

ARTISANS OF BENGAL - GANGES AND HOOGLY INDIA RIVER CRUISE

A themed cruise exploring the cultural heritage of Bengal along with different traditions of textile weaving and indigenous crafts combined with an insight into erstwhile colonies like French Chandernagore and Danish Serampore. From historical shiya centre and terracotta temples to the modern ISKCON temple; this cruise offers all and more! Explore the towns and villages along the Hoogly River from the comfort of a beautiful river ship and enjoy the superb on-board catering and facilities. The highly trained culinary team provide a buffet breakfast and lunch and a seated multiple course dinner. There will be some on board activities while cruising the river - A cooking class, a cultural performance and a lecture. Or just sit on the top deck, watching the world of the river go by, perhaps enjoying a sundowner while watching a sunset on the river. The banks are often a hive of activity with people bathing, weddings or other ceremonies, and the more rural sections are interspersed with villages and a more traditional way of life. Wildlife You can also enjoy the birdlife along the river, with some 180 species recorded recently, and, with luck, you will spot the rare Ganges River Dolphins that inhabit this part of the river.



ITINERARY

Day 1. Kolkata

Arrive Kolkata in the morning and transfer to the jetty to embark the ship. Lunch onboard. Thereafter a panoramic tour of the well-preserved British colonial buildings in Dalhousie Square; St. John's Church, and the Victoria Memorial.

Day 2. Kolkata tour and Bally Bridge

After breakfast, visit the Flower Market, where you can see artists creating a variety of garlands, ornaments, and other items made of flowers and leaves for temples, weddings, and other uses. Thereafter, visit Kumartuli, a traditional potters' quarter renowned for its sculpting prowess. Return to the ship for lunch and begin sail upstream passing below the Howrah Bridge and seeing various colonial buildings along the Ganges River to Bally Bridge. Dinner & overnight onboard



Day 3. Bally Bridge and Bandel

We sail further upstream to Bandel while enjoying breakfast and lunch onboard. Post lunch we visit the Hooghly Imambara, a famous Shiya pilgrimage center that provides housing for pilgrims as well as classrooms. Dinner & overnight onboard

Day 4. Kandel

We sail to Kalna enjoying breakfast and lunch onboard. Upon arrival ride e-rickshaws to visit the Rajbari temple complex. The Nabakailas temple contains 108 eight-slope-roofed shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva. Other temples in the complex feature diverse architecture and terracotta plaques depicting themes of Hindu epics and day-to-day life. Return to the ship walking through the local vegetable market. Dinner & overnight onboard

Day 5. Kalna, Nabadwip & Mayapur

Sail to Nabadwip while having breakfast and lunch. Upon arrival walk in the riverbank village known for its handloom weaving of cotton fabric, mainly saris and stole/scarves, and other activities. Ride the country boat across the river to Mayapur, the headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). Stroll in the pilgrim's bazaar, meet Krishna followers, and visit the temple, which is comparable in size to the Vatican. Dinner & overnight onboard

Day 6. Guptipara & Fulia

This morning a short sail brings us to Guptipara. After breakfast explore the town visiting the Vaishnav temples that contain some fantastic terracotta works. Also, visit a potter's home to see and interact with the artisans creating various clay items. Return to ship for lunch. Thereafter sail to the opposite bank and visit the weaving village of Fulia which specializes in a combination of jacquard and jamdani saree weaving. Dinner & overnight onboard

Day 7. Chandernagore – Serampore – Kolkata

Enjoying breakfast onboard, sail to Chandernagore which was established as a French colony. Upon arrival explore the colonial buildings along the promenade, including the former French governor's residence, now converted into a museum that features items depicting life during that period. Also, visit the Sacred Heart Church. Return to the ship and sail to Serampore. Post lunch walk in the old quarters to see the Danish Tavern, St. Olav's Church, and other Danish heritage monuments. Continue sail to Kolkata, arriving by the evening. Dinner & overnight onboard

Day 8. Kolkata

Following breakfast disembark the ship and transfer for your onward journey. Important Note:

The itinerary may be readjusted due to local conditions and days of the week, to avoid closure of monuments/museums Last-minute sailing adjustments may also occur. The onboard tour staff will announce or post the exact time for each activity.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

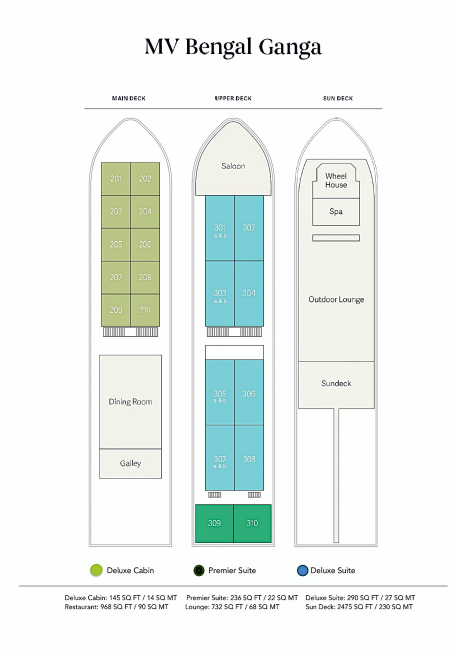
Inspired by colonial Clyde steamships, the Bengal Ganga is a graceful craft with 20 beautifully appointed cabins and suites. Recently renovated, the gleaming, well-polished Burmese teak and large balconies of the original combine with eclectic 1970s decor that features wood, metal and leather in various combinations, as well as repurposed teak. Large windows, curved motifs, rounded edges and striking colours create a fresh, stylish and restful feel. The Bengal Ganga is an expedition river craft, made entirely out of Burma teak and iron. It sails from Kolkata to Munger and downstream to Kolkata between October and late March when the river's waters are plentiful yet calm. ACCOMMODATION Cast in the rich Burma teak, our rooms are designed and equipped with modern amenities and a dash of the quintessential Indian luxury. Taking your experience a notch up, each room opens onto a balcony to ensure a relaxed space of your own. EXPERIENCE ON R.V. BENGAL GANGA A voyage on the Bengal Ganga promises to make your travel experience all about appreciating the finer things in life. Wake up and indulge in some revitalizing activities, like yoga, meditation, gym and spa; sip the finest wines from around the world; and soak yourself in the calm of the Ganges. R.V. BENGAL GANGA - DELICIOUS FOOD With large windows on either side that allow diners to view the river banks, our Dining Room serves delicious delicacies from the hinterland of India and popular cuisines from around the world. It is equipped with the retro yet classy Streamline Moderne buffet counter, lovely teak tables and



elegant textiles.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Suite on the upper deck



Deluxe cabin for single occupancy



Deluxe cabin main deck



Premier suite on the upper deck





PRICING

27-Nov-2026 to 04-Dec-2026

Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp

22-Jan-2027 to 29-Jan-2027

Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp

07-Feb-2027 to 14-Feb-2027

Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp

23-Feb-2027 to 02-Mar-2027

Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp

11-Mar-2027 to 18-Mar-2027

Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp

27-Mar-2027 to 03-Apr-2027

Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp

04-Apr-2027 to 11-Apr-2027

Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp

20-Apr-2027 to 27-Apr-2027

Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp

16-Oct-2027 to 23-Oct-2027



Premier suite on the upper deck	£1965 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite on the upper deck	£2195 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin main deck	£1865 GBP pp
Deluxe cabin for single occupancy	£2335 GBP pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: 5% of cabin price pp