

# *Nalanda*





## Archeological Sites

- Ancient Nalanda University Ruins
- Huein Tsang (Zuan Zang)
- Indasala Caves
- Talia baba

## Lesser Known Sites

- Oduntपुरi
- Ghosrawan
- Tetrawa
- Zuafardih
- Sarilchak
- Mustafapur
- Jagishpur
- Thai Temple

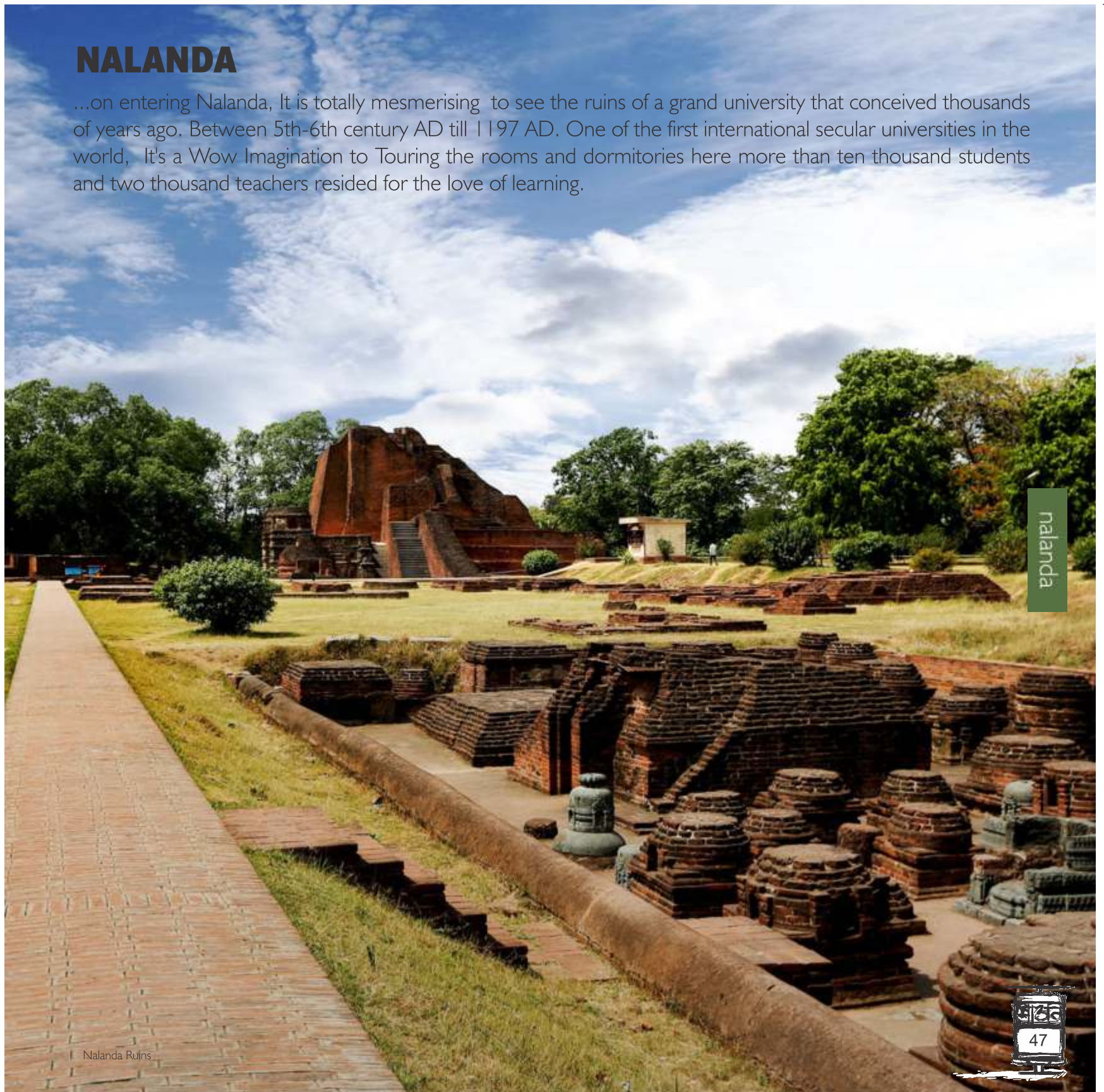
District	: Nalanda
Commissionary	: Patna
Headquater	: Biharsharif
Sub-Division	: Biharsharif, Hilsa, Rajgir
Population	: 19,97,995 (20 Lacs)
Area	: 2,361.70 Sq. Km.
Sea Level	: 67 Meter
Temperature	: Summer – 48 C - 18 C Winter – 28 C - 15 C
Rainfall	: 120 cm
Best Season	: November - February
Road Route	: 93 Km away from Patna 12 Km from Rajgir 89 Km from Bodh Gaya (via Gaya)
Rail Route	: Nearest Railway Station - Nalanda
Main Railway Station	: Patna
Air Connectivity	: Nearest Airport - Patna and Gaya





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...on entering Nalanda, It is totally mesmerising to see the ruins of a grand university that conceived thousands of years ago. Between 5th-6th century AD till 1197 AD. One of the first international secular universities in the world, It's a Wow Imagination to Touring the rooms and dormitories here more than ten thousand students and two thousand teachers resided for the love of learning.



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Nalanda Ruins





Ages before any modern means of transport, students from China, Japan, Tibet, Korea, Greece and Persia would travel thousands of miles encountering numerous adversities to reach here. 'Sakraditya' (identity uncertain; either Kumara Gupta I or Kumara Gupta II) is believed to be the founder of this great University. Nalanda flourished under the patronage of the Hindu Gupta rulers, Buddhist emperor Harshvardhana and the later emperors from the Pala dynasty.

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Subjects like; ancient Indian scientific thought in mathematics, science, medicine, logic astronomy, alchemy, and anatomy as well as metaphysics, philosophy, Samkhya, Yoga-shastra, the Veda, and the scriptures of Buddhism were taught here. Even foreign philosophies were taught by the scholars from foreign lands who visited this University - famous far and wide.



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Another view of Thai Temple



## THAI TEMPLE

Covering calm & serene places for the last whole week, the temple perfectly contrasts the mood leaving a pleasant savory tinge.

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Inside view of Thai Temple







**Hiuen-Tsang** studied at this place during the King Harshavardhana's reign in the 7th century AD and has described the soaring towers, pavilions and temples above the mists of the sky and that the Monks witness the birth of the winds and clouds." From their cells.

Hiuen-Tsang mentions that the lakes were full of blue lotuses and the garden of dazzling red Kanaka flowers and the mango groves around provided an ideal location to study.

## HIEUN-TSANG MEMORIAL HALL

*Situated: 1 km away from Nalanda.*

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Significance: Constructed in the memory of famous Chinese traveller Hieun-Tsang who toured India In the 7th century AD (629-645 century AD) for 5 years. Besides, 'Kamal Sarovar' (lotus pond), adds to the beauty of the place.







INSIDE OF HIEUN-TSANG MEMORIAL HALL



*“The way is not in the sky.  
The way is in the heart.”*  
-Buddha



*Lotus Flower*  
One of Buddha's symbol

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A sketch depicting  
the passion of  
Hiuen-Tsang

*Believe nothing merely because you have been told it.  
Do not believe what your teacher tells you  
merely out of respect for the teacher. But whatsoever,  
after due examination and analysis, you find to be kind,  
conducive to the good, the benefit,  
the welfare of all beings -- that doctrine believe  
and cling to, and take it as your guide.*

*....From the Wise Buddha*