



Bengal Memories

on ABN Rajmahal

3 nights / 4 days

Cruise available on:

17 to 20 Dec 2021

24 to 27 Dec 2021

7 to 10 Jan 2022

12 to 15 Jan 2022

Kolkata - Mayapur - Kolkata



"A river seems like a magic thing. A magic, moving, living part of the very earth itself."

Highlights

- Incredible river cruising experience of the narrow lower Ganges, which is aflush with cultural life on the banks
- Explore the old French settlement of Chandernagore and visit Dupleix's House, the erstwhile Governor-General of French India
- Marvel at the collection of intricate terracotta temples of Kalna
- Visit the world's largest temple, ISKCON centre of Mayapur, which receives over a million singing and dancing devotees a year from around the world.

Your Boutique cruise ship: ABN Rajmahal

Built in Kolkata, ABN Rajmahal 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 décor 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.



Visit [here](#) for more photos and info.

Your Cruising Itinerary

Like most great civilisations around the world, life sprung up on the banks of mighty rivers. India is no exception, and lower Ganges (or Hooghly) river cruise is the perfect way to experience that in luxury. There is tremendous history, culture and rural life to be witnessed along these banks in Bengal, affording discerning travellers with untouched, unspoiled and unfiltered glimpses into rural India.

In the stretch just outside of Kolkata alone, one passes through erstwhile colonial settlements, belonging to the Dutch, Danish and the French; small towns and villages with some of the most beautiful terracotta temples in the region; and lush, green ruralscapes. Besides being a life-giving force of nature, it's not uncommon to find people bathing in the latte-coloured waters of the Ganges, and offering flowers and lit oil clay lamps whilst in prayer.

DAY 1

Welcome onboard your river journey

Embark the ship strictly between 9am to 10am at Outram Ghat, next to Babu Ghat bus stand in Kolkata. 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. After the visit, reboard your cruise and start sailing, leaving urban sprawl behind.

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We will be cruising 100kms upstream on this day so the highlight truly is the fantastic views of cultural & natural life of the Ganges as you cruise.

Tandoori BBQ dinner on sundeck with welcome drinks tonight.

If you are interested to see the cruise ship lounge area looks like <https://youtu.be/bmowl-i5lBs>

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DAY 2



Sail upstream and, after breakfast, land at the country town of Kalna and take cycle rickshaws (a fun and responsible, local mode of transport for a short distance) to see a group of *some of Bengal's most attractive terracotta temples*, as well as the unique Shiva temple with concentric rings made up of 108 shrinelets.

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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 downstream as dusk falls to a mooring near Kalna.

We have a very *special Bengali folk music performance on the sundeck* as you cruise this afternoon.

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DAY 3



This morning, sail downstream and visit a saree-weaving village before continuing on to **Chandernagore**, a French possession until 1950, to visit the 18th century church as well as **Dupleix's House**, the erstwhile Governor-General of French India. If time permits, we will take an evening stroll through Serampore, the old Danish town. The **Denmark Tavern in Serampore** dating back to the 18th century has been restored with great care. The revamp was a part of the Serampore Initiative by the National Museum of Denmark which is restoring several other buildings in the erstwhile Danish colony.

DAY 4

Disembark your ship for your onward journey

After breakfast, disembark your ship for your privately-arranged transfer to the airport or hotel at Central Kolkata.

NOTE:

All cruising mentioned in these itineraries is subject to river and weather conditions.

All driving times mentioned in these itineraries are approximate.

For a first-time river cruiser, you'd be pleased to read [3 Reasons Why You Should Choose a River Cruise over an Ocean Cruise](#).

FIT Fixed Departure Dates Per Person

Date	Cabin Type	Total Cruise Per Person Price
17 to 20 Dec 2021	Standard Cabin	INR 75,000 per person on twin sharing basis. Single supplement is INR 31,300; includes GST
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Dates till April '22 will be released soon.

Price Includes:

03 nights' accommodation aboard
All excursions and entry fees as per the itinerary
All activity transfers as mentioned in the itinerary on a shared basis
All meals
Service of an English-speaking guide onboard and during excursions
Service of an English-speaking naturalist onboard and during excursions
GST

Price Excludes:

Pick up and drop from airport/hotel
Air or train fare to and from the start of your trip
Drinks from the bar
Laundry, telephone charges, mini bar
Spa treatment
Tips, camera fees
Any Insurance

Items of a personal nature
Anything which is not mentioned on the includes section

Private car transfers

If you would like to arrange your private car transfers with us:

Arrival and departure transfer rates from and to the vessel			
VEHICLE	FROM - TO	TIME OF TRAVEL	CHARGE PER VEHICLE
Toyota Innova	Kolkata Airport/Hotel to Ship at Kolkata or Vice Versa	Approx 1-1.5 hrs	Rs. 4,095/- +5 % GST

Transfer price includes:

01 AC Vehicle
Fuel and Driver's allowance
Parking fee

Transfer price excludes:

Air/Train fare
Tips, telephonic calls, English speaking escort charge
Insurance and any other expenses of personal nature
GST.

Local Taxi - For your information, Uber & Ola are easily available in Kolkata which may suit your convenience.

Ship Embarkation & Disembarkation point is - <https://goo.gl/maps/qdB7cnF3iqWQDZmca>

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