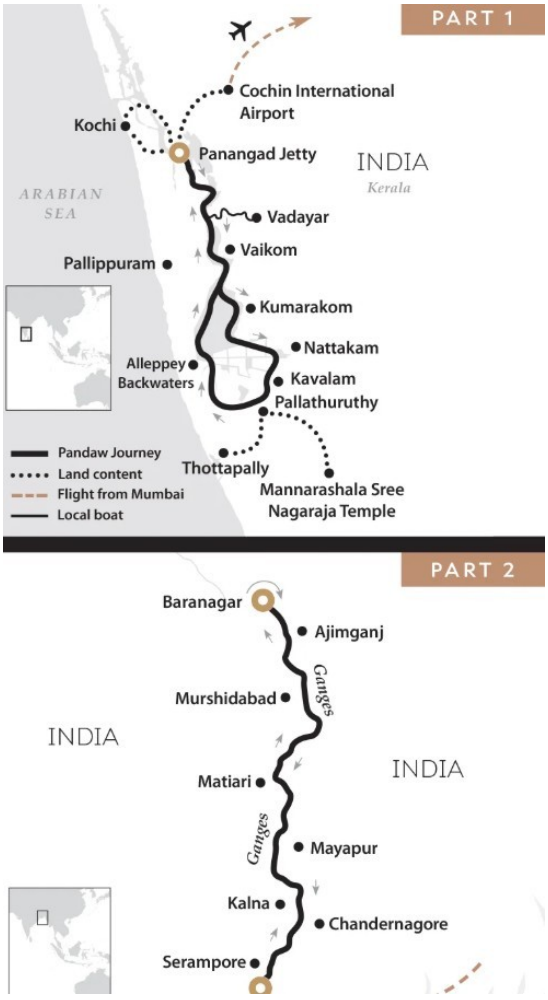


KERALA BACKWATERS & THE HOOGHLY RIVER - INDIA RIVER CRUISE

Two rivers, two regions, and two very different adventures through India come together on this Kerala Backwaters & Hooghly River combo expedition. One part of the journey explores the winding waterways of the Kerala backwaters around Kochi. Spanning more than 900 kilometers of interconnected rivers, canals, and lakes, the backwaters lead through landscapes lined with coconut palms. Along the way, guests step ashore to visit historic churches and temples, walk through local communities, and experience traditional Kathakali and Mohiniattam performances that have long been part of Kerala's cultural life. Connecting the two cruises is a two-night stay in Mumbai to make the journey between India's west and east coasts more relaxed. Rather than a long travel day between the cruises, guests have time to explore the city, including the famous Gateway of India. The expedition also travels along the Hooghly River in Bengal. For centuries this river served as the gateway for traders and empires entering India, with Kolkata standing as the capital of the British Raj until 1911. Sailing past former European trading settlements established by the Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, and French, guests ride rickshaws through the terracotta temple complex at Kalna, meet brass craftsmen in the riverside village of Matiari, and explore the palaces, mosques, and gardens of Murshidabad, once the seat of power in Bengal.





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Day 1 - Arrival & Kochi Exploration

From the meeting point, we will enjoy lunch at the Old Harbor restaurant. Afterwards in the afternoon, take a short drive to the Kerala Folklore Museum, a cultural hub preserving the diverse heritage of South India. Continue to Fort Kochi to explore the Vasco da Gama church, Jewish Street and the iconic Chinese fishing nets. Embark onboard our Ship as we cast off from the Panangad Jetty and enjoy an evening cocktail followed by dinner.

Day 2 - Vaikom & Kathakali

After breakfast, embark on a morning excursion to the Vaikom Mahadeva Temple, one of the supreme shrines devoted to Lord Shiva. Popularly known as the "Kashi of the South," this temple is a classic example of traditional Kerala architecture and is believed to have been built by Parasurama, an incarnation of Vishnu. Return to the ship and cast off for Kumarakom while enjoying lunch. In the afternoon, experience Kathakali, a traditional Indian dance-drama from Kerala that combines dance, music, acting, and elaborate costumes to tell stories from Indian epics.

Day 3 - Nattakam & Kumarakom

We sail this morning to Nattakam, a serene village known for its lush greenery. We board a traditional country boat (shikara) for a relaxed sail, offering great bird and wildlife spotting along the way. From here, we take a walk to the Munroe Lighthouse, providing the perfect opportunity to see even more wildlife among the surrounding rice fields. Built in 1885, this historic structure guides ships with its striking beacon and serves as a testament to the region's rich maritime history. In the afternoon, we explore Kumarakom, a beautiful village situated on Vembanad Lake. Famous for its mangrove forests and paddy fields, this excursion offers an intimate look at traditional village life in the backwaters.

Day 4 - Kainakary & Kavalam

We cast off for Kainakary and enjoy breakfast. Our morning excursion takes us to the ancestral home of Kuriakose Elias



Chavara. Gain insights into the life and contributions of this revered saint and social reformer, as well as Kerala's Christian heritage. After lunch on board, step ashore for a walk through Kavalam village. Visit St. Mary's Jacobite Syrian Church, a testament to ancient Christian traditions. This evening, enjoy a mesmerising Mohiniattam performance, a classical dance of Kerala showcasing elegance and storytelling through graceful movements.

Day 5 - Alleppey & Thottapally Beach

We sail towards Alleppey. This morning, visit the Revi Karunakaran Memorial Museum, established in 2006 to showcase a unique collection of artistic pieces gathered by his family over three generations from across the world. Following lunch, take a one-hour drive to Thottapally Beach for a thrilling Kalari Payattu performance, highlighting Kerala's traditional martial art. Afterwards, visit a fishing community temple to observe evening rituals, followed by a scenic walk through a nearby pine forest toward the beach.

Day 6 - Mannarashala & Kuppapuram

Enjoy a morning of sailing through the beautiful Alleppey backwaters. Our morning excursion takes us to the Mannarashala Snake Temple. This notable temple is renowned for its unique practice of having female priests and its deep devotion to snakes, offering a chance to view local merit-making practices. In the afternoon, take a walk through Kuppapuram village. Interact with locals and traditional communities to see day-to-day subsistence living still being practised.

Day 7 - Vadayar Rural Pottery Hub

A local initiative by the Kerala govt to support local villagers and the handicrafts at Vadayar village. We join a Local Shikara for a scenic journey in a backwater canal to the pottery hub. Local artisans will display local pottery techniques and guests will have the opportunity to actively learn handmade pottery techniques with the local artisans. Enjoy an approximately 30 mins backwater canal journey onboard and return to RV Pandaw vessel -birdwatching and local village life can be observed along the canal backwater.

Day 8 - Disembark Kochi - Mumbai

After a final breakfast on board, we disembark at the Pannanged Jetty and transfer to Kochi airport for your flight to Mumbai. On arrival you will be met our representative who will show you to your car and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Day 9 - Discover Mumbai

Today you will explore Mumbai's streets filled with the aroma of street food, in the shadow of glittering skyscrapers towering over architectural gems from the colonial past. Today's tour also includes lunch at a local restaurant. Your tour begins at the unmissable Gateway of India, a stunning 26-meter Indo-Saracenic monument bustling with local visitors--perfect for people-watching. Nearby, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalay (formerly the Prince of Wales Museum) showcases art and archaeology in another architectural gem. A visit to Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1887, is one of India's busiest railway station and captures the frenetic energy of the city. You will also visit Mani Bhavan, the house where Gandhi lived for almost 20 years of his remarkable life. Malabar Hill offers contrasting views offering a glimpse of the city's affluent side. A drive along Marine Drive to Dhobi Ghat, an open-air laundry established in 1890, where thousands of colourful garments are washed daily, brings you



back to a more common reality. Returning to your hotel, the rest of the day is free for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Day 10 - Mumbai - Embark Kolkata

After breakfast transfer to Mumbai airport to your flight to Kolkata. On arrival transfer to your Pandaw for lunch on board followed by a city orientation tour with a walk round Dalhousie Square, the prominent Writers' Building the former HQ of the East India Company, and step inside St John's Church with its painting of The Last Supper. Experience the serenity of the Victoria Memorial with a stroll through the splendid gardens. Admire the domed white marble hall built in memory of Queen Victoria and discover Victorian memorabilia and British Raj-era paintings. On return to ship enjoy welcome cocktails and briefing followed by dinner.

Day 11 - Kolkata Immersion

Early morning visit to the vibrant flower market, one of Asia's largest. Wind through the mountains of marigolds and jasmine and watch as people buy flowers for temple offerings and prayers. Stroll down to the river to witness a traditional Akhara. Step inside and watch men of all ages practice a traditional form of wrestling known as kushti. We return to ship for breakfast. Afternoon visit to the Indian Museum and then free time in the nearby New Market before returning to ship for dinner.

Day 12 - Kolkata - Serempore

Morning visit to the market and sail at noon to cross the Hooghli to the old Danish colony of Serampore, founded in 1676, and visit the tavern, church, and museum. After, cruise past the iconic landmarks of Kolkata: the Tower, Government House, the Temple of Fame, and Flagstaff House.

Day 13 - Kalna

After breakfast, embark on a scenic cruise upstream, arriving at the charming country town of Kalna. Take a rickshaw ride to explore a group of Bengal's most impressive terracotta temples, culminating in a visit to the unique 18th-century Shiva Temple. This remarkable temple is adorned with concentric rings of 108 smaller shrines, creating a truly awe-inspiring sight. Sail on through the night, mooring near Maitari.

Day 14 - Matiari

Step ashore in Matiari, a charming riverside village renowned for its brass-working traditions. Engage with the local artisans and witness the fascinating process of crafting intricate brass water pots and other vessels. Time permitting, venture to the historic battlefield of Plassey. Here, in the pivotal year of 1757, Robert Clive, the Commander-in-Chief of the British East India Company, decisively defeated Siraj-ud-Daulah, the last independent Nawab of Bengal, marking a turning point in Indian history. Moor close to Murshidabad for the night.

Day 15 - Murshidabad

Embark on a 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 upstream to witness the grandeur of Hazarduari Palace, an architectural masterpiece built by an English architect in 1837. Explore its opulent interiors, showcasing a fascinating collection of paintings, china, weapons, and other artifacts. Next, visit the magnificent Katra Mosque and the impressive Nashipara Palace, a testament to the wealth and influence of the local merchants during the "White Mughal" era - a period of cultural exchange between English and Indian influences. Finally, we visit Katgola Palace, an exquisite example of Georgian



architecture built by wealthy local merchants, further highlighting the unique blend of cultures that flourished during this era.Moor overnight on the riverbank across from town.

Day 16 - Baranagar - Ajimganj

Sail upstream along the Hoogly River, a picturesque waterway winding through a landscape of lush mustard fields and vibrant mango orchards. Disembark in Baranagar, a charming village, and enjoy a leisurely walk through its serene countryside. Visit three exquisite miniature terracotta temples, dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries, a testament to the region's rich artistic heritage. Continue sailing downstream, stopping at Azimganj to explore the intricately carved Jain temples. This itinerary offers a glimpse into the idyllic rural life of Bengal and its fascinating cultural and architectural heritage.

Day 17 - Mayapur

Immerse yourself in the spiritual heart of the Hare Krishna movement at Mayapur, its global headquarters. Explore the magnificent ISKCON temple complex, a modern marvel comparable in size to the Vatican and generously funded by Alfred B. Ford, the great-grandson of automotive pioneer Henry Ford. Interact with devotees and wander through the vibrant pilgrims' bazaar.

Day 18 - Chandernagore - Hooghly

Continue sailing downstream before landing to visit the imposing Imambara at Hooghly. With verses from the Quran written on its walls, the Imambara is an opportunity to step back in time and relive a slice of Islamic history in Bengal. Sail past the old Dutch settlement of Chinsura to Chandernagore, a French possession until 1950. Visit the 18th-century church and Dupleix's House, erstwhile Governor-General of French India. Enjoy a TukTuk ride to the Hangseshwari Temple before sailing into the night to a mooring near Kolkata.

Day 19 - Disembarkation Kolkata

Early morning moor in Kolkata Port and transfer to hotels or airport. Passengers with night flights may stay in their cabins and are at leisure during the day with a lunch served on board and a light supper prior to departure.

Please note:

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YOUR SHIP: KALAW PANDAW

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VESSEL TYPE:	**River Boat**
LENGTH:	**57 metres**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**36**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2014**

Kalaw Pandaw is a K-class ship. The K-class dated back to the 1880s and were comprised of stern wheelers designed to reduce draft, their boilers placed in the bow to improve trim. Smaller than the great line steamers of the age, the K-class ships were used on the Chindwin and upper reaches of the Irrawaddy. Where possible we have reused the old IFC names and many of these original K-class ships had fascinating histories, through times of war and peace. ACCOMMODATION 8 upper deck, 10 main deck - 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass - AC with individual control - Premium mattresses WINING & DINING Bistro style dining room with outside seating and air-conditioning inside - Local master chef heading an experienced international culinary team - Semi-buffet breakfast, semi-buffet lunch, and seated theme dinners - Daily lean & light menu options - Complimentary coffee, water, tea, local soft drinks, local beer, local spirits - Extensive wine list with premium wines - Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour - Welcome drink on arrival - Welcome cocktail - Farewell reception - Theme dinners - 24hrs hospitality bar - Onboard bakery with daily freshly baked breads and rolls ON EXCURSIONS Admissions - Shoe cleaning after excursions - Bottled drinking water - We give away aluminium water bottles - Cold towel service after excursions - Refreshing drink following excursions - 1st aid trained assistant guide to follow all tours and excursions SAFETY & SECURITY All onboard crew is trained and certified as per international marine standards - Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas - Fire fighting system in all ship areas - Expert marine superintendant - 24 hrs watch on duty ONBOARD STAFF Captain - River Pilot - First Officer - Chief Engineer - 1st Engineer - Electrician - Bosun & nautical crew - Ship manager - Housekeeping - Dining - Bar keeper - Chefs - Local tour guides PUBLIC SPACES Guest relation desk - Library with contemporary and classic



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Upper Deck Twin Sharing





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