

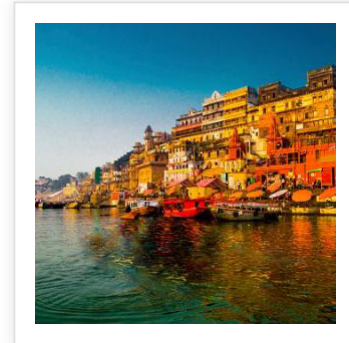
Colorful India & the Ganges River

13 Day River Cruise Delhi to Kolkata



Vacation Overview

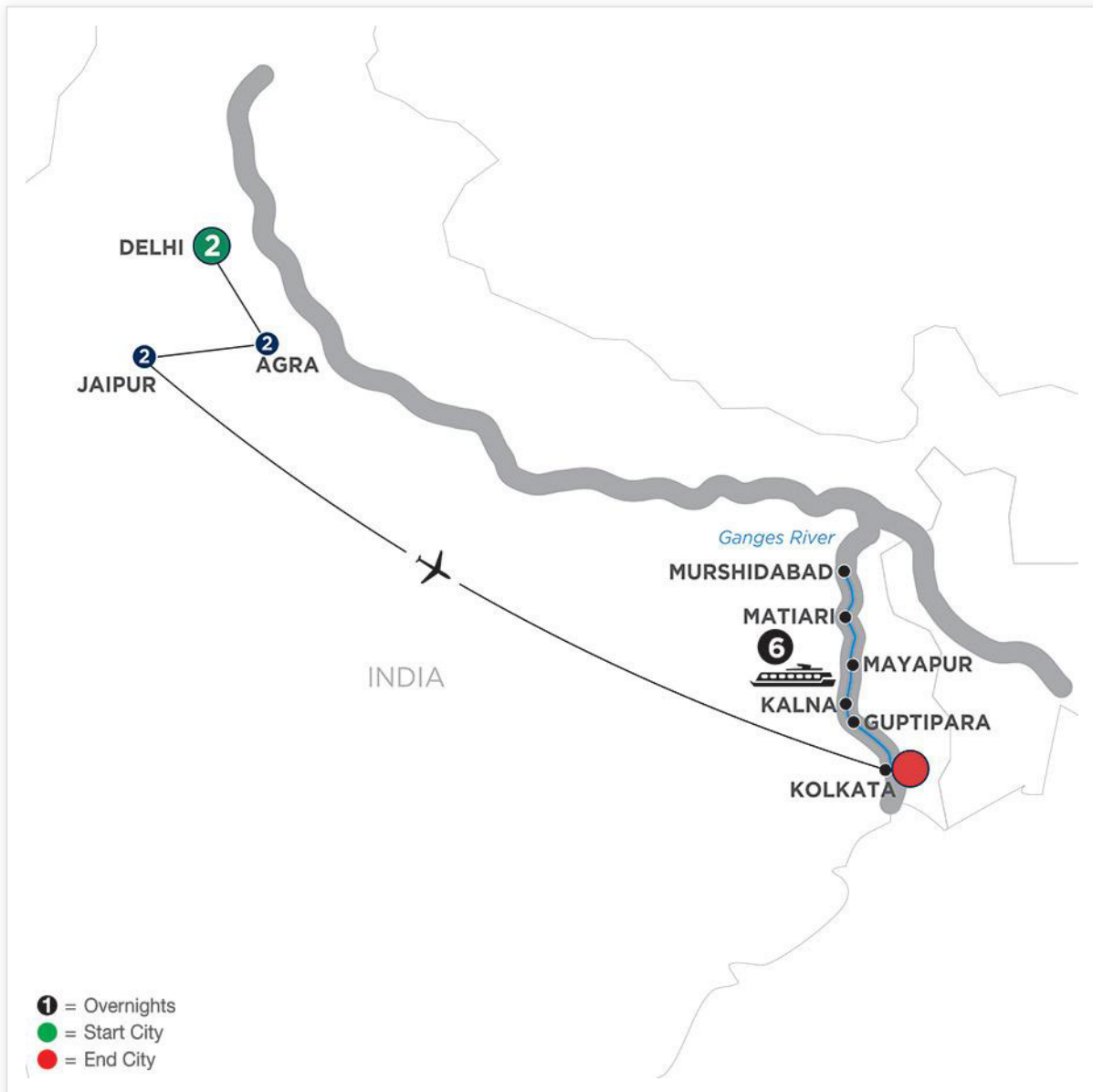
Enter a world of color, culture, and cherished spiritual tradition of India. Your guided tour of India and Ganges River cruise begins in the bustling city of Delhi. You'll tour the city with your expert local guide, and take a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk bazaar—brimming with everything from silver and spices to saris of every color. You'll visit Qutub Minar—the world's largest brick minaret, and see Delhi's largest Sikh gurudwara (house of worship), before traveling to Agra—site of the legendary Taj Mahal.



Join a sunrise excursion to the Taj Mahal—the iconic memorial build by Moghul emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife. More than 20 years in the making, the Taj Mahal stands as the pinnacle of love's devotion, and is also yours to experience at sunset if you wish.

You'll enjoy the city of Jaipur, with its famous Palace of the Winds, and spectacular Amber Fort, before flying to Kolkata to board your Ganges river cruise. The holy river of Hinduism, the Ganges, slowly courses through one of the world's most fertile and populated areas. Along its banks, human life is connected to its waters and you'll get a glimpse of life away from India's big cities. See muslin weaving in Kalna and candy making in Matiari. Stop in Murshidabad for an excursion to Azimganj and Jiaganj—to savor authentic Indian tea, as well as stunning gold and silversmith workshops. You'll meet saree weavers, goldsmiths, and pottery makers. Explore the fascinating Hare Krishna headquarters in Mayapur, and visit Saint Mother Teresa's former home upon your return to Kolkata.

All of this and more await you on this once-in-a-lifetime guided tour of India and a Ganges River cruise.



Itinerary

Day 1 **DELHI, INDIA**

Welcome to India's capital city! Hotel rooms are available for mid-afternoon check-in.

Day 2 **DELHI**

Saris, Spices, and Silver

CLASSIC Today's Guided Sightseeing starts with an orientation to see the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, India Gate, and the Presidential Palace. Afterward, take a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk, a captivating local bazaar—with its ancient alleyways lined with quaint shops offering everything from silver and saris to spices and electronics.

After lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy a bit of leisure time. Tonight, your Tour Director hosts a

lavish welcome dinner at your hotel.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 3 **DELHI–AGRA**

Monuments of Worship and Remembrance

CLASSIC This morning, take a Guided Excursion to visit Qutub Minar, the world's tallest brick minaret, dating back to the 11th century. Next, visit Humayun's Tomb and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, Delhi's largest and most prominent Sikh gurudwara (house of worship).

After lunch, drive to Agra and settle in at your hotel overlooking the Taj Mahal.

 Breakfast  Lunch

Day 4 **AGRA**

Love's Crowning Achievement

CLASSIC Start your day with a Sunrise Excursion to the incomparable Taj Mahal—Moghul Emperor Shah Jahan's memorial to his beloved wife—more than 20 years in the making.

CLASSIC Later, take a Guided Tour to Agra Fort, built by the Moghul Emperor Akbar. This formidable fortress of red sandstone conceals the imperial city of the Moghul rulers and its many palaces.

For those interested, an excursion to the Taj at sunset is included.

 Breakfast  Dinner

Day 5 **AGRA–JAIPUR**

Palaces and Rare Printings in the Pink City

Travel to Jaipur—the "Pink City" that was painted pink for the Prince of Wales' 1876 visit.

CLASSIC This afternoon, take a Guided Tour of the City Palace and the adjoining museum, which houses a collection of rare manuscripts. Also, stop at Jantar Mantar and the famous Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds).

The evening is at your leisure.

 Breakfast  Lunch



Day 6 **JAIPUR**

A Maharaja's Marble Palace

CLASSIC Today, join a Guided Excursion to Jaipur's spectacular Amber Fort, built entirely of white marble and red sandstone, and featuring intricate mosaics, carvings, paintings, and mirror works.

Spend the afternoon at leisure.

DISCOVERY Tonight, and enjoy a festive dinner with a Cultural Performance.

 Breakfast  Dinner

Day 7 **JAIPUR–KOLKATA (EMBARKATION)**

Welcome to West Bengal. Your Ship Awaits.

Fly to Kolkata this morning to transfer to your ship. This afternoon, get acquainted with the ship prior to your welcome reception.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO KALNA

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 8 **KALNA**

Rituals, Rickshaws, and a Weaver's Wares

DISCOVERY Ride on cycle rickshaws during your Guided Tour of Kalna. Along the way visit the historic terracotta temple complex and receive blessings from the temple priest. Also visit a muslin-weaver's home.

Enjoy a free afternoon on board your ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO MATIARI

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 9 **MATIARI**

Shining Brass and Sweet Shops

DISCOVERY Join a Morning Walk in the brass-making village of Matiari to see and interact with the craftsmen there. You'll also see traditional sweets being made.

Enjoy a free afternoon free onboard your ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO MURSHIDABAD

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 10 **MURSHIDABAD. EXCURSION TO AZIMGANJ & JIAGANJ**

Silversmiths, Tea Service, and Saree Weaving

DISCOVERY Enjoy a short Guided Walk through Azhimganj to see the local gold and silversmith workshops. You'll also visit a local landlord's mansion for authentic Indian tea, then travel by electric rickshaw in Jiaganj to see the art of Baluchari saree weaving.

Relax this afternoon free onboard your ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING SAILING TO MAYAPUR

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 11 **MAYAPUR–GUPTIPARA**

A Holy Pilgrimage on the Ganges

CLASSIC Join a Morning Walk through the pilgrim's bazaar and visit the ISKCON temple, and meet and interact with a Krishna leader. You'll also visit a goshala (rescue shelter for cows).

DISCOVERY This afternoon, take a Rickshaw (Toto) Ride, and explore the village of Guptipara to see pottery and idol-making. You'll also take an Escorted Visit to a farmer's home and interact with the family there.

AFTERNOON/EVENING SAILING TO KOLKATA

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 12 **KOLKATA**

Flowers, Faith, and Victorian Art

CLASSIC This morning, take a Guided Walk through the colorful flower market. Afterward, stop to see Mother Teresa's former home and the Calcutta rescue.

CLASSIC After lunch, join a Guided Visit to the Victoria Memorial Museum. Built to commemorate Queen Victoria, the museum houses a beautiful collection of paintings, textiles, weapons, and other artifacts from the Victorian era.

Tonight, a farewell Dance Performance is presented on the ship.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 13 **KOLKATA (DISEMBARKATION)**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Vacation Highlights

Day 1 Delhi, India: Welcome to India

Day 2 Delhi: See Red Fort, Jama Masjid, India Gate, and the Presidential Palace; rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk bazaar

Day 3 Delhi–Agra: Sightseeing including visits to Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib; drive to Agra

Day 4 Agra: Sunrise visit to Taj Mahal; Agra Fort; sunset visit to Taj Mahal

Day 5 Agra–Jaipur: Drive to Jaipur; afternoon sightseeing including visits to the City Palace and Jantar Mantar

Day 6 Jaipur: Excursion to Amber Fort; time at leisure; cultural performance in evening

Day 7 Jaipur–Kolkata (Embarkation): Fly to Kolkata; onboard welcome reception

Day 8 Kalna: Sightseeing by rickshaw; visit a temple complex to receive blessings from a priest and visit a muslin-weaver's home

Day 9 Matiari: Walking tour of village to interact with brass craftsmen and see traditional sweets being made

Day 10 Murshidabad. Excursion to Azimganj & Jiaganj: Walking tour of Azimganj to see gold and silversmith workshops; sample tea in a local home; travel by electric rickshaw to see saree weaving in Jiaganj

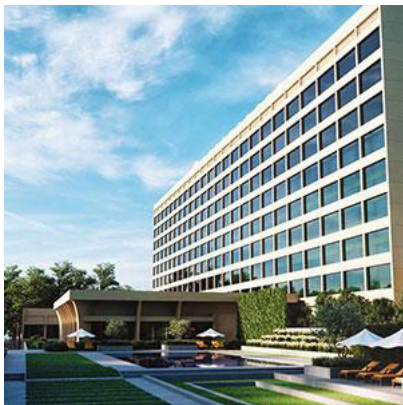
Day 11 Mayapur–Guptipara: Morning visit to the ISKCON temple in Mayapur; rickshaw ride through Guptipara to see pottery-making and a farmer’s home

Day 12 Kolkata: Guided walk through the flower market; visit Mother Teresa’s Home, the Calcutta Rescue, and the Victoria Memorial Museum; farewell dance performance

Day 13 Kolkata: End of vacation

Hotels

Delhi



The Oberoi, New Delhi

Deluxe

"The Oberoi, New Delhi is an iconic luxury hotel in the heart of New Delhi. The freshly updated interiors are a contemporary interpretation of Sir Edwin Lutyens. The hotel has 220 rooms, with authentic furnishings and handpicked artwork. Dining options include international cuisine, authentic Indian, and Chinese. There is also a rooftop bar, one of the most sophisticated and fashionable destinations in New Delhi."

Agra



Oberoi Amarvilas

Deluxe

The Oberoi Amarvilas enjoys an unrivalled location just 600 metres from the iconic Taj Mahal. Unwind with a cocktail in the only bar in the world with views of the ancient monument, or relax in the outdoor pool surrounded by beautiful gardens.

Jaipur

Jai Mahal Palace

Superior First-Class



Set amidst 18 acres of beautifully landscaped Moghul gardens, this incomparable Palace dates back to 1745 A.D. A masterpiece in the Indo Saracenic style of architecture, it blends spotlight grabbing opulence with tantalizing comforts that transport guests to a world of Rajasthan magnificence. It is located downtown, close to the main shopping center and historical monuments.



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