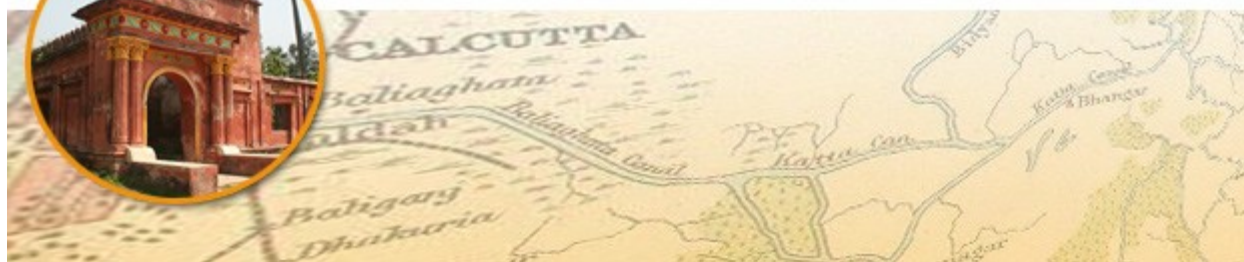




Ganges Heritage Up (3N & 4D)



Heritage Unfolds as the cruiser sails along the River Ganges. Experience the rich culture and heritage Bengal has to offer on Ganges in the shore excursion as the cruiser drops anchor at several banks for a guided tour.

Embarkation : 2 p.m., Vivada Jetty at Millennium Park, Kolkata

Disembarkation : 3 p.m., Jetty in Katwa

Kolkata Arrival : 6 p.m, Millennium Park, Kolkata

Day 1

Afternoon

2 p.m. - Check-in at the embarkation point - Millennium Park, this is situated in the center of Kolkata, 30 minutes from the airport.

Safety and tour briefing.

The cruiser sets sail.

Late Afternoon

Chandannagar - the French establishment



The city of Chandannagar was a French colony from 1673 to 1952. Even though the city was under the possession of the English in 1757 and in 1794, it was restored to the French. 18th century mansion of the French administrator now houses the Institute de Chandannagar with a library, a French language school, and a museum of documents, antiques, and art and sculpture.

Day 2



Early Morning

Bandel - the Portuguese Colony

There was a **Portuguese settlement** at Bandel. The Church and the Monastery were built around 1660 by the Portuguese. Bandel Church is one of the oldest Christian churches in West Bengal. It is dedicated to Nossa Senhora di Rozario. The keystone of an older church with the year 1599 on it adorns the riverside gate of the monastery attached to it.

After Breakfast

Weavers colony at Kalna / Shantipur famous for fine Bengal cotton known as TANT. Opposite is the town of Kalna famous for its terracotta temples.



Evening

Mayapur, the headquarters of ISKCON in the evening. The prayers and dance in praise of the lord will be highlight of the visit. Opposite is the quiet village of Nabadwip.

Day 3



After Breakfast

Whole day tour of Murshidabad and Plassey.

Murshidabad is one of the oldest cities of West Bengal and has a rich heritage. The **Nawab Murshid Ali Khan** made Murshidabad the capital city of **Sube Bangla**, comprising of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. It was the last capital of independent Nawabs of Bengal and the first capital of Bengal under the British.



Nizamat Kila (the Fortress of the Nawabs), also known as the Hazaarduari Palace (Palace of a Thousand Doors), built by **Duncan McLeod** of the Bengal Engineers in 1837, in the Italianate style.

Moti Jhil (Pearl Lake), beautiful horseshoe shaped lake, just to the south of the palace.

Muradbagh Palace and the **Khushbagh Cemetery**, where the remains of **Ali Vardi Khan** and **Siraj Ud Daulah** are interred.



Plassey is the battlefield where the battle between **Siraj Ud Daulah**, the last independent **Nawab of Bengal**, and the British East India Company took place.

Berhampore was the first Head Quarter of the East India Company and having a long history enriched by the Nawabs, Kings, Zamindars and other European colonial forces such as Dutch, Armenians, English and French.

Day 4

After Breakfast

Shantiniketan, Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary & Tribal village. (Lunch at Shantiniketan)



Last day at the cruise. After Breakfast check out of the cruiser for a **Whole day of tour of Shantiniketan** etc. At the Bengal's cultural capital, traditional Bengali Lunch will await the Guest. After Lunch, guest will be travel back to Kolkata by Air conditioned coach. The distance from Shantineketan is about 150 km and travel time is about 3 hours.

Shantiniketan is built by famous **Nobel Laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore**, whose vision became what now is a University town (**Vishwa Bharati University**). It is a Home to many Artists, Singers, Painters, Sculptors and numerous artisans.



Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary is home to black buck, spotted deer, jackals, foxes and a variety of water birds

Tribal Village is quite simple and mainly comprises of **Santhal tribal community**. The natural surrounding and unique lifestyle of the Santhal tribe is what makes this village different from others. It is the only village which has preserved rich tribal culture and age old traditions from generations.

Late Afternoon

Depart Shantiniketan for surface transfer to Kolkata.



Evening

Reach Kolkata

Note: The time of Check in, disembarkation and the excursions may vary depending upon the tidal and other environmental conditions.