

Sacred Relics of the Buddha Return to India After Historic Pilgrimage Across Vietnam

Over 15 million Devotees Pay Homage in Vietnam as Buddha's Holy Relics Return to Delhi

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The revered Holy Relics of Lord Buddha will return to India on Monday, 2nd June 2025, by Indian Air Force aircraft, after an overwhelming spiritual response during their month-long exposition tour across Vietnam. Arriving at Delhi around 10:00 PM. The relics escorted by the Government of India Delegation led by Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati, Governor of Odisha, will be ceremoniously received at the Palam Air Force Station by the officials of International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) along with senior Indian monks.

Originally scheduled to conclude on 21st May, the exposition was extended until 2nd June upon special request by the Government of Vietnam due to the spiritually charged atmosphere and growing public reverence. During the extended tour, the sacred relics visited nine cities, drawing over 15 million devotees who gathered to seek the blessings of the Buddha.

Following their arrival in Delhi, the Holy Relics will be placed on public exposition at the National Museum for a day from the morning of Tuesday, 3rd June. A formal prayer meeting will be held in the afternoon by senior monks, the Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation, and representatives of the diplomatic corps.

On Wednesday, 4th June, the relics will depart Delhi in a Presidential cavalcade with full protocol reserved for Heads of State. They will be escorted to Sarnath via Varanasi, where they will be ceremonially enshrined at Mulagandha Kuti Vihar, concluding a historic international pilgrimage that reinforced the timeless message of peace and compassion embodied by the Buddha.

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