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DEV DEEPAWALI 2026 · KASHI

Dev Deepawali in Kashi — three ways to be there

Double-decker Bajra boat · the 21-priest Maha Aarti at Dashashwamedh · Kashi
Vishwanath · Sarnath · Swarved Mahamandir · Ganga Mahotsav



PLAN 1 · BOAT ONLY SAVE ₹1,500 ₹5,500 ₹7,000 24 Nov evening · per person	PLAN 2 · NIGHT SAVE ₹2,000 ₹7,999 ₹9,999 24–25 Nov · per person, twin sharing	PLAN 3 · SPECIAL SAVE ₹3,000 ₹12,999 ₹15,999 23–25 Nov · per person, twin sharing
THE FESTIVAL NIGHT Tue 24 November 2026 Kartik Purnima · diyas lit from about 5:30 PM	THE BOAT Double-decker Bajra Lit on board · water and snacks · 20 seats to a boat	BOOK BY 2 October From 3 October the full price applies

Double-Decker Bajra Boat — just the evening on the river



3:30 PM ● Report at Assi Ghat

- For guests who already have their own stay in Varanasi
- Be at the ghat by 3:30 PM — vehicles are stopped around 2 PM and the lanes fill fast
- The exact boarding ghat is confirmed 48 hours before, once the administration fixes the route

4:30 PM ● Board the double-decker Bajra

- Your seat, held in your name, on our own boat for the night
- Lit on board for the festival · water bottle and snacks

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM ● The lighting hour

- Every step of every ghat laid with earthen lamps and lit by hand as dusk falls
- Six kilometres of stone becoming a single line of flame, seen from midstream

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ● The Maha Aarti at Dashashwamedh

- Performed by 21 priests instead of the usual seven
- Watched from the water, with the conch and the bells carrying across it

8:30 PM ● Back ashore

- The boat returns to the boarding ghat
- No cabs run near the ghats that night — allow time to walk back

Dev Deepawali Night — a hotel by the ghats, and the boat



By 12 noon

● Reach Varanasi on the 24th

- Pickup from the airport or railway station
- Check in at the hotel, walking distance from the ghats
- Noon is the latest useful arrival — the roads close at 2 PM

2:00 PM

● The roads close

- Vehicles are stopped at Rajghat and the other approaches
- From here the ghats are on foot only — which is why the hotel is where it is

4:30 PM
to 8:30 PM

● The boat, the lighting hour, the Maha Aarti

- Your reserved seat on the lit double-decker Bajra boat
- Water bottle and snacks on board
- The diyas from dusk, then the 21-priest Maha Aarti at Dashashwamedh, from midstream

25 Nov

● A slow morning, then home

- Breakfast at the hotel — the ghats are quiet the morning after
- Checkout at noon, and drop at the station or airport
- Tell us your train or flight and we work the morning backwards from it

● Hotel near the ghats, night of 24 November

Dev Deepawali Special — arrive a day early



23 Nov • 11:00
AM

Arrive a day early

- Pickup from the airport or railway station, and check in near the ghats
- Coming on the 23rd is the whole point of this plan — the 24th is not a day to arrive on

23 Nov • 1:00
PM
to 3:30 PM

Sarnath

- The Dhamek Stupa, where the Buddha gave his first sermon
- The deer park, the Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, and the museum with the Ashoka lion capital
- Museum entry is ticketed and closed one day a week — we check before we set out

23 Nov • 4:00
PM
to 5:30 PM

Swarved Mahamandir

- The meditation hall at Umaraha, carved in marble
- By air-conditioned cab, with Sarnath, on the same day

23 Nov • 6:30
PM

Ganga Mahotsav on the ghats

- Kashi's festival of classical music and craft, in the nights before Dev Deepawali
- The regular evening Ganga Aarti — seven priests, a calmer preview of tomorrow

● Hotel near the ghats, night of 23 November

Kashi Vishwanath at dawn, then the boat



24 Nov · 6:30
AM

Kashi Vishwanath, before the city wakes

- Sugam darshan at the Jyotirlinga — the shorter queue, arranged by us
- Annapurna Devi alongside, and the corridor down to the Ganga
- Taken early on purpose: this is the busiest darshan day of the year here
- Phones, bags and leather are not allowed inside

24 Nov · 4:30
PM
to 8:30 PM

The boat and the Maha Aarti

- Your reserved seat on the lit double-decker Bajra boat, with water and snacks
- The lighting hour from dusk, then the 21-priest Maha Aarti at Dashashwamedh

25 Nov

Departure

- Breakfast, checkout at noon, and drop at the station or airport

● Hotel near the ghats, night of 24 November

Inclusions

- ✓ A reserved seat on our double-decker Bajra boat for the Dev Deepawali night, lit on board — every plan
- ✓ Water bottle and snacks on the boat
- ✓ Hotel near the ghats with breakfast — Plan 2 one night, Plan 3 two nights
- ✓ Airport or station pickup and drop — Plans 2 and 3
- ✓ Sarnath and Swarved Mahamandir by air-conditioned cab, and the Ganga Mahotsav evening — Plan 3
- ✓ Sugam darshan at Kashi Vishwanath — Plan 3
- ✓ A written price before you pay, and a Varanasi number that answers

Exclusions

- ✗ GST
- ✗ Travel to and from Varanasi
- ✗ Lunch and dinner, and any meal not mentioned
- ✗ Sarnath museum and monument entry fees
- ✗ E-rickshaw and toto rides on the 24th, payable on actuals
- ✗ Personal expenses, and tips, which are entirely at your discretion

Good to know

- Dev Deepawali falls on Kartik Purnima — Tuesday 24 November 2026. The date is fixed; the plans are built around it.
- On the 24th the administration stops vehicles at Rajghat and the other approaches around 2 PM. After that the ghats are on foot only, and the lanes fill beyond walking pace by late afternoon.
- Seats are limited — twenty to a boat — and hotels near the ghats sell out months ahead of the festival.
- The boarding ghat and the evening's timings are confirmed 48 hours before, once the district administration fixes the route.
- Nights are 12–15 °C after dark. Bring a shawl or a jacket.

Terms & refund policy

- Early-bird prices hold until 2 October 2026. From 3 October the full price applies.
- Payment: 50% to confirm, 30% one month before arrival, 20% on arrival.
- Festival bookings are non-refundable — the boat, the rooms and the darshan passes are paid for in advance.
- Timings, the boarding ghat and the darshan arrangements follow the district administration's orders on the day.

Full cancellation and refund policy: satmarg.com/refund-policy.

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