



Sailing Down the Ganges

Mix history with nature in a leisurely journey down the holiest of Indian rivers.

The broad waterscape of the Ganges, truly enjoyable in the comfort of RV Bengal Ganga

It is believed that a holy dip in river Ganga can wash away all your sins. Combining romantic notions with modern travel, this river journey is one of the few trips that can still inspire. As you see life move languorously across these waters the Ganges cannot fail to be a genuinely moving experience.



RV Bengal Ganga is a replica of the colonial style "Clyde" steamers



Gangetic dolphins known as *soons* by locals

VIKRAMSHILA GANGETIC DOLPHIN SANCTUARY

Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary is a 50 km stretch of the Ganges River from Sultanganj to Kahalgaon. Designated in 1991, it is the only protected area for the endangered Gangetic dolphins in Asia. Once found in abundance, only a few hundred remain, of which half are found here.



Hazarduari Palace in Murshidabad

MURSHIDABAD

Of historic interest in Murshidabad are Nizamat Kila (the Fortress of the Nawabs), also known as the Hazaarduari Palace (Palace of a Thousand Doors), built by Duncan McLeod of the Bengal Engineers in 1837, in the Italianate style, the Moti Jhil (Pearl Lake) just to the south of the palace, the Muradbagh Palace and the Khushbagh Cemetery, where the remains of Ali Vardi Khan and Siraj Ud Daulah are interred.



Kalna temple complex

KALNA

The enchanting Rajbari complex in Kalna has the maximum concentration of temples. The complex contains a unique mixture of Bengal's temple architecture ranging from the Nabakailas Temples with 108 Shiva temples built in 1809 to Lalji temple built in 1739, the oldest in the complex. The complex also houses a flat roofed temple of Giri Govardhan.

ITINERARY

- DAY 01** Arrive Delhi and stay overnight.
- DAY 02** Tour Old and New Delhi and stay overnight.
- DAY 03** Fly to Patna and then drive to Simaria to board the cruise vessel, RV Bengal Ganga. Overnight on board.
- DAY 04** Cast off for Munger to visit Bihar School of Yoga. Continue sailing to Sultanganj. Overnight on board.
- DAY 05** Cast off Sultanganj to arrive Karagola / Bateshwarsthan. Cruise through the Vikramashila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary and visit the ruins of Vikramashila University. Overnight on board.
- DAY 06** Cast off Karagola. Arrive Rajmahal to explore Akbarnagar ruins. Overnight on board.
- DAY 07** Cross the Farakka lock gate and continue to Jangipur. Overnight on board.
- DAY 08** Cast off for Murshidabad. Visit the temples of Baranagar and tour Murshidabad. Jangipur. Overnight on board.
- DAY 09** Cruise to Kalna to visit the temples. Overnight on board.
- DAY 10** Cast off from Kalna to arrive Kolkata. Overnight on board.
- DAY 11** City tour of Kolkata and overnight stay.
- DAY 12** Fly to Delhi.

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Our private, tailor-made journeys offer complete freedom of choice. The itineraries shown are designed to give you a flavour of what is possible and can be customised to suit your preferences. Prices vary according to selection of accommodation and season.

WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

Best time to travel

October to March.

Distances

Delhi - Patna: 1015km/631miles. Flying time of about 1½ hours.

Patna - Simaria: 103km/64miles.

Simaria - Munger: 75km/47miles by road.

Munger - Sultanganj: 34km/21miles by road.

Sultanganj - Bateshwarsthan: 62km/39miles by road.

Bateshwarsthan - Raj Mahal: 92km/57miles by road.

Raj Mahal - Jangipur: 120km/75miles by road.

Jangipur - Murshidabad: 54km/35miles by road.

Murshidabad - Kalna: 137km/85miles by road.

Kalna - Kolkata: 96km/60miles by road.

Weather

	Summer	Winter
Delhi	25 - 46°C/77 - 115°F	1 - 25°C/34 - 77°F
Patna	28 - 40°C/59 - 86°F	12 - 33°C/32 - 75°F
Munger	32 - 40°C/54 - 82°F	12 - 33°C/28 - 59°F
Murshidabad	27 - 40°C/54 - 82°F	12 - 23°C/28 - 59°F
Kolkata	26 - 38°C/79 - 100°F	16 - 28°C/61 - 82°F

LOCATION MAP

