

Journey of Balaju Family in Lumbini and Palpa

On 26th March 2011, we, Balaju family went for our journey in Lumbini. After having breakfast at 7:00 a.m. ~~we~~ our micro bus started ~~to~~ ~~for~~ for journey. At 1:00 p.m. we reached Bharatpur and had our lunch in Global hotel. As we all were tired, we stayed sometime in the garden of that hotel and the food that we ate was also very delicious. Then after one ~~and~~ hour our bus took great speed until we reached Lumbini. We watched outside through window and could see the plain fields and the forest. After the long journey of 11 hours we reached Lumbini; the birth place of Gautam Buddha.

At Lumbini, we stayed at Buddha Hotel. Everyone was so tired that we took a rest for sometime in the room and after sometime we, all the girls ~~was~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~hotel~~ were going to eat some ~~of~~ noodles, Uncle Michael was already in the hotel. We was so happy to see him. ~~we~~ After having noodles we went in our room and ^{took rest} ~~at~~ Then after 2 hours we had our dinner with Uncle Michael and slept.

We was so tired that, we slept upto 7:00 a.m. in the morning. After being fresh we had breakfast with all the family members and started to visit Lumbini.

First we saw Buddha Stupa, which was build with the help of Japan. The stupa was surrounded by the beautiful garden and the air was also blowing in a great speed. There was pond also, ful of Lotus. Our guide told us that there is a snake in the pond but we didn't saw it. After that, we visited to the monasteries which was build with the help of German. Then we visited in the palace where the different activities done by Buddha was ~~made~~ reflected on the statues. We saw different statues of Buddha such as the statue when Mayadevi gave birth to him, the statue that Siddharta meditate and got enlightenment, etc. outside the palace and we went inside the palace where there was the picture of Gautam Buddha. In inside, it was so peace, that we couldnot make any sound and there we ~~took~~^{took} some photographs. At 1:30 p.m. we return to the hotel for lunch and after having lunch we took rest. At 2:00 p.m., all the girls and Uncle Michael enjoyed a lot. Uncle Michael took our photo and after sometime uncle also went and all the girls sang and danced.

At 4:00 p.m. we went to Mayadevi Temple, where the Gautam Buddha was born. We saw the Ashoka Pillar behind the Mayadevi Temple. Inside the temple there was carvings showing the Buddha's birth. The temple was built in the 3rd century BC, to mark the exact spot of the birth of Gautam Buddha. While returning from the temple ~~we~~ everybody bought some things that we liked on the shop. Everybody was very happy with Uncle Michael. Then, we went to the Tilaurakot. This is the palace where Buddha lived as a boy. ~~But~~. We all thought that there ~~was~~ ^{is} a place but there was only the remains of the palace. So everybody was surprised and we all laughed that there was not the big palace. After ~~that~~ visit to the Tilaurakot, we went to the hotel. ~~and at 8:30~~ While going to the hotel, it was raining and ~~the~~ we sang and danced. We reached the hotel at 8:00 p.m. and had dinner. ~~We~~ the girls planned to dance that night but due to some problem we couldn't dance. So, everybody went to sleep.

On 28th March, we get up at 7:00 a.m. and got ready for our next journey in Palpa. While going Palpa, we saw the hills and in the way there was a Temple and we went and prayed there. Then again, we started our journey. At 1:00 p.m. We reached to the hotel Srinagar, Palpa.

We took rest for some time and had lunch at 1:30 p.m. The Shrinagar hotel was beautiful and well facilitated than Buddha hotel of Lumbini. At 3:00 p.m. we visited to the tallest "Trisul" of Asia. There was a temple also. Then after watching the Trisul we went to watch the biggest "Karowa" of Asia. Karowa is a pot for drinking water. We had some photos there and went to the stupa. ~~We~~ The stupa was inside the way to forest and there was fresh air & the environment was so good. Then we went to the market where we saw the Nepali clothes ~~at~~ known as "Dhaka". Palpa is very famous for ~~producing~~ Dhaka. We reached hotel at 5:30 p.m. and had some noodles. Then we went to our own room and watched television there. At 7:00 p.m. we had dinner and after half an hour we danced and enjoyed a lot. All the girls was so happy that their plan was ~~succeeded~~ succeeded. We all girls danced with Uncle Michael, Prem sir, Rupa mam, ~~and~~ Deependra brother and mother, Sangita. We all enjoyed a lot while dancing. We danced till 10:00 p.m. and went to sleep. In the morning at ~~6:~~ 7:00 p.m. we left Palpa and started our journey to Kathmandu, and reached Balaju at 6:00 p.m. This is the end of our great journey. We all are very thankful to the members who give us great chance to visit this places. This journey will be the memorable journey for all of us.