

# 13 Days Colorful India & the Ganges River Delhi to Kolkata (WDKI)





## **INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE (COMPLIMENTARY)**

- Wi-Fi in the lounges (when signal available)
- Friendly, English-speaking crew
- Suites with French balcony, floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Premium bath products
- Complimentary water
- In-room safe
- Individual climate control
- At least one shore excursion per city

- Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks throughout the day
- Open-seating dining
- Regional & Western cuisine
- Wine, local beer/spirits, soft drink, coffee & tea at Lunch & Dinner
- Daily early-riser coffee & tea
- Daily a la carte Breakfast & Lunch
- Daily four-course a la carte Dinner

# **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.





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.



#### 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.











#### Day 4 AGRA (cont.)

**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 Mahal at sunset is included.



#### Day 5 AGRA-JAIPUR

Welcome to the Pink City

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

After lunch, enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure.



#### Day 6 JAIPUR

A Maharaja's Marble Palace and Gateway to the Stars

**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.

**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, a fascinating astronomical observatory built in the early 18th century.











#### Day 7 JAIPUR-KOLKATA (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to West Bengal. Your Ship Awaits.

Fly to Kolkata this morning to transfer to your ship.

Get acquainted with the ship prior to your welcome reception this evening.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO KALNA

Breakfast X Lunch A Dinner

#### Day 8 KALNA

Rituals, Rickshaws, and Muslin Weavers

**DISCOVERY** Ride on cycle rickshaws during your Guided Exploration 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 🄀 Lunch 🖴 Dinner

#### Day 9 MATIARI

**Sweet Shops and Shiny Brass** 

DISCOVERY Join a Guided Walk through the village of Matiari where fascinating scenes of everyday life unfold in front of you. Stop to see how traditional sweets are made and explore the local produce market. The village is best known for brass-making and you'll see how scrap metal is recycled to make figurines and functional items such as tea sets and vases. For the final step, watch a talented craftsman delicately hand-hammer intricate patterns into the brass.

Enjoy a free afternoon onboard your ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO MURSHIDABAD

Breakfast X Lunch A Dinner











# Day 10 MURSHIDABAD. EXCURSION TO AZIMGANJ & JIAGANJ

Silversmiths, Tea Service, and Silk Sarees

**DISCOVERY** Guided Sightseeing brings you to two towns on opposite sides of the river. In Jiaganj, travel by electric rickshaw to see the art of Baluchari saree weaving. In Azimganj, walk through the local crafts market and explore Bari Kothi, a former residence that has been restored to its former grandeur after being abandoned for over half a century. You'll also witness a silver- and gold-making demonstration.

Relax this afternoon onboard your ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING SAILING TO MAYAPUR









## Day 11 MAYAPUR-GUPTIPARA

A Holy Pilgrimage on the Ganges

**CLASSIC** Your Morning Excursion brings you to the fascinating ISKCON campus at Mayapur, the worldwide headquarters of the Hare Krishna movement. A Krishna leader will guide you throughout your visit to introduce you to their philosophy and life on campus, Along the way, you'll tour the main temple and have time for questions.

**DISCOVERY** This afternoon, climb aboard a Rickshaw (Toto) for your visit to the small riverside village of Guptipara. Along the way, see pottery and idol making. You'll also visit a farmer's home to interact with the family.

AFTERNOON/EVENING SAILING TO KOLKATA







#### Day 12 KOLKATA

Flowers, Faith, and Victorian Art

**CLASSIC** This morning, take a Guided Walk through the colorful flower market. Afterward, focus on the life and work of Mother Teresa who dedicated her life to helping the city's poor. Stop at her former home prior to visiting Nirmala Shishu Bhavan, a home for orphaned children run by Missionaries of Charity which she founded in 1950.

**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



Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast









#### Notes:

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.



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