

EXPLORE BENGAL

11 Nights/12 Days

Kolkata-2, Shantiniketan-1, Bishnupur-1, Kolkata-1, Kamarpukur-2, Kolkata-1,
Sundarban-2, Kolkata-1

Day 1

Arrive Kolkata



Arrive in Kolkata by evening /late night international flight. Upon your arrival you will be met and received at the airport & transferred to hotel. Overnight.

Day 2

Kolkata



Breakfast at the hotel, you take your tour of Kolkata, includes visit to Victoria Memorial built by Lord Curzon as a marble memorial to Queen Victoria in 1905 houses the memorabilia of the early days of the British Raj. Visit the National Museum which houses the various art treasures of the land, and the temple dedicated to Kali - the demonic attribute of Parvathi at Kalighat. Drive past by Fort William, the Eden Gardens, the Dalhousie Square and the Writers Building. Also visit the Missionaries of Charity, the home of Late Mother Teresa. Overnight.

Day 3

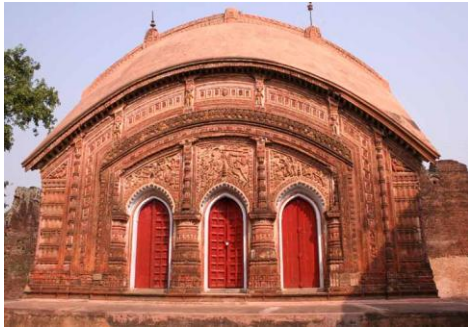
Kolkata>>Shantiniketan



Breakfast at the hotel. Morning drive to ShantiNiketan which will take you 3 hours by road. Check in at Mitali Homestay. Visit Rabindranath Tagore's Ashram. Evening at leisure. Overnight.

Day 4

Shantiniketan>>Bishnupur (180kms)



Post early breakfast drive to Bishnupur which will take you 4 hours by road. Check in. The city is very well known for its terracotta temples includes visits to its temples like Shyam Ray Temple, the twin shrines of Jorbangla, the Radhey Shyam Temple, the Sarbamangala and Chinnamasta. The Rass Mancha, built like a step-pyramid, is Bishnupur's most famous temple dedicated to Vishnu.

Another attraction in Bishnupur is the embellished Dol Madol cannon, constructed in 1742 by Raja Gopal Singh to keep the Maratha troops at bay. Also visit the Jogesh Chandra Archaeological Centre in Bishnupur to see Malla dynasty relics. . Overnight at Bishnupur.

Day 5

Bishnupur>> Kolkata >> (Bishnupur-Kolkata 4 Hours drive)



Early morning checkout and drive to Kolkata . Overnight stay

Day 6

Kolkata>>Kamarpukar (93kms)



After breakfast, drive to Kamarpukar –the birthplace of great saint Sri Ramakrishna, This holy place situated in the Hooghly District of West Bengal in India.Sri Ramakrisna took birth on Kamarpukur soil in the year 1836 as the son of a poor Brahmin family.Sri Ramakrishna's original home was situated at this village and later Ramakrishna Math was established at this place. . Overnight.

Day 7

Kamarpukar



Here are many other attractions including the ancestral home of Sri Ramakrishna, Raghubir Temple, Yogi's Siva temple, Haldar-Pukur & Manik Raja's Mango Grove. The temples in this city are really imposing and are places offering secluded worship. Temple of Gopeswar Siva, Dhani Kamarini's Temple and Mukundapur Siva Temple are some among them. Chinu Shankhari's birth-place & Sitanath Payne's House are also attractive destinations for the tourists. With the construction of guest houses, a library, a dispensary and schools, also with the development of the surroundings, the place has really become one of the beauty-spots in the whole locality.

Day 8

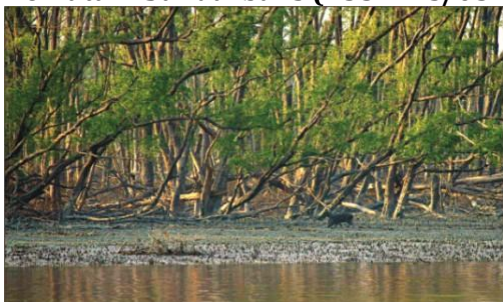
Kamarpukur >>Kolkata



Depart early to reach Kolkata by noon. Overnight stay

Day 09

Kolkata>>Sundarbans (255 Kms/05 Hours)



Arrive Kolkata and you will be transferred to boat jetty at Sonakhali. The 2½ hour drive takes through the lush-green rural Bengal landscape, dotted with its picturesque villages and quaint markets. You cruise down the rivers Hogol, Gomor, Durgaduani, Bidya and the Gumdi. As you sip tea or coffee, our naturalist explains the many mysteries of the Sundarbans. On this stretch alone you can see six different types of Kingfishers! A couple of pleasant hours later you arrive at the Jungle Camp on the Island of Bali. Here a sumptuous lunch awaits you and after a short rest in the well-appointed cottages we take you down to Sajnekhali, to see the Mangrove Interpretation Center and return via the Sudhyanakhali watchtower. Overnight at Sundarbans.

Day 10

Sundarbans



Today we take you on a full day cruise. Just after breakfast and head towards the canopied walk at Dobanki. We then proceed to the furthest point-Netidhopani, where you can see age-old excavations and view game from the watchtower. If you are lucky you can spot the famous swimming tigers of Sundarbans. We keep a sharp watch for basking Estuarine Crocodiles and the elusive Irrawaddy Dolphins. In the evening the local village troupe enacts the opera based on the popular myth of the Goddess Bonobibi. Overnight at Sundarbans.

Day 11 **Sundarbans>>Kolkata**



After breakfast, checkout and drive back to Kolkata. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Kolkata.

Day 12 **Kolkata (Departure)**



After breakfast, checkout and drop to Airport/ Railway Station.