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20th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES 2024) of the
International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES)
22nd Annual Congress of the Indian Association of
Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES)

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Dear Colleagues,

Namaste!

It is a moment of great pride for the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) to be hosting the 20th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES) at Kolkata, India. It gives us immense pleasure to welcome you all to this flagship congress of the International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES). The congress is designed to provide academic activity of the highest order, comprising lectures, symposia and interactive sessions on cutting edge technological skill and training by reputed international and national faculty. The Organizing Committee is working tirelessly to put together a world class educational and scientific program for what will be an academic extravaganza replete with tasteful cuisine to tantalize your taste buds and a complete cultural fest. Kolkata is known for its literary, artistic and revolutionary heritage. As the former capital of India, it is the birthplace of modern Indian literary and artistic thought. Kolkata is called the “City of Joy” as well as the “Cultural Capital of India”. We believe, at this august gathering, shall be ushered into another modern and exhilarating surgical paradigm. In this backdrop, the congress will allow all delegates to reflect upon and celebrate our past accomplishments, renew friendships, extend networks, and jointly explore current and future research directions. It will be both exciting and ground-breaking in its wide ranging and multidisciplinary content where we will reflect upon our visions, innovations and sustainable operating techniques for the future of surgery.

We wish to make WCES-IAGES 2024, Kolkata a truly unforgettable experience for all and we look forward to your active participation.

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(Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions.)



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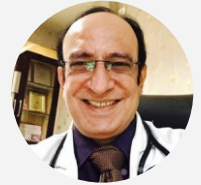
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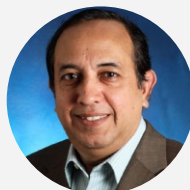
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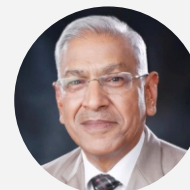
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ABOUT IFSES

International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES) was born in 1992 with the only mission - the growth, future progress and spread of Minimally Access Surgery, World-Wide. This is not a Federation of Surgeons but of Surgical Societies whose members are Laparoscopic surgeons from all over the world.

The purpose of this Federation is to enhance and promote Endoscopic Surgery and Minimal Access Techniques by: serving as an International forum for the dis-evaluation, and dissemination of information pertaining to Endoscopic Surgery access techniques, IFSES is rich in the quality, capability, activity and culture of each one of its Member Societies and the ethical and professional excellence of its Corporate Members.



ABOUT IAGES

The Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons (IAGES) is an organization of surgeons formed to promote and spread the advancement of Endoscopic Surgery throughout India and beyond. The advancement and improvements in technology has resulted in significant changes in the surgical treatment of patients.

IAGES is a vibrant and prestigious association of more than 10000 life members. IAGES has been a leader in bringing numerous structured training programs in various areas of Minimal Access Surgery. IAGES has conducted 20+ National Congress and every year IAGES holds several fellowship programs that includes FIAGES, EFIAGES, FALS and FAGIE JMAS is the journal of IAGES and is getting more popular every year with a healthy impact factor.



ABOUT HOST CITY

Where West Truly Encountered East!

Kolkata (Calcutta), beside the river Hugli grew into being the capital of India during the British Rule and the second capital city (after London) of the British Empire. Also, this city of palaces is known for its neoclassical mansions, as one gets to see an architectural mix of Palladian, Baroque, Rococo, Gothic, Hindu and Islamic. Kolkata's unique history and modern identity is reflected in its architecture, literature, cinema and music. Kolkata is home of extraordinary Indians such as Nobel Prize in literature - Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel Prize in Economic Science-Amartya Sen, Academy Awardee-Satyajit Ray.

Kolkata is the city of learning, The Visva Bharati (communion of the world with India) University was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921, today is one of India's most renowned places of higher learning with a list of alumni that includes Nobel-winning economist Amartya Sen, globally renowned filmmaker Satyajit Ray and the country's leading art historian, R. Siva Kumar to name just a few.

Today Kolkata is the capital of the Indian state of West Bengal, it is also the modern India's cultural capital, city of artists, city of learning and books with the largest second hand book market in the world, largest book market in India and largest library in India, Second largest planetarium in the world, largest museum in India and largest botanical gardens (World's Largest Banyan tree in area covered which is 1250 years old) a Kolkata surely attracts the learned and historians.

Tourists get an experience of this multi cultured, multi religion, architectural retreat by joining the world famous heritage walks which covers through 8 cultures converging namely Armenian, Jewish, Chinese, Islamic, Jain, Buddhist coupled with the old influence of the Portuguese, the Scottish, the Greek and so on and are all found in a 2 km radius between Bow Barracks and Burra Bazaar area (CBD) of Kolkata. It is time for **west** to meet **east** in this world city.

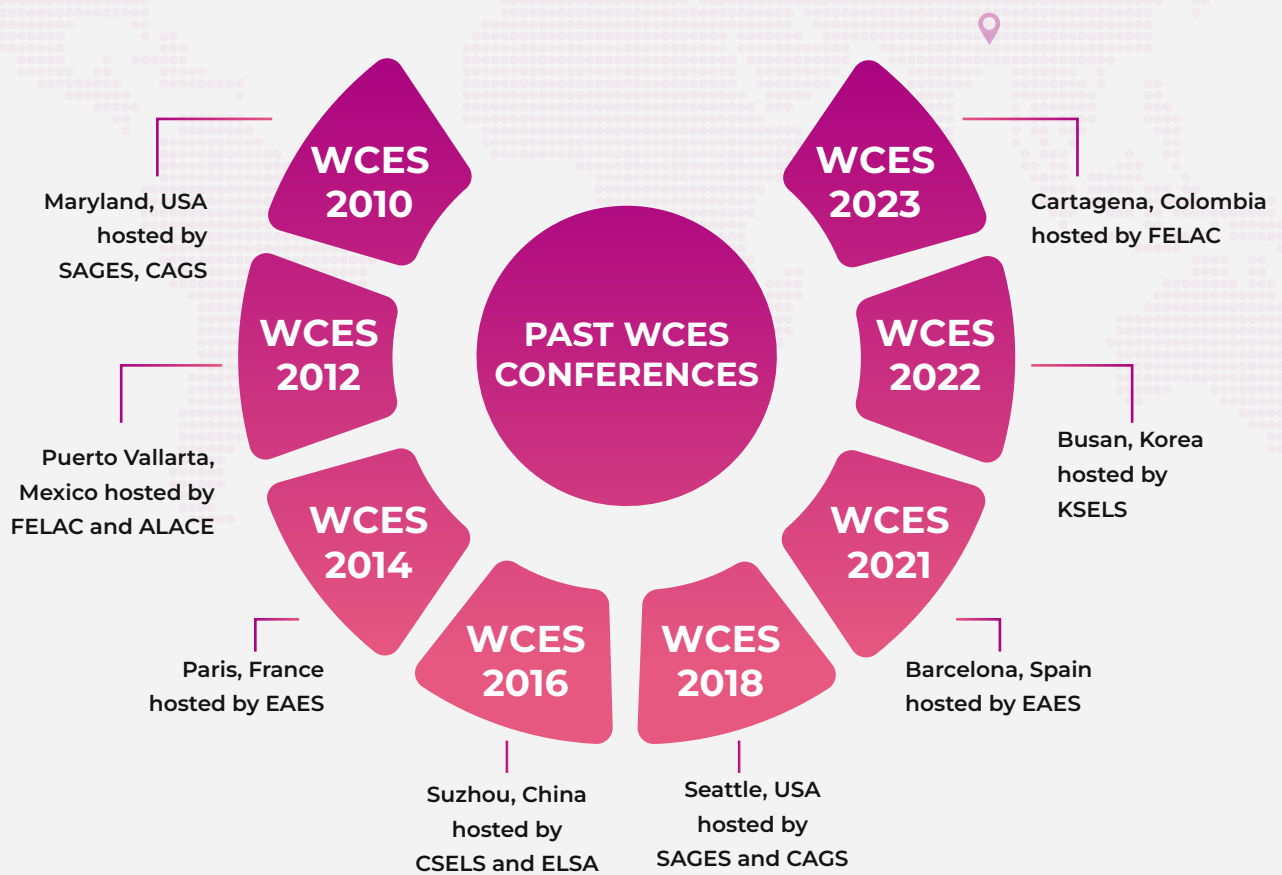
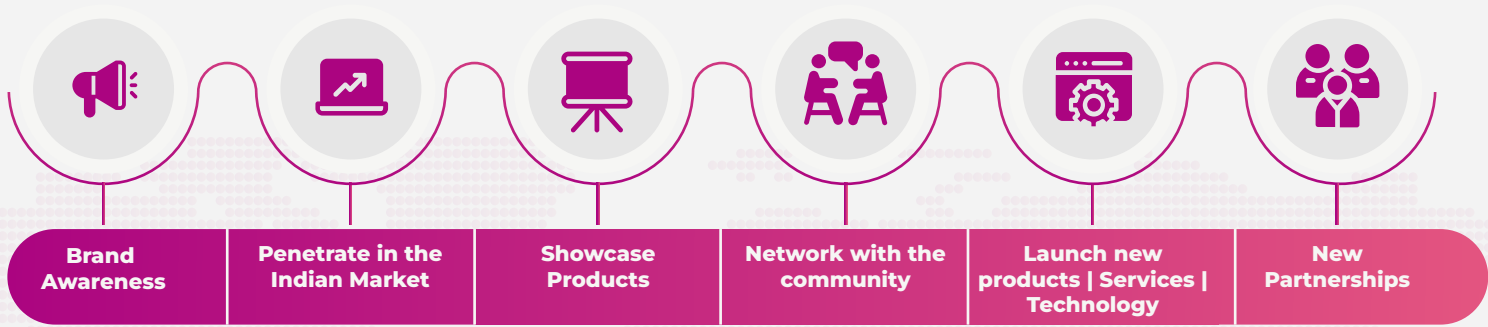


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CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS



PROGRAM

TRACK

- Upper GI
- Bariatric
- Small bowel
- HPB
- Hernia
- Colorectal
- Thyroid and endocrine
- Thoracic
- Urology
- Pediatric
- Acute Care Surgery and Trauma
- Abdominal wall Repair
- Robotics Surgery
- Emerging Technology

TOPICS

- Anatomy
- AI
- Abdominal wall Repair
- Bariatric Surgery
- Complication
- Day Surgery
- Education
- Endoscopy
- Energy Devices
- ERAS
- Guidelines
- Hernia
- Hybrid Surgery
- Image guided surgery
- Imaging
- Instruments & Equipments
- Innovation
- Medical Device Management
- Medical Economics
- Navigation Surgery
- Needlescopic Surgery
- NOTES
- Nutrition
- Operation Room
- Precision Surgery
- Reduced Port Surgery, Single Port Surgery
- Revision Surgery
- Robotic Surgery
- Surgical Techniques
- Tips and Tricks
- Training & Teaching
- Ultrasound
- Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Mixed Reality
- 3D printing
- Miscellaneous

PROGRAM OUTLINE

09:00AM-12:00NOON
**PRECONGRESS
MASTER CLASSES & COURSES**

12:00NOON-6:00PM
LIVE SURGERIES

6:30PM - 8:00PM
E.C. MEETING - IAGES

8:00PM ONWARDS
FACULTY DINNER

08:00AM-11:30AM
6 PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:30AM - 01:30PM
ORATIONS

01:30PM-02:30PM
LUNCH

02:30PM-06:00PM
6 PARALLEL SESSIONS

06:00PM-07:30PM
GB MEETING - IAGES

07:30PM ONWARDS
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LUNCH

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6 PARALLEL SESSIONS

06:00PM-07:30PM
INAUGURATION

08:00PM ONWARDS
CULTURAL EVENING / DINNER

08:00AM-01:30PM
6 PARALLEL SESSIONS

01:30PM-02:30PM
LUNCH

02:30PM-04:00PM
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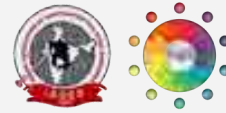
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Category	Early 1 st Jan 2023 to 31 st Aug 2024	Regular 1 st Sep 2024 to 22 nd Oct 2024	On-site
IAGES Member	₹ 20,000	₹ 25,000	₹ 30,000
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P G Student (India)	₹ 9,500	₹ 11,875	₹ 14,250
Accompanying person (India)	₹ 7,000	₹ 8,750	₹ 10,500
Others (Technician/ nurses)	₹ 6,000	₹ 7,500	₹ 9,000
IFSES Member (International)	\$400	\$500	\$600
IFSES Non Member (International)	\$575	\$650	\$700
P G Student (International)	\$250	\$313	\$375
Accompanying Person (International)	\$150	\$188	\$225

Above mentioned rates are exclusive of 18% GST

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US Dollars (including GST)	\$600	\$325	\$650
20% Discounted Rate	\$600 - \$120= \$480	\$325 - \$65= \$280	\$650 - \$130= \$520
Rates	4 Nights		
	Single Occupancy	Twin Sharing (per person)	Double Occupancy
Indian National Rupee (INR)	₹66,080/- (₹56000 + ₹10080 GST)	₹35,400/- (₹30000 + ₹5400 GST)	₹70,800/- (₹60000 + ₹10800 GST)
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US Dollars (including GST)	\$800	\$425	\$850
20% Discounted Rate	\$800 - \$160= \$640	\$425 - \$85= \$340	\$850 - \$170= \$680

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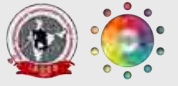
Rates	3 Nights		
	Single Occupancy	Twin Sharing (per person)	Double Occupancy
Indian National Rupee (INR)	₹35,400/- (₹30000 + ₹5400 GST)	₹21,240/- (₹18000 + ₹3240 GST)	₹42,480/- (₹36000 + ₹6480 GST)
20% Discounted Rate	₹35400 - ₹7080= ₹28,320/-	₹21240 - ₹4248= ₹16,992/-	₹42480 - ₹8496= ₹33,984/-
US Dollars (including GST)	\$450	\$250	\$500
20% Discounted Rate	\$450 - \$90= \$360	\$250 - \$50= \$200	\$500 - \$100= \$400
Rates	4 Nights		
	Single Occupancy	Twin Sharing (per person)	Double Occupancy
Indian National Rupee (INR)	₹47,200/- (₹40000 + ₹7200 GST)	₹28,320/- (₹24000 + ₹4320 GST)	₹56,640/- (₹48000 + ₹8640 GST)
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20% Discounted Rate	\$600 - \$120= \$480	\$350 - \$70= \$280	\$700 - \$140= \$560

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T O U R

Pre & Post Tours (Optional)

1. Victoria Memorial Gallery

Spread over 57 acres of land, housing 21 lush green gardens, 28,394 artefacts, and 3,900 artistic paintings, the Victoria memorial is one of the best and romantic places to visit in Kolkata. Built in the memory of Queen Victoria, this white marble beauty is a host to 20 lakhs of annual visitors.

Location: Victoria Memorial Hall, 1, Queen's Way, Kolkata
Timings: Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Closed on: Monday



2. Fort William

Situated on the eastern banks of the Hooghly river, Fort Williams is a huge building from the colonial era that has served multiple purposes to date. It is one of the few Kolkata points of interest which is a must-visit place during your Kolkata sightseeing tour. Known as the 'black hole of Calcutta', this place was once a temporary jail where prisoners were hauled, but now it serves as the headquarters of the Eastern Command.

Location: Fort William, Hastings, Kolkata
Timings: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

3. Howrah Bridge

A Kolkata sightseeing tour is truly incomplete without visiting the 'Harbour Bridge of India', the Howrah Bridge. Titled as the 'oldest but the busiest' place in Kolkata, the Howrah Bridge was built over the Hooghly river to ensure connectivity between the two major cities of Kolkata and Howrah. It is among the best places to visit in Kolkata in the evening where you can hang out with your friends and gaze out at the lit bridge sparkling in the dark.

Location: Jagannath Ghat, 1, Strand Road, Kolkata



4. Ganga Aarti Ghat

A spectacular show on the banks of the river Ganges (Hooghly) where priests offer prayers to the mother river in the evening wearing traditional clothes while melodious devotional chants are played. Spectators and devotees alike can sit and watch.

Location: Babughat
Timings: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (daily)



Pre & Post Tours (Optional)

5. Rabindra Sarovar

Previously known as Dhakuria Lake, Rabindra Sarovar is an artificial lake in Kolkata. It is one of the best places to visit in Kolkata if you are looking for a quiet, and peaceful time. Every morning one would find numerous people jogging, or walking along the shores of the lake. It is also a perfect spot for nature admirers who wish to get close to the beauty of nature.

Location: Southern Avenue, Golpark, Tollygunge, Dhakuria, Lake Gardens, Kolkata



6. Alipore Zoo

The Alipore Zoo is also sometimes called the Calcutta Zoo or the Zoological Garden of Alipore. It is India's oldest ever zoological park and surely one of the best places to visit in South Kolkata. Attracting wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers from all over the country, it is immensely popular for once being the home of the 'Adwaita', the 250-year old Aldabra giant tortoise that had died in 2006. The many exotic animals living here include the Royal Bengal Tigers, white tigers, Asian elephants, one-horned rhinoceros, zebras, antelopes, and deer. Apart from these animals, the park is also home to bird species like Macaws, Swinhoe's Pheasant, Lorikeets, Lady Amherst's Pheasants, Ostriches, Emus, Hornbills, and even the Sarus Cranes that migrate here during winters. A sheer delight for families travelling to Kolkata, this park and its numerous wild animals always manage to bring a smile on the faces of youngsters and children.

Location: Belvedere Road, Lake Place, Alipore, Kolkata
Timings: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed on Thursday)

7. Dakshineswar Kali Temple

Located in the Dakshineswar town of Kolkata, the Dakshineswar Kali Temple is a popular pilgrimage site dedicated to Goddess Kali. It is one of the must-visit places to visit in Kolkata in one day as one cannot afford to miss out on this architectural masterpiece which is also considered one of the holiest places in the city. It is also surrounded by some of the best cafes in Kolkata.

Location: Dakshineswar, Kolkata
Timings: 6:00 am to 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm



8. Kalighat Kali Temple

Seek blessings from Goddess Kali during your trip to Kolkata when you visit the mystical Kali Temple. It is one of the best places to visit in Kolkata to get familiar with the culture, traditions, and religious beliefs of the people of this beautiful city.

Location: Anami Sangha, Kalighat, Kolkata
Timings: 5:00 am to 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm



Pre & Post Tours (Optional)

9. St. Paul's Cathedral

Known for its Gothic style of architecture, St. Paul's Cathedral is the largest cathedral in Kolkata. Resembling closely to Norwich Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral is also one of the best places to visit in Kolkata for people seeking a religious tour.

Location: Maidan, Kolkata

Timings: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm



10. Park Street

Park Street is a street in Kolkata that is well-known for shopping. From food to traditional saris, there's no dearth of things to buy in Kolkata. Some of the most awesome things to buy in Kolkata include Dokra and paper mâché masks. The best time to visit this street is around Christmas to witness the beautiful decorations.

Location: Central Kolkata, Kolkata District, West Bengal.

Timings: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

11. New Market

The New Market is one of the most renowned and oldest markets in Kolkata. It has more than 2,000 shopping stalls selling all kinds of items. If you want to buy sarees for your loved one, then this is the market where you will find a wide range of varieties, including the famed Jamdani, Tant, Tasar Silk and of course all from across India. If you are there in the evening, don't miss the handcrafted jewelry and handbags. However, you have to hone up your bargaining skills to get a better deal. If you fall short of calories, New Market is a perfect place for a gastronomic ride.

Location: Lindsay Street

What To Buy: You can buy clothes, jewelry, bags, and household items

Timings: Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm



12. Burra Bazar

Burra Bazar is known for its vast collection of ethnic wear such as sarees, lehengas, salwar suits, etc. You will also find many vendors selling exquisite imitation jewelry at the most affordable prices. If you have an upcoming wedding in the family, hit the streets of Bara Bazar right now.

Address: Burra Bazar Market, Kolkata

Nearest Metro Station: M.G. Road

Key Attractions: Ethnic wear, household essentials, spices, festive decorations, puja items



Pre & Post Tours (Optional)

13. Eco Park

India's largest urban park is spread over 480 acres (190 hectares) and is near the WCEs-IAGES Convention Centre. It has an island within, surrounded by a huge water body with boating facilities. The park has wetlands, grasslands, deciduous forest, urban forest, theme gardens, open spaces, replicas of the seven wonders of the world, urban recreational spaces, restaurants, a sweets hub, crafts centres, and lots more to entertain the visitors.

Location: Major Arterial Road, Kolkata

Timings: Tuesday to Sunday from 11:30 am to 07:30 pm



14. Indian Museum

The tour to Kolkata is uncomplete without a visit to the largest Museum in the country- Indian Museum. Presently, the museum has 35 galleries which have been divided into six categories namely Art, Archaeology, Anthropology, Geology, Zoology and Economic Botany. The Museum has the finest collection of contemporary paintings, sacred relics of Buddha, Egyptian mummies and ancient sculptures.

Location: Jawaharlal Nehru Rd, Dharmatala, Taltala, Kolkata.

Timings: Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

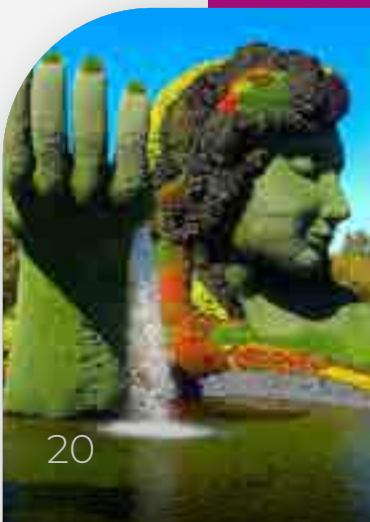
Closed on: Monday

15. Science City

Located in a one hour drive from the venue Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Science City is one of its kind in the country. It is one of the finest and the largest science museums in the world and provides a fun way of learning science. The science city is a perfect blend of education with fun. There is a special section dedicated to the aquatic world wherein you can learn every minute detail about the various fishes and insects in the aquatic world.

Location: JBS Haldane Ave, Mirania Gardens, Kolkata.

Timings: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm



16. Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden

Located in the total area of 273 acres that is located in Shibpur, Howrah, near Kolkata. The gardens were established in the year 1787 and were commonly known as the Company Garden in that time. It is presently under the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Address: Shibpur, Howrah, West Bengal

Timings: Tuesday to Sunday from 05:30 am to 04:00 pm

Closed on: Monday

WALKING TOUR

1. Street Food of Kolkata

Known for its variety of street food, Kolkata is a heaven for street food lovers not only in India but from across the world. Starting with the famous “Puckha” (cousin of Pani puri), Egg roll, Moghlai Paratha, Bhel Puri, Samosa, Kachori- you name it, Kolkata have it. And the best part, you need not go to a particular place, just a few minutes away from your house, wherever you live. However, some of the well known places for street foods are Vivekananda Park, Park Street, China Town, Burra Bazar, College Street among the others



2. Mullick Bazar Flower Market

One of the top things I wanted to do while in the amazing city of Kolkata, was visit Mallick Ghat flower market. As one of the biggest flower markets in the whole of India; it's a wonderful array of colours, sights, smells and sounds.

The place is famous for its expertise with sculpting Indian Gods and Goddesses out of clay for different festivals in West Bengal throughout the year. They also export their idols to other countries and communities. The name of the famous street with the idol merchants is known as Banamali Sarkar Street.

3. B.B.D. Bagh

Binoy-Badal-Dinesh Bagh, shortened as B. B. D. Bagh, formerly called Tank Square and then Dalhousie Square is the administrative, financial and commercial region and one of the central business districts of Kolkata, capital of the Indian state of West Bengal. It is the seat of Government of West Bengal and houses all three branches of it.

The area consists Writers' Building, the official state secretariat building, Raj Bhavan, the residence of Governor of West Bengal, Vidhansabha Bhavan, the building housing the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and also the Calcutta High Court.



4. Bow Barracks

Bow Barracks is one of the attractions of the city of Joy. Constructed in the British era, Bow Barracks is a small locality in central Kolkata, just behind Bowbazar Police Station, which was a garrison's mess built for the army during World War I. Eighty percent of the families that live here are Anglo-Indians.

The rows of red-brick buildings (each floor houses about two to four Anglo families) are a characteristic feature of Bow Barracks that almost take you back in time.



DAY TRIPS IN KOLKATA

DT 1: City of Joy experience, a full day tour of Kolkata

Experience the best of Kolkata with this full-day tour of the city. You'll get to see many of the so-called City of Joy's greatest buildings and attractions, including the Victoria Memorial, St John's Church, the 18th-century Writers Building and the 19th-century Shaheed Minar, as well as the oldest museum in India. You'll finish your tour with a three-hour cruise on the Hooghly River, a distributary of the Ganges.



DT 2: Day trip from Kolkata to Bishnupur for Terracotta Temples and Silk

Stray from the beaten path and see a different side of India on a day trip to Bishnupur from Kolkata. A great choice for travelers that have already ticked off Kolkata's top sights, this tour lets you avoid the hassle of advance planning, and transports you to lesser-known attractions such as the 17th-century terracotta temples of the Malla Kingdom.



DT 3: Day trip from Kolkata to Sundarbans

The most famous Kolkata tourist spot, Sunderbans is one of the natural wonders of the world. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sunderbans is a part of the world's largest delta formed by the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna. It is also the largest tiger reserve and national park in India. Other than wildlife, the Sunderbans are the epitome of breathtaking natural beauty and the most surreal landscapes which make them one of the best places to visit in Kolkata for couples.

Location: Dayapur, Gosaba, West Bengal
Timings: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm



LONG DURATION TRIPS

DT 1: Day Trip to Taj Mahal and Agra from Kolkata (With Both Side Commercial Flights)

There's no need to miss a trip to India's Taj Mahal when you're in Kolkata. This private full-day tour makes it as easy as possible to check out Agra's UNESCO-listed, 17th-century wonder, with return Kolkata-Delhi flights, private Delhi-Agra return road transport, and a private guide to show you and provide insight into the multi-domed tomb. An optional Agra Fort visit, Agra shopping time, and Kolkata hotel transfers, make the day extra enjoyable.



DT 2: 2 days tour of Murshidabad from Kolkata (In private car about the great betrayal)

History enthusiasts will enjoy this two-day tour from Kolkata to Murshidabad, the old capital of Bengal. Learn all about the layers of history in this beautiful city and listen to your guide's fascinating stories. Visit the site of the Battle of Plassey, the grand Imambara, the beautiful Palace of a Thousand Doors, and more. Go at your own pace as this is a private tour.



DT 3: Ecstatic Shimla 4 Night 5 Day Tour Package

Explore the former summer capital of the British in India at its best with an ecstatic 5 nights 6 days Shimla tour package. Enabling a traveler to relish the lush green hills with snow-capped peaks, one can witness the amalgamation of the Himachali and British traditions, capture a glimpse of the British architecture, and savour the taste of authentic Himachali food with a Shimla sightseeing package. This package also includes a road trip from Delhi to Shimla.



LONG DURATION TRIPS

DT 4: Special Uttarakhand Tour Package From Kolkata 6 Days & 5 Nights

Uttarakhand is one of the most beautiful hill stations in India with numbers of sightseeing places such as Nainital, Almora, Kausani, and Ranikhet. These all are the dream travel destinations for many as it gives real pleasure to eyes, heart as well as touches the soul. The splendid beauty of Jim Corbett National Park which is rich in flora and fauna is the place you will visit in Kerala. Jim Corbett is renowned for its Bengal tigers, elephants, and birdlife.



DT 5: 7 Days Nepal Package From Kolkata

Nepal is one of the best value destinations to travel in Asia surrounded by the majestic Himalayas. The Nepal tour package from Kolkata gives a chance to all the travelers to spend some time amidst the beautiful environs of the Himalayan valleys. Nepal is altogether a perfect getaway destination for travelers, tourists, couples, family, and friends. The best time to visit Nepal is considered to be between March to May and September to November. However, some tourist also chooses to visit it in the summer months. The time of your availing a Kolkata to Nepal holiday tour package depends upon your choice of experiences. While the summer months ensure that you experience everything in a lush natural glory, the winters here are for the travelers who want to experience the snow and indulge in adventurous activities that are best enjoyed during this weather.



SIGHT SEEING IN NORTH EAST INDIA

Northeast India, officially known as the North Eastern Region (NER) is the easternmost region of India representing both a geographic and political administrative division of the country. It comprises eight states Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura (commonly known as the "Seven Sisters"), and the "brother" state of Sikkim.

The states of North Eastern Region are officially recognised under the North Eastern Council (NEC), constituted in 1971 as the acting agency for the development of the north eastern states. Long after induction of NEC, Sikkim formed part of the North Eastern Region as the eighth state in 2002. India's Look-East connectivity projects connect Northeast India to East Asia and ASEAN. Popular among tourists for their trekking routes, parks to spot wild animals in their natural habitat, ancient temples, and snow-covered mountain peaks, North East India offers a never ending saga for the nature lovers. Nestled among nature, North East India is "far from the madding crowd". There are some of the "must visit" places:

NORTH EAST INDIA

DT 1: Kaziranga National Park, Assam

The Kaziranga National Park, with its dense forests, elephant-grass meadows, and swampy lagoons is home to the largest Indian rhinoceros population. This 430 square kilometer national park is also the breeding ground for Indian rhinoceros and other rare kind of animals and birds



DT 2: Tawang Monastery

The Tawang Monastery, is the largest monastery in India and the second largest in the world. The monastery houses residential complexes for the monks, a Buddhist cultural study center, school, temples, a library, and a printing press.

DT 3: Majuli

Majuli is the largest river island in the world. The island is inhabited mostly by tribals who follow unique lifestyle. With its lush greenery and pristine waters, Majuli is also one of the trendiest long weekend destinations in Northeast India. It is located few kilometres away from Jorhat, Assam.



NORTH EAST INDIA

DT 4: Dibrugarh

Known as the tea city of India, Dibrugarh is the largest city in Assam. The city is a gateway to other tea-producing districts of Assam. With its emerald fields, gurgling rivers, and a unique culture, the city is one of the most interesting places to visit in Northeast India. Some of its attractions are Dinjoy Satra, Radha Krishna Mandir, Jagannath Temple, Mahatma Gandhi Udyan/Khanikar Park, Jokai Botanical Garden, Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, Joypur Rainforest, and the Tea Gardens.



DT 5: Shillong

Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, is surrounded by tall pine trees. Some of its primary attractions are Umiam Lake, Elephant Falls, Shillong Peak, Don Bosco Museum, Lady Hydari Park, Sweet Falls, Spread Eagle Falls, Diengiei Peak, Sohpetbneng, Meghalaya State Museum, Laitlum Canyons, All Saints Church, Air Force Museum, Butterfly Museum, Ever-Living Museum, and Rhino Heritage Museum



DT 6: Aizawl

The capital city of Mizoram, Aizawl attracts Indian and international tourists alike. This 124-year old city has rich cultural heritage and is well-known for its scenic beauty and elevated setting. Some of its attractions are Durtlang Hills, Reiek Tlang, Mizoram State Museum, KV Paradise, Phawngpui Peak, Solomon Temple, Falkawn Village, Phawngpui, Salvation Army Temple, Vantawng Falls, and Tamdil, Saiha.



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Transport in Kolkata

Kolkata, the land of Tagore and Mother Teresa has been gifted with many descriptions in the history. From recounting the city as the 'City of Joy' to the 'Jewel in The Crown of the British Raj'.

Kolkata has developed as the cultural center of India and is considered as a principal commercial center of East India.

Road Network in Kolkata

Kolkata with its extensive road network connects to regional roads, State Highways, countrywide roads. The arterial road network is supportive in handling heavy traffic in the metropolitan area of Kolkata, as most of the arterial roads are undivided 4 lane roads.



Taxis in Kolkata

Taxis in Kolkata are perfect for traveling to places of interest, sightseeing, airport hauling and more. Yellow colored taxis are famous for their look and services. You can hire them to travel in comfort to the important places in the city.



Rickshaws and Auto-Rickshaws in Kolkata

Hand-pulled rickshaws are popular mode of traveling and transportation in Kolkata. Unlike other parts of the country where you can find cycle rickshaws, in Kolkata you will come across rickshaws pulled by men. These hand pulled rickshaws are not allowed to ply over main roads of Kolkata.



Bus Services in Kolkata

The bus transit system is the most important mode of mass transportation in the city. There are several bus service providers, both in public and private sectors. The Calcutta State Transport Corporation (CSTC), South Bengal State Transport Corporation (SBSTC) and North Bengal State Transport Corporation (NBSTC) are public bus service providers.



Metro Rail in Kolkata

Kolkata Metro rail is the first urban mass transit system in India. The project was conceived in 1969 and came into existence in February, 1979. The first Metro train came into operation on 24th October, 1984 and ran between Esplanade and Bhowanipur spanning a stretch of 3.4 kms.

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Tram in Kolkata

Tram in Kolkata was introduced almost 125 years ago. During those days it was driven by horses. Slowly it underwent change and was powered by steam locomotives followed by electricity. Kolkata tram services is one of its kind in India.



Rail Transport in Kolkata

The city has a robust railway network. It is well-connected to the rest of India by extensive railway network. It is a headquarter of two divisions of the Indian railways - the South Eastern Railway and the Eastern Railway.



Airport in Kolkata

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport (IATA: CCU, ICAO: VECC) is an international airport located in Kolkata, West Bengal, India, serving the Kolkata Metropolitan Area and is the aviation hub for eastern and northeastern India. It is located approximately 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) from the city centre



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