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## **Ganges Heritage Up**

**Duration: 4 Nights / 5 Days**

**Key Sights: Kolkata – Bandel – Kalna – Mayapur – Murshidabad**

Day	Program	Mode	Distance/Time
Day 01	Arrive Kolkata	By Flight	
Day 02	Bandel – Mayapur	By Jetty	
Day 03	Mayapur		
Day 04	Mayapur – Murshidabad	By Surface	
Day 05	Murshidabad	By Jetty/By Flight	



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**Day 01**

**Arrive Kolkata**

**By Flight**

Assemble at the Millennium Park sharp at 1:30 hrs. After completing the boarding formalities get accommodated at one of air-conditioned luxury passenger rooms. The vessel sails down the Cantilever Bridge and the Howrah Bridge built across the mighty river Ganga for joining the two metropolises cities of Howrah and Kolkata. While cruising along the beautiful scenic surroundings sail past the Howrah Railway Station, one of the busiest railway stations in the world.

Also enjoy the close quarter glimpse of the various heritage sites present on the banks of this great river. Some of the major tourist attractions set around the river include numerous temples, bathing ghats, oldest gun, Nimtolla Ghat, House of dolls, Shell Factory and the historical point of Job Charnock.

On reaching, Belur Math, disembark from the cruise to explore the shrine built by Swami Vivekananda in honor of Ramakrishna Paramahansa Deva who taught the mankind equality of religion. Before dusk, return to the vessel and leave for Chandannagar.

This ancient French colony is at present dotted with a large number of historical attractions including Clock Tower, Church and Civil Court showcasing strong impression of French architecture in its structure. Enjoy sumptuous dinner and a comfortable overnight stay on board. The vessel is anchored at night in Triveni.

**Day 02**

**Bandel – Mayapur**

**By Jetty**

In the morning while the guests enjoy a lavish breakfast, the vessel sails through the rural Bengal. Enjoy the scenic beauty bounty and the pleasant surroundings of the place. The afternoon is reserved for a meeting with a well-known Historian, who will provide you with great knowledge about the magnificent heritage of the Ganga River. In the later part of the day the vessel reaches Mayapur, the headquarter of ISKON.

Disembark at the divine abode of Lord Shri Krishna. Savor the rich vegetarian lunch served at the temple. It is believed to be the place of Shri Chaitanya and is also considered to be the spiritual capital of the world. Also pay a visit to the Nabadwip situated on the western bank which is famous as the great center of learning, popularly referred to as the Oxford of Bengal. After exploring Nabadwip, the vessel traverses to visit Kalna.

The place is greatly famous among the tourists for its beautiful terracotta temples and Rajbari. Cross the river and after a short ride, visit the weavers colony at Shantipur or Phulia for buying the famous Bengal cotton known as '*Tant*'. Enjoy shopping for the fine cotton stoles, dhotis and sarees at any of the co-operative stores. Enjoy sumptuous dinner and an overnight stay on board and the vessel sail to reach Mayapur.



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<b>Day 03</b>	<b>Mayapur</b>		
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Next morning move out from the vessel to attend Darshan at the Radha Madhava temple. This is the largest temple that could not be built in 200 years and is still under construction. Also pay a visit to the birthplace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

The other major tourist attractions sprinkled around this place include Chand Kazi's Samadhi, Bhakti Vinoda Thakura's House, Srila Prabhupada's Pushpa Samadhi, Sri Srivasa Angan and the Shri Chaitanya Math. Later in the day cruise to Katwa for its majestic beauty. Also pay a visit to Matiari which is famous for its Kansari artisans skilled in making beautiful bell metal and brass utensils. During the latter part of the day cruise further to Murshidabad.

<b>Day 04</b>	<b>Mayapur – Murshidabad</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	
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On the following morning after breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Murshidabad. It is considered to be one of the oldest cities of West Bengal and features a rich cultural heritage. Pay a visit to the Hazaarduari Palace which was built in the Italian style during 1867. The other attractions to visit in Murshidabad includes Katra Mosque, Kotgola Gardens, Adinath Temple, and the palace garden of Raja Dhanpar Singh Dugar. In the evening return to the vessel for a lip-smacking dinner and a comfortable overnight stay.

<b>Day 05</b>	<b>Murshidabad</b>	<b>By Jetty/By Flight</b>	
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In the morning after breakfast, check out of the cruiser at Murshidabad. Get transferred to Kolkata by train. On reaching Kolkata, board the connectivting train or flight for your onward destination.