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## HISTORIC LOWER GANGES CRUISE (ABN RAJMAHAL)

These cruises, upstream or downstream with a journey by rail, take you along the intimate lower Ganges sidestream, the River Hooghly, which flows from Farakka on the main river down to Kolkata. As well as sightseeing of Kolkata itself and the European colonies just outside, the cruise takes in Murshidabad, capital of the Nawabs of Bengal, the battlefield of Plassey close by, and the many monuments of the medieval Islamic capital of Gaur. A highlight are several delightful and little known Bengali Terracotta temples. Cruises can be combined with Ganges cruises on most dates.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1 Kolkata - Embarkation

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### DAY 4 Matari - Plassey - Khushbagh

This morning, you will be collected from your hotel to embark your ship by midday. Sail past the old Danish colony of Serampore to Barrackpore. Land and take a walk through the cantonment - past the Semaphore Tower, Government House, the Temple of Fame and Flagstaff House - to get a better understanding of India's journey to independence. Sail up to Chandernagore, a French possession until 1950.

### DAY 2 Chinsura - Imambara

Visit the 18th century church and Dupleix's House, the erstwhile Governor-General of French India. Sail upstream past the old Dutch settlement of Chinsura before landing to visit the imposing Imambara at Hooghly. With verses from the Koran written on its walls, the Imambara is an opportunity to step back in time and relive a slice of Islamic history in Bengal. Sail into the night to a mooring near Kalna.

### DAY 3 Kalna - Mayapur - Matari

After breakfast, land at the country town of Kalna and take rickshaws to see a group of some of Bengal's most attractive terracotta temples, the unique Shiva temple with concentric rings made up of 108 shrinelets, and a muslin-weaving centre. Continue on through the countryside to Mayapur to visit the vast new ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) temple which dominates the skyline. As the headquarters of ISKCON or the Hare Krishna movement, the temple receives over a million singing and dancing devotees a year from around the world. Sail on through the night to a mooring near Matari.

This morning visit the brass-working village of Matari, a charming riverside village. Interact with the locals of Matari and witness the whole primitive process of beating out brass water pots and other vessels. Later, cruise on and visit the battlefield of Plassey where, in 1757, Robert Clive, the Commander-in-Chief of British India, defeated Siraj-ud-Daulah, the last independent Nawab of Bengal, to change the course of Indian history. Moor close to Khushbagh for the night.

### DAY 5 Khushbagh - Hazarduari Palace - Katra Mosque - Katgola Palace

This morning, walk to the Khushbagh, a peaceful Mughal-style garden that encloses the tombs of Siraj-ud-Daulah - the last independent Nawab of Bengal - and his family. Continue a little way upstream to where the great Hazarduari Palace dominates the waterfront. Built by an English architect in 1837, the palace hosts an extensive collection of pictures, china, weapons and other objects. Carry on to visit the great Katra Mosque before driving out to see the Katgola Palace. Built in classical Georgian style by rich local merchants, Katgola Palace represents the other side of the coin of the 'White Mughal' period when English and Indian cultures came close to fusion. Moor overnight on the riverbank across from town at Baranagar.

### DAY 6 Baranagar - Lower Ganges - Farakka Barrage

This morning, walk through the fields of the delightfully sleepy village of Baranagar to visit its three gorgeous miniature

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terracotta temples. This is rural India at its most idyllic. Continue up the lower Ganges (or the Hooghly), which transforms into a charming waterway twisting and turning between banks lined with mustard fields and mango orchards. Carry on up a long canal section to a mooring close to the Farakka Barrage.

#### DAY 7 Gaur

Disembark and go on a full-day excursion by road to Gaur, near the town of Malda, or English Bazar. This quiet, deserted place was once one of India's great cities, first under the Hindus in 12th century, then as the Muslim capital of Eastern India from the 14th to the 16th century. There are plentiful remains of mosques, palaces and gateways and you visit a number of the most interesting before rejoining the ship in the evening.

#### Day 8 Farakka

Transfer to Farakka station at dawn for a 4 hr (approx.) train journey to Kolkata. Our representatives will meet you on arrival and transfer you to a central Kolkata hotel.

#### Please Note:

Itinerary above indicates the Upstream direction. Downstream itinerary goes in reverse and may be slightly different. While every effort will be made to maintain the itinerary, in view of fluctuating river conditions and navigational or mechanical difficulties, all schedules and itineraries are subject to change without notice.



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### YOUR SHIP: ABN RAJMAHAL

**YOUR SHIP:** ABN Rajmahal

**VESSEL TYPE:** River Boat

**LENGTH:** 50 meters

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 40

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

ABN Rajmahal, entered service on the Lower Ganges and the Ganges proper on schedule in mid-February 2014. Built in Kolkata, she is 50m long and powered by 3 engines; her extra-shallow draught and a lower profile than conventional designs allow her to cruise further upstream than any of her competitors. ABN Rajmahal has 22 cabins: 14 spacious twin/double cabins on the upper deck; 4 twin/double cabins on the main deck; and 4 single cabins for which we charge no supplement. The decor is stylish and fresh with touches of colonial elegance, brought to life by traditional Indian-inspired designs on hand-blocked cotton fabrics. All cabins on ABN Rajmahal have French balconies. As with the other ships in our fleet, there is a comfortable saloon and bar, dining room and a vast canopied sundeck. A small spa onboard offers a wide range of treatments. All cabins and public rooms on our ships are air-conditioned. Food on board is a mixture of Assamese (milder than most Indian cuisine) and Continental cuisines. Wines, beer and spirits are available. Onboard features Spacious cabins with individual climate control En suite shower/WC with Biotique toiletries Generous cupboard space and under-bed storage Hair drier in each cabin Minibar in each

cabin In-room electronic safe Tea/coffee making facilities in cabins Intercommunication telephone in cabins High quality bathrobes and slippers in cabins Large sliding glass windows offering panoramic views of the river Vast sundeck both open and shaded, with sunloungers or steamer chairs Spacious air-conditioned saloon with library and recorded entertainment Spa with choice of treatments. Services Shore excursion programme including all admissions Maximum 20 guests per guide on all excursions Naturalist onboard the vessel Cold towel service after excursions Welcome drink after excursions Shoe-cleaning after excursions Turndown service in all cabins Expertly trained culinary staff Single seating for buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Acclaimed combination of Indian & Western cuisines Wide choice of wines, spirits and beer Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water throughout Welcome reception Farewell reception Local on-board dance & song performances.



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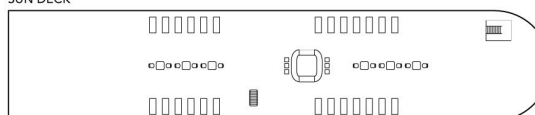
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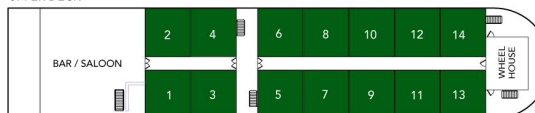
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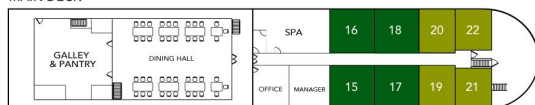
SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



■ TWIN/DOUBLE CABIN (204 Sq. Ft.)  
■ SINGLE CABIN (170 Sq. Ft.)

Main Deck Cabin



Upper Deck Cabin



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Upper Deck Cabin	£1824 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£1271 GBP pp

### 18-Apr-2024 to 25-Apr-2024

Upper Deck Cabin	£1824 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£1271 GBP pp

### 15-Aug-2024 to 22-Aug-2024

Main deck single cabin	£1271 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£1271 GBP pp
Upper Deck Cabin	£1824 GBP pp

### 22-Aug-2024 to 29-Aug-2024

Upper Deck Cabin	£1824 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£1271 GBP pp
Main deck single cabin	£1271 GBP pp

### 29-Aug-2024 to 05-Sep-2024

Main deck single cabin	£1990 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£1990 GBP pp
Upper Deck Cabin	£2433 GBP pp

### 03-Oct-2024 to 10-Oct-2024

Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp
Main deck single cabin	£2654 GBP pp
Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp

### 10-Oct-2024 to 17-Oct-2024

Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp

### 17-Oct-2024 to 24-Oct-2024

Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp
Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp

### 24-Oct-2024 to 31-Oct-2024

Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp
Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp

### 04-Nov-2024 to 11-Nov-2024

Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp

### 14-Nov-2024 to 21-Nov-2024

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### 21-Nov-2024 to 28-Nov-2024

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Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp

### 05-Dec-2024 to 12-Dec-2024

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### 26-Dec-2024 to 02-Jan-2025

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### 30-Jan-2025 to 06-Feb-2025

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Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp

### 06-Feb-2025 to 13-Feb-2025

Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp
Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp

### 13-Feb-2025 to 20-Feb-2025

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### 27-Feb-2025 to 06-Mar-2025

Main Deck Cabin	£2654 GBP pp
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### 06-Mar-2025 to 13-Mar-2025

Upper Deck Cabin	£3096 GBP pp
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