

**GANGES RIVER CRUISING**

Take an unhurried journey across India by luxury river cruiser. Forget long drives and dusty roads as you drift down the sacred Ganges past ancient temples and the colourful panorama of rural India. Stop to explore picturesque villages, historic sites and religious shrines. The boutique RV Bengal Ganga is a replica colonial steamer with 28 outside staterooms, fine dining restaurant and relaxing observation deck. Pre and post cruise accommodation is in 5 star hotels.

**SLOWLY ON THE GANGES**

13 days/12 nights  
Hotels/River Cruiser  
Departs Kolkata

**Departures Upstream (Ex Kolkata):**

30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 23 Dec 2011  
20 Jan, 17 Feb, 23 Mar 2012

**Departures Downstream (Ex Varanasi):**

10 Oct, 07 Nov, 05 Dec 2011  
02 Jan, 30 Jan, 27 Feb, 04 Apr 2012

**Price per person twin\*:** Main Deck UpperDeck  
\$7103 \$8520

\*Minimum two people twin. Single travellers prices on request.

**Price per person includes:** Accommodation in hotels and on board RV Bengal Ganga as per itinerary, meals as per itinerary, all drinks (local spirits and wines), services of English speaking guide, all entrance fees and sightseeing as per itinerary, transfers, camera fees (still), government service tax.

**Price excludes:** Flights, laundry, gratuities and items of a personal nature.

**This 13 day tour travels up the Ganges from bustling Kolkata to ancient Varanasi. You will voyage on board the luxurious RV Bengal Ganga enjoying boutique accommodation and personal service as you explore the sacred river. This tour also operates downstream from Varanasi to Kolkata.**

**Day 1 Kolkata**

Arrival transfer from the airport to your hotel for overnight. D

**Day 2 Kolkata to Kalna**

Morning city tour of colonial Kolkata then lunch at a local restaurant. Board the RV Bengal Ganga and commence the upstream journey past the fascinating remains of European trading settlements. Dinner and overnight on board. BLD

**Day 3 Kalna to Matiari**

Morning visit by rickshaw of the temple town of Kalna. Cruise past Mayapur, the headquarters of the Krishna Consciousness Movement. BLD

**Day 4 Matiari to Murshidabad**

Morning visit to Matiari village, famous for its brass artefacts. Sail past Plassey where Robert Clive of the British East India Company defeated the Mogul Nawab. BLD

**Day 5 Murshidabad to Jangipur**

Early cruising to Murshidabad and visit the Hazarduari Palace and the Katra mosque. Visit the famous brick temple complex of Baranagar built between 1714 and 1793. BLD



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**Day 6 Jangipur - Farakka - Raj Mahal**

Cast off early to sail through the Farakka Lock Gate to the main Ganges. BLD

**Day 7 Raj Mahal - Karagola**

A full day of cruising. BLD

**Day 8 Karagola to Sultanganj**

Visit Vikramashila University an important centre of Buddhist learning. Later cruise through the Vikramashila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary. BLD

**Day 9 Sultanganj to Munger**

After breakfast visit Sultanganj, a town with an ancient past and many religious sites. Continue sailing to Munger. BLD

**Day 10 Munger to Simaria**

After breakfast visit the world's first yoga university. Sail to Simaria. BLD

**Day 11 Bodhgaya**

Disembark 07.00 and drive to Nalanda, probably the oldest seat of learning in India. Drive through Rajgir, where Buddha spent many years. After lunch visit the sacred Buddhist site of Bodhgaya, "the Bodhi Tree". Overnight at a hotel. BLD

**Day 12 Bodhgaya - Varanasi**

After breakfast drive to the sacred city of Varanasi. Enjoy an afternoon city tour via rickshaw before continuing on foot to the Ghats to witness the evening Aarti ceremony on the Ganges. Overnight at a hotel. BLD

**Day 13 Tour ends Varanasi**

Transfer to airport. Tour ends.



**BENGAL YATRA**

7 days/6 nights  
Hotels/River Cruiser  
Departs Kolkata

**Departures Upstream (Ex Kolkata):**

30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 23 Dec 2011 & 20 Jan, 17 Feb, 23 Mar 2012

**Departures Downstream (Ex Varanasi):**

16 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec 2011, 08 Jan, 05 Feb, 04 Mar, 04 Apr 2012

**Price per person twin\*:** Main Deck UpperDeck  
\$4969 \$5969

**M**eaning "Bengal journey" this shorter cruise up the holy River Ganges travels between Kolkata and Farakka with 4 nights on board the RV Bengal Ganga. You will then return by intercity train to Kolkata. The tour also operates in reverse.

**Days 1-5 Cruising**

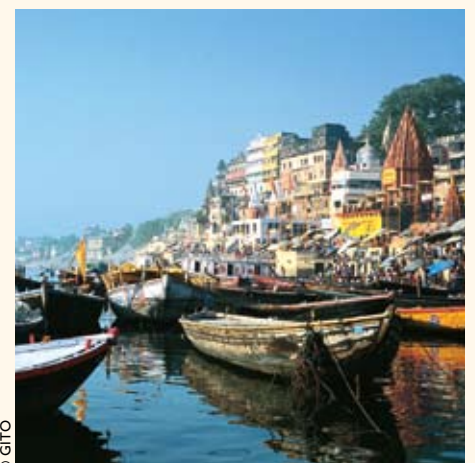
As per days 1-5 of "Slowly On The Ganges".

**Day 6 Jangipur - Kolkata by train**

Disembark early and transfer to the Jangipur Road Train Station for your 07.30 Intercity Express to Kolkata. Arrive approx 12.50 and transfer to your hotel. BLD

**Day 7 Tour ends Kolkata**

Transfer to the airport. Tour ends. B



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