



ASDP 2020 Cultural Excursion

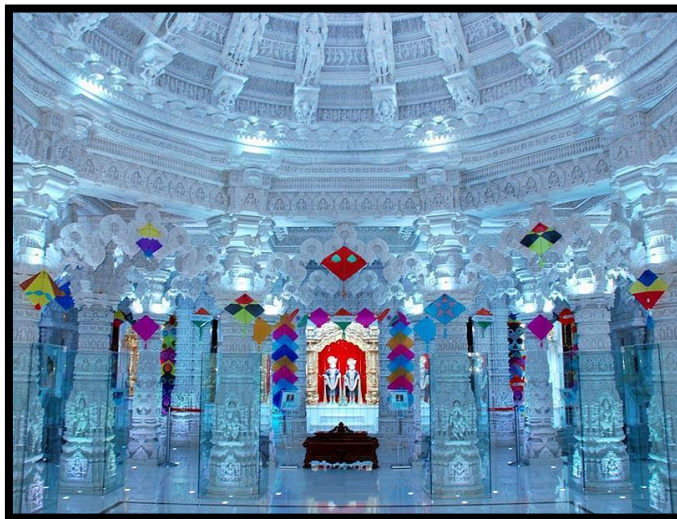
Thursday, March 5th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
\$25.00 • Limited to 25

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple [LINK](#)

This spectacular Hindu Temple is the largest outside India. More than 34,000 pieces of Italian marble, Turkish limestone and Indian pink sandstone were hand carved in India, shipped to the U.S., and assembled onsite like a giant 3-D puzzle by volunteers who donated over a million cumulative hours. This architectural, cultural and spiritual marvel is situated on 30 acres of landscaped grounds.



Temple Itinerary: Tour outside & inside (handicapped accessible; audio guide available \$5); **Murti Darshan:** viewing of sacred shrines; **Arti:** one of the oldest and most important Hindu ceremonies; an awe-inspiring form of prayer made by waving lighted wicks before the sacred images to the accompaniment of a musical prayer; **Abhishek:** ancient ritual of bathing, or pouring water on the murti (sacred images).



Buford Highway Asian District

Metro Atlanta is home to several Asian districts, but this is the original. In contrast to urban counterparts in other regions of the country, Buford Highway reflects the more recent economic and cultural influence of Asian immigration to the American South, typically situated in suburban areas. After this insightful demographic tour along one of the greatest multicultural and culinary corridors in the country, like Atlantans, you'll know what it means "to go eat on Buford Highway," among other things.



Buford Highway Itinerary: Drive along the 3-mile Asian corridor to observe and learn about Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese and other Asian cultural, commercial and outreach activity in the area; eat lunch at one of several Asian options; visit select Asian markets, cafes and bakeries.



Links to [GUIDE](#) & [WEBSITE](#)

The guide and website include both the northerly Asian District and southerly Hispanic District, which we'll also pass through on the way back to the hotel.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Participants are responsible for their own lunch (not included in registration).
- Departure time is promptly at 10:00 am, as the temple programs (Murti Darshan, Arti, and Abhishek) take place at specific times.

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