

BENGAL HERITAGE CRUISE

Day 01: Arrive at Kolkata

Arrive Kolkata. On arrival, you will be greeted and assisted by our representative and transferred to the Jetty to board the vessel.

(Rooms will be available from 1200 hrs)

Kolkata -

Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) is the capital of India's West Bengal state. Founded as an East India Company trading post, it was India's capital under the British Raj from 1773–1911. Today it's known for its grand colonial architecture, art galleries and cultural festivals. It's also home to Mother House, headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa

On arrival in Kolkata, transfer to vessel. The vessel shall sail off by 14.00 hrs

The ship sails for Sunderbans, the kingdom of the famous Royal Bengal Tigers as well as the World's largest Mangrove Forest belt. The cruiser sails along the beautiful Ganges towards the south, passing through the various heritage sites to reach the gate way of Sunderbans called **Namkhana**, where guest enjoy the unique scene of hundreds of fishing boats busy with their daily chores in the small fishing hamlet of Namkhana.

In the evening the guests will be briefed about the mangrove in a wildlife film show.

Overnight at the Cruise.

Meals : Lunch and Dinner.

Day 02: Sunderbans

Early this morning the guests will visit the crocodile project on Bhagabatpur island which is a hatchery and sanctuary to the biggest estuarine crocodiles in the world.

Back to vessel for breakfast. After breakfast, the guest may relax and experience of other facilities on board like SPA Massage, indoor games or may read a book in our library.

Lunch on board.

Afternoon after lunch guests can disembark to walk at Bali Village, a typical Sunderban village for an interaction with the villagers to experience their life style. Guests will experience farming, paddy husking, honey packing, fishing and various occupations of the region.

Evening experience a tribal dance drama of Sunderbans, " Bono Bibi Pala", on the vessel with delicious evening snacks.

Dinner on board.

Overnight at the M.V.Paramhansa.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch /Dinner

Day 03: Sunderbans

Early Morning enjoy healthy breakfast at the vessel.

After breakfast enjoy extensive creek ride through the dense Mangrove forest. Later have a Canopy walk and explore Dobanke, the Deer Rehabilitation Center.

Back to vessel for lunch.

Afternoon visit the Wildlife Watch Tower at Sudhayanakhali; famous for its watchtower and wildlife sighting and creek rides through the thick forest, having extensive range of mangrove species where the guests can feast their eyes on the wide range of migratory and local birds of this region. excellent birding opportunity. Later visit to Sudhanya khali watch tower.

As an evening entertainment, We have a informative wild life film show.

Overnight at the Vessel.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch /Dinner

Day 04: Kolkata City

Arrival at Kolkata by Morning.

After breakfast at vessel, Kolkata city tour.

Know the oldest city of the east and once the capital of British East India Company.

Visit points of Kolkata

1. Kumartuli
2. Howrah Bridge
3. Dalhousie Square
4. College Street Book Market
5. St. Paul's Cathedral
6. Victoria Memorial from outside

In the evening guests will enjoy the cruise to Ghat of Kolkata and visit to Balure math for evening aarti.

Overnight at the Vessel.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch /Dinner

Day 05: Bengal Heritage Cruise

Early morning Session of YOGA on the vessel.

Breakfast on the vessel. The vessel sails off at 12.00 hrs to move to the northern train of River Ganges.

The vessel will drop anchor at Chandannagore -the French colony from 1673 to 1952, except between 1757 to 1794 when it was under the British.

Visit points at Chandannagar :

1. The chandannagar Museum
2. Church
3. Banstand
4. Femous bengal sweet shop/ french bekary

After lunch, Bandel - meaning the Port in Bengali, the Portuguese settlement at Bandel

Visit spots at Bandel –

1. Bandel church
2. the Monastery

We give to a traditional dance form of Bengal, Gaorio dance.

Overnight at the Vessel.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 06: Bengal Heritage Cruise

After breakfast the vessel will drop anchor at Kalna - Maharajas of Bardhaman built several magnificent temples with intricate terracotta ornamentation, the main one being 108 Shiv Mandir built in 1809 in traditional AAT chala architecture and the Raj bari which house most of the temples.

After a wonderful lunch at the vessel , visit to Shantipur - the weavers colony of fine Bengal cotton, the village rich in handloom weaving, is the second largest occupation in the state of West Bengal. The weavers here blend the traditional art with the modern life style needs, offering rich variety of textiles, sarees, stoles, fabrics etc. Guests may buy few souvenir for themselves.

In the evening the guests will enjoy a folk form of music “Boul Sangeet”.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 07: Bengal Heritage Cruise

Today the vessel will drop anchor at Mayapur , which is the Headquarters of ISKCON temples, preaching the power of prayer to attain salvation. After a mouth watering breakfast at the vessel trip to the Mayapur “ Hare Krishna, Hare Rama” temple.

Later after lunch, Visit to Matiari – famous for Bengal handicraft, the bell metal wares. Guests are taken to the work shops, where they may enjoy seeing the craftsmen at work and also may buy few souvenir for themselves.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 08: Bengal Heritage Cruise

Finally we reach Murshidabad – the historic town, the earliest evidences of history perhaps as early as circa 1500 B.C. The Nawab Murshid Quli Khan made Murshidabad the capital city of Sube Bangla, comprising of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. The East India Company reigned from here for many years after the Battle of Plassey.

Visit points at Murshidabad :

1. Katra Mosque
2. Imambara
3. Hazarduari
4. Katgola Garden
5. Nasipur Rajbari
6. Tomb of Azimunnisa Begum

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 09: Bengal Heritage Cruise

After breakfast the vessel will drop anchor at Azimgunj.

Visit Baranagar -

1. Natur's Rani, Bhewani made a terakota Shiva temple name Bhewaniswar Temple.
2. Charbangla Temple.

After Lunch, Visit to Jigagunj -

1. Biri Factory
2. Jain Temple

The Farakka Barrage - is the longest barrage in the world and has recently been entered into the Guinness Book of World Records. It has 101 gates and it is from here the water is shared between India and Bangladesh.

Meals : Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 10: Bengal Heritage Tour

Reach Azimganj in the morning.

After breakfast the vessel will drop anchor at Azimganj **check out from the vessel.**

Transfer to Malda Railway station by AC Coach/ Innova/Scorpio / Xylo (06 Pax in 01 Vehicle)(which ever is available .

Board train Kanchanjunga Express to NJP. Packed lunch for guests.

Reaching NJP, welcome on arrival at NJP and transfer to Kurseong (55Kms / 02 Hrs). Afternoon and Evening free for leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Kurseong locally known as "Kharsang", which in Lepcha means 'the Land of White Orchids', referring to the small white orchids prolific here. The serenity and tranquillity of this place is what attracts people. On the outskirts of main town of Kurseong is Cochrane Place, a recreated and restored stately British Colonial home of its previous resident, Percy John Cochrane, MBE. The stunning view of the tea garden along with the mountains and the foothill forests of the Eastern Himalayas from the this Tea Resort are enchanting. Over night at Kurseong Hotel.

Meals : Breakfast/packed Lunch/Dinner

Day 11: KURSEONG - DARJEELING

Morning after an early breakfast enjoy at tour of the Makaibari Tea Factory and Plantation to interact and discover the charming character, rich culture and history with the friendly people of the tea estate. Lunch at Cochrane Place followed by transfer to the Kurseong Toy Train Station to connect Toy Train (Train 9D / STD 15.00Hrs) to Darjeeling (30Kms / 03Hrs). This unique Mountain Railway' project was first started in 1878 by the initiative of Sir. Ashley Eden and is now a World Heritage. Overnight at Darjeeling.

Darjeeling is a land of infinite variety and charm. Dorje, the mystic thunderbolt of the Lama-Religion was the origin of the name Darjeeling, which was first discovered by a British Captain Lloyd in the year 1829. Surrounded by Tea gardens; this little town faces some of the highest peaks of the Himalayas and used to be the summer retreat of the European Officers in Bengal. Evening free for individual activity and leisure, overnight at Darjeeling Hotel.

Meals : Breakfast/-----/Dinner

Day 12: DARJEELING SIGHTSEEING

Early morning start for Tiger Hill to watch the spectacular sunrise and its amazing effects on the Mt. Kanchendzonga (Worlds 3rd highest peak), Visit Ghoom Monastery and Batashia Loop War Memorial while returning to the Hotel. Breakfast at the Hotel followed by half day local sightseeing covering Padmaja N. Zoological Garden (Closed on Thursday) established on August 14, 1958. It specializes in breeding animals adapted to alpine conditions.

Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Closed on Thursday) was founded in Darjeeling on 4th November by Pandit Nehru who said that *"The institute trains young men not only to climb Himalayan peaks, but also create in them an urge to climb peaks of human Endeavour."* HMI has the oldest mountaineering Museum of the country established in 1957.

Tibetan Refugee Self-help Center (Closed on Sunday) established in 1 October, 1959, following the dramatic escape of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, thousands of Tibetans leaving hearth and home, fled into the neighbouring countries to live as free human beings. The production of Tibetan handicraft is the centre's main activity. Evening enjoy a short walk across the Mall and Local Market (Closed on Thursday). Overnight at hotel.

Meals : Breakfast/-----/Dinner

Day 13: DARJEELING – BAGDOGRA

In the morning transfer from Darjeeling to Bagdogra Airport (95kms/ 3hrs appx)

Meals : Breakfast/-----/-----

End of Services

Cost Includes	Cost does not include
* Double / Twin room on sharing basis	X Any airfares.
* Daily Breakfast.	X Any airport taxes.
* Ex Bagdogra Transfers Sightseeing by Non A/c Mini Coach (10 – 24 Pax) & 01 Innova (25 – 29Pax) * Darjeeling local sightseeing by Innova/Scorpio / Xylo (06 Pax in 01 Vehicle)	X Any expenditure of personal nature such as drinks, tips, laundry, telephone charges etc.
* Services of Accompanying English speaking Tour guide from arrival in Farraka till drop at Bagdogra airport	X Any new tax imposed by the Govt.
* One way train fare from Malda Town / New Farakka Junction to NJP on AC 2 tier / 3tier - subject to availability at the time of booking . * Toy Train ride (Kurseong to Darjeeling) – subject to availability at the time of booking	
* Monument entrance fee.	
* Refreshment and mineral water through tour.	
* Currently applicable taxes	

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* Double / Twin room on sharing basis	X Any airfares.
* Daily Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	X Any airport taxes.
* TRANSPORTATION: All ground transportation, as detailed in the itinerary.	X Any expenditure of personal nature such as hard drinks, tips, laundry, telephone charges etc.
* Services of Accompanying English speaking Tour guide.	X Any new tax imposed by the Govt.
* Monument entrance fee.	
* Currently applicable taxes	

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