

SPIRIT OF THE GANGES

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Meals

Breakfast: 6 Lunch: 5 Dinner: 6

Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities

Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

HighLights



DAY 1: KOLKATA (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to West Bengal. Your Ship Awaits. Get acquainted with the ship prior to your welcome reception this evening. AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO KALNA (D)

DAY 2: KALNA

Rituals, Rickshaws, and Muslin Weavers 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 muslinweaver's home. Enjoy a free afternoon on board your ship. AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO MATIARI (B,L,D)

DAY 3: 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 on board your ship. AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO MURSHIDABAD (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MURSHIDABAD. EXCURSION TO AZIMGANJ & JIAGANJ

Silversmiths, Tea Service, and Silk Sarees DISCOVERY - Enjoy a short Guided Walk through Azimganj 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 on board your ship. AFTERNOON/EVENING SAILING TO MAYAPUR (B,L,D)

DAY 5: 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 (B,L,D)

DAY 6: KOLKATA

Flowers, Faith, and Victorian Art CLASSIC - This morning, take a Guided Walk through the colourful 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.

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DAY 7: KOLKATA (DISEMBARKATION)

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)