired car and half to full day. Check opening times for Chunor Fort (usually day time hours). INR2000, 4h0m

**2:00pm Last-minute shopping and packing**

Return to the city for last-minute shopping (silk, paan, brassware) and to pack — pick up any souvenirs you've eyed earlier along Vishwanath Gali or Chowk. Shops are open through afternoon hours.

INR0, 1h30m

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**4:00pm Late lunch / early dinner: favourite repeat or rooftop farewell**

Have one final meal at a favourite place you discovered (repeat a must-try) or choose a rooftop with a Ganges view for a leisurely farewell dinner; many restaurants remain open until 9:30-11:00pm.

INR600, 1h0m

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**6:00pm Depart Varanasi**

Head to the station or airport for onward travel; leave with time buffers for traffic and local transit. Book transfers ahead if you have an evening departure.

INR0, 0h30m

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