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Experience  
**Ganges**





## C13/C14 Bay of Bengal Cross Country Cruise

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

**Fly in to Kolkata / Fly off from Dhaka**  
**Embarkation : Kolkata, India**  
**Disembarkation : Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**Day 1 :**  
**Kolkata :** Check in at vivada jetty, as per convenience. Free time to explore city of Kolkata on own.

**Day 2 :**  
**Dhakshineswar temple and European reminiscence**  
 Visit Dhakshineswar Kali temple. The temple is famous for its association with Ramakrishna Paramhansa mystic of 19th Century Bengal. A nine-spined main temple, with twelve shrines dedicated to Shiva—Kali's companion.

European reminiscence There were 5 European trading posts within 40 km north of Kolkata. Visit any two or more.

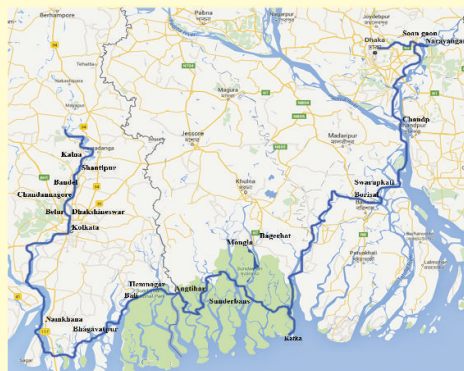
- Barrackpore – the British Governors residence,
- Serampore – The Danish Colony
- Chandannagore – The French colony
- Chinsura – The Dutch trading posts in India
- Bandel – Port during the time of Portuguese.

**Day 3:**  
**Terracotta Temple at Kalna and Weavers village at Shantipur**  
 Kalna - Maharajas of bardhaman built several magnificent temples with intricate terracotta ornamentation, the main ones being 108 Shiv Mandir built in 1809 in traditional AAT chala architecture and the Raj bari.

Shantipur / Fulia – the weavers of fine Bengal cotton, the village rich in handloom weaving, is the second larger occupation in the state of West Bengal. The weavers here blend the traditional art with the modern life style needs, offering rich variety of textiles. Sarees, stoles, fabrics etc.

**Day 4:**  
**Kolkata.** The capital city of East India company, the city has been the foremost in the independent struggle. Explore the great city by foot and wheels with a story teller.

**Day 5:**  
**Sunderbans Village :** The world largest Mangrove forest, the Sunderbans, a Biosphere reserve and a UNESCO world heritage site, is the largest forest delta in the world with almost 9630 sq km in India and



Bangladesh. This is a wonderland indeed to be explored through waterways. We will sail to some of the Sunderbans villages, walk through some agricultural fields, fish ponds, the homes and local markets.

**Day 6:**  
**Immigration at Hemnagar, Sunderbans. and Angtiara,**  
 Bangladesh We will sail in the sunderbans waters towards border for the immigration formalities at. Hemnagar. Time permitting we will complete the Bangladesh customs too. The Bangladesh custom point is about 4 hours away from Angtiara, Bangladesh.

**Day 7:**  
 Sail towards **Mongla port** for an exciting visit to Bangladesh part of the Tiger reserve. Lined with mangroves the dense forest and the wide river narrows down to small creeks and large mudflats. Time permitting we will drive down to Bagerhat to visit 60 Dome Mosque, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

## C02/ C05 Ganges Heritage – the Bengal Saga

05 NIGHTS/ 06 DAYS

**Embarkation : Vivada Jetty, Kolkata.**  
**Disembarkation : Azimganj, West Bengal**

**Day 1 : Kolkata –** Check in at vivada jetty, as per convenience. Free time to explore city of Kolkata on own.

**Day 2 : The Colonial reminiscences**

There were 5 European trading posts within 40 km north of Kolkata. Visit any two or more.

- Barrackpore - the British Governors residence.
- Serampore - The Danish Colony.
- Chandannagore - The French Colony.
- Chinsura - The Dutch trading posts in India in 1615.
- Bandel - The port during the time of Portuguese.

**Day 3: Terracotta Temple at Kalna and Weavers village at Shantipur**  
 Kalna – Maharajas of bardhaman built several magnificent temples with intricate terracotta ornamentation, the main ones being 108 Shiv Mandir built in 1809 in traditional AAT chala architecture and the Raj bari.

Shantipur / Fulia – the weavers of fine Bengal cotton, the village rich in handloom weaving, is the second larger occupation in the state of West Bengal. The weavers here blend the traditional art with the modern life style needs, offering rich variety.

**Day 4: Myapur and Matlari**

The temple town, Headquarters of ISKCON preaching the power of prayer.

Matlari – Kansha (Bell metal wares) traditional wares used in Bengali homes for prayers, table wares and also for cooking. The traditional Kansari artisans make from a alloy of copper, iron and tin, brass handcrafted wares and artifacts.

**Day 5 : Murshidabad**

The historic town, the earliest evidences of history perhaps as early as circa 1500 B.C. The Nawab Murshid Quli Khan made Murshidabad the capital city of Sube Bangla, comprising of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, The East India Company reigned from here for many years after the Battle of Plassey.

**Day 6 : Azimganj**

Check out early morning for onward journey.

Note : The excursions may vary depending upon the river draft, tide and other environmental conditions.



## C05 Ganges Heritage –

05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS

**Embarkation: Azimganj**  
**Disembarkation: Kolkata**

**Day 1 : Check in**  
**Day 2 : Murshidabad**  
**Day 3 : Matlari and Mayapur**  
**Day 4 : Kalna and Shantipur**  
**Day 5 : Colonial reminiscences**  
**Day 6 : Kolkata arrival and check out**



## The Cultural Heritage on Ganges



Buddha was asked "What have you gained from meditation?"  
He replied, "Nothing!"  
However, Buddha said, let me tell you what I lost:  
Anger, Anxiety, Depression, Insecurity, Fear of Old age and Death."

## C09/C10 Ganges Heritage - the Bihar Saga. 10 NIGHTS/ 11 DAYS

**Embarkation:** Vivada jetty, Millennium park ,Kolkata.  
**Disembarkation:** Bateswarsthan Jetty.

**Day 1 :**  
Check in at Vivada jetty, Millennium park Kolkata. Belurmath visit.

**Day 2 :**  
City tour to Kolkata - Kumartuli, Howrah Bridge, Dalhousie Square, College Street Book Market, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria Memorial

**Day 3 :**  
City tour to Chandannagar ( French colony) by 9.30 am.  
Visit to Bandel( Portuguese colony) .

**Day 4 :**  
City tour to Kalna by 9.30 am.  
Visit to Matari.

**Day 5 :**  
City tour to Mayapur by 9.30 am.The vessel will drop anchor at Mayapur & Matari.  
Visit to Matari .

**Day 6 :**  
The vessel will drop anchor at Murshidabad.

**Day 7:**  
Reach Azimganj in the morning.  
The vessel will drop anchor at Jiaganj and Azimganj is a twin town and a municipality in Murshidabad district in the Indian state of West Bengal.  
Then visit to Azimganj.

**Day 8:**  
Reach Farakka Barrage in the morning.  
Farakka Barrage sail through farakka barrage. The lock gates open between 9am to 11 am with prior permission. The Farakka Barrage is the longest barrage in the world as per the Guinness book of World Records with 101 gates.  
Then Visit Gaur at Malda.

**Day 9:**  
As we cruise slowly, the beautiful country side of Jharkand and Bihar unfolds, Rajmahal and them to Manihari.  
Today the guests shall have YOGA session on board.  
Cultural Dance performance on board at 6.30 pm

**Day 10:**  
Disembark at Bateswarsthan to visit Vikramshila.

**Day 11:**  
Disembark at Bateswar sthan Jetty after breakfast for onward journey.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE :** The cruise schedule includes the latest information regarding your program, but last minute adjustments may occur. The schedule may shift due to the weather or to take advantage of unexpected opportunities. The exact time for each activity will be announced or posted by the onboard tour staff.

### C10 Ganges Heritage – the Bihar Saga

**Embarkation:** Bateswarsthan Jetty.  
**Disembarkation:** Vivada jetty, Millennium park ,Kolkata

**Day 1 :** Check in at Beswarsthan near Vikramshila

**Day 2 :** Vikramshila

**Day 3 :** Gaur

**Day 4 :** Farakka Barrage

**Day 5 :** Bengal Heritage Tour Jiaganj and Azimganj

**Day 6 :** Murshidabad

**Day 7 :** Matari, a village in Katwa, Mayapur  
(Headquaters of ISKCON)

**Day 8 :** Kalna AND Shantipur / Fulia

**Day 9 :** Bandel, Chandannagore

**Day 10 :** After breakfast ,Check out







## C11 Sunderbans

03 NIGHTS / 04 DAYS

**Embarkation: Gadkhali Jetty, Sunderbans**  
**Disembarkation: Vivada Jetty at Millennium Park, Kolkata**

### Day 1 : The Sunderban Village

Embark the Cruiser – M.V. Paramhansa anchored at Sunderban. For an interaction with the village - to experience their life style. Farming, paddy husking, honey collecting, fishing and various occupations of the region. In the evening you will enjoy a rich mythological folk drama by the local artists.

### Day 2 : The rich Biodiversity of the Sunderban Tiger reserve

Visits to watch towers and cruising through the small creeks through the dense mangrove forest for wildlife sighting, birding. Being a swamp forest, visits are only through boats only. Evening, there will be talk show on Sunderbans along with wild life films.

### Day 3: Bhagabatpur island and Namkhana

This morning, walk through the mangroves forest and visit the crocodile project on Bhagabatpur island which is a hatchery and sanctuary to the biggest estuarine crocodiles in the world. Later visit the Fisherman's Cove at Namkhana. The busy fishing harbor will give an insight to the lifestyle of the fishermen. The guests can by fresh fish and other sea foods to be cooked in the live kitchen counters.

### Day 4

Arrive at Kolkata by forenoon. Check out & Disembark for onward journey.



### Nature Heritage Sunderbans

- Sunderban Tiger reserve
- Mangrove forest walking
- Experiencing the village life
- Visit to the local fish market;
- Folk theater performance by the Villages





# The Cultural Heritage on Ganges



"While the river of life glides along smoothly, it remains the same river: only the landscapes on either bank seems to change."  
- Max Muller

They say nothing is constant except change. But over thousands of years Ganga hasn't changed at all, The river is silent testimony to the immutable undercurrent of Indian spirituality and philosophy. Sourced from the Himalayas to the magnanimous delta of Sunderban....no river plays a more important religious, economic, social and cultural role in the lives of the people than the Ganges. Shimmering through its mesmerizing course, the holy Ganges beckons pilgrims from India and entire world.

This journey along its wonderful and generous waters that bathe the earth and foster the hearts of earnest men, will give you a true insight into the spirit that's the Ganges.



## Day 8:

**Sunderbans** has 84 species of mangroves and more than 140 varieties of birds including the migratory. Today we will walk around the Mangrove forest on foot including the slushy areas with an armed guard; watch for the birds, reptiles, and animal with extreme quietness. We will take a small country boat to enter the small creeks and the mudflats for wild life sighting, bird watching. Relax by the beach side after an activity filled day.

## Day 9:

From the world's largest mangrove forest, the Sunderbans we will sail to **Barisal**. Enroute we will visit small island which is a part the Sunderbans tiger reserve, Haringhata.

## Day 10:

Backwater and canals of **Swarupkati near Atgor Khuriyana**. This is a maze of water bodies interestingly used in Bund Agriculture. Guava, fruits, vegetables and flowers are grown in this area. Another interesting feature is the wooden logs floated to its destination, the Market. The trunks are tied together like a raft and the boat is sitting on top of the stems.

## Day 11:

**Chandpur** A fishing harbor, an idyllic village, producing large amount of Hilsa Fish. Post breakfast visit the fish market. Watch the auction straight out of the boats and at the market.

## Day 12:

**Sonargaon**, the ancient capital of undivided Bengal. Visit the abandoned Panam City, established in the late 19th century as a trading center of cotton fabrics during British rule.

## Day 13:

check out the cruise and transfer to **Dhaka** city hotel. Explore the historic city, the capital of Bangladesh. In late 16th-century Dhaka was one of the largest and most prosperous cities in the Indian subcontinent, a regional economic centre during the 17th and 18th centuries, serving as a hub for Eurasian traders, The city had well-laid out gardens, monuments, mosques, temples, bazaars, churches and caravansaries. Discover the story of Dhaka by foot and coach with our story teller.

## Day 14:

**Dhaka** check out.

## C14 Downstream Bay of Bengal Cross Country Cruise

13 Nights / 14 Days

Fly in to Dhaka/ Fly off from Kolkata

Embarkation: Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Disembarkation: Kolkata, India

Day 1 : Dhaka Fly in

Day 2 : Dhaka

Day 3 : Dhaka-Sonargaon-Comilla-Dhaka

Day 4 : Dhaka-Barisal

Day 5 : Barisal

Day 6 : Barisal-Sunderbans

Day 7 : Sunderbans

Day 8 : Sunderbans-Mongla Port

Day 9 : Mongla Port-Chalna-Angtithara

Day 10 : Hemnagar-Bali Village-Namkhana

Day 11 : Namkhana-Kolkata

Day 12 : Kolkata-Fulia-Kalna

Day 13 : Chandannagar-Dakshineswar-Kolkata

Day 14 : Kolkata - Fly out



## The Natural Heritage on Ganges, the SUNDERBANS



"In the Spiritual comprehension, people of the Sunderbans know that without the tiger, their human world is complete"  
- Time magazine.

### Sunderbans, the riverine Niravana...

At the tip of the Ganges, is a mystic mangrove forest with myriads of islands, impenetrable mangrove forests, winding rivers, lush Sundari trees, water changing its colour at every creeks from muddy rivers to emerald blue sea, narrow creeks to several miles wide rivers, where the man and man eaters eat fish to survive, crabs climb trees, tigers swim long distances and mighty crocodile bask in the sun.

The Sunderbans, a Biosphere reserve and a UNESCO world heritage site, is the largest forest delta in the world with almost 9630 sq km in India and Bangladesh. This is a wonderland indeed to be explored through waterways.

## The Comfort

On board the M.V. Paramhansa, the rooms are spaciouly laid out and furnished to offer total comfort with a touch of elegance and class. There are 10 Deluxe Rooms on the Main Deck and 16 Luxury Rooms on the First Deck. All rooms are air-conditioned with attached baths. They have been created for your comfort in cosy, warm, earthy décor with eye-catching handicrafts from Bengal.



The rooms have all the amenities that you desire- tea and coffee maker, telephone, ample reading material and an emergency kit of torches, caps and umbrellas which will help you in the jungle trail. Just settle down in the comfort of your river facing room and sail past the ethereal greens of estuarine Bengal!



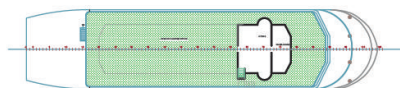
## The MV Paramhamsa

Classification	IRS
Port of registration	Kolkata, India
Built in	2007
Length	53 mts
Breadth	12 mts
Draught	1.5 mts
Speed	12 knots (maximum)
Number of cabins	30
Navigational and Communication Systems	Mini SATCOM, Radio Telephone VHF, Eco sounder, Radar

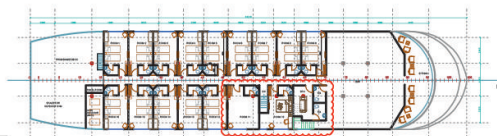


## DECK PLANS

SKY DECK



FIRST DECK



MAIN DECK



## Experience GANGES - Sailing through the Heritage

The Ganges originates in the Gangotri Glacier of the Himalaya, and runs through India and Bangladesh to the Bay of Bengal. At Farakka, the Ganges branches into two distributaries, the Bhagirathi and the Padma rivers. The Bhagirathi River, flows southwards was named the Hooghly by the British. The Padma enters Bangladesh, meets with the Meghna near Chandpur and adopts the name "Meghna" before flowing into the Bay of Bengal. In the distant past, a course of the Ganges river used to reach the Bay of Bengal through the Dhakeshwari river. When this course gradually shifted and ultimately lost its link with the main channel of the Ganges it was renamed the Buriganga. It is the third largest river in the world by discharge.

Many former provincial or imperial capitals Kanauji, Kara, Varanasi, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Murshidabad Baharampur, and Kolkata in India, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chandpur, Borisal, in Bangladesh located on its banks.

Our journey either begins at Kolkata or Dhaka. The 13 night long cruise had 4 distinct segments and can be taken singularly or severally.

- **The Natural Heritage** – the SUNDERBANS – 3 nights
- **The Cultural Heritage** – the Bengal Saga – 5 nights
- **The Cultural Heritage** – the Bihar Saga – 10 nights
- **The Cross Country Heritage** – Kolkata Dhaka – 13 nights

Sailing dates are one after another enabling longer cruising programmes possible.



As quietly flows the Ganges...



"The Ganga, especially, is the river of India, beloved of her people, round which are intertwined her memories, her hopes and fears, her songs of triumph, her victories and her defeats. She has been a symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever changing, ever flowing, and yet ever the same Ganga."

-Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister of India

Behold the river of life! Bengal's riverine glory has ripped open the surrounding mist with her awakening. This river, the symbolic of life force itself. Feel the pulsation that envelops the lives of those who abide by the riverside tradition. Let your feet fall on its native grass. Experience how lives could be mingled up with nature to form different patterns and colours of living. Be it with the mansions in urban setting or the mangroves on the remote islands – understanding this fertile zone unearths the daily life steeped in generations of abiding customs, rituals, beliefs and craftsmanship, which is reflected in the variety of folklores, music, weaving, pottery, foods and festivals. Have an authentic voyage. Why restrict the essence of the sparkling world by passing a mere cursory glance from your coach windows.

Come aboard to Experience Ganges.

