# KOLKATA 02 NIGHTS/03 DAYS NO. OF DELEGATES: 50



# **OVERVIEW**

- Kolkata or as it is called "The City of Joy", is famous for quite a variety of things. It was the capital of India under the British rule from 1772 to 1911.
- From 1912 to India's independence in 1947, it was the capital of all of Bengal (including Bangladesh).
- Today it's known for its grand colonial architecture, art galleries and cultural festivals.
- The construction of Kolkata was largely influenced by the conscious intermingling of Neo-Gothic, Baroque, Neo-Classical, and Oriental designs
- The autumn and winter months between October and February are the best time to visit Kolkata, as the weather is perfect and festivities are aplenty.
- This is the season which witnesses the peak arrival of travellers, especially during Durga Puja.







# PLACES TO VISIT

#### **VICTORIA MEMORIAL**

- Another relic of the British Raj in India, the Victoria Memorial is located in the heart of Kolkata, in West Bengal.
- This white marbled opulent structure was built in memory of Queen Victoria to celebrate her 25 years of rule over India and is almost a replica of the Victoria Memorial in London.
- Victoria Memorial is an iconic structure that is synonymous with the city of joy!

#### **BELUR MATH**

- Sprawling over forty acres of land on the west bank of the Hooghly River, Belur; the Belur Math in Kolkata is a place of pilgrimage and also the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission.
- The people who are not interested in religion also come to Belur Math to experience and appreciate the peace that it diffuses into the environment, and ultimately into the inner soul.







#### HOWRAH BRIDGE

- An iconic landmark of Kolkata, Howrah Bridge is a massive steel bridge constructed over the Hooghly River.
- Also known as Rabindra Setu, it connects Howrah and Kolkata.
- It carries daily traffic of over 100,000 vehicles and countless pedestrians and is as historic as it is grand.
- The opulence of the bridge, however, comes alive in the night time as it is all lit up.

#### **TAGORE'S HOUSE**

- Known as the 'Jorasanko Thakur Bari', Tagore's house is one of the most important historical places in Kolkata.
- The former residence of India's most renowned literaries, Rabindranath Tagore, is now converted into a museum which houses a photo gallery, fascinating paintings, and Tagore's literary works







#### **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.

#### 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 as one of the holiest places in the city.







#### **INDIAN MUSEUM**

- Witness the charm of the glorious country of India the oldest, and the largest museum in India, the Indian Museum.
- It is one of the best places to visit in Kolkata for youngsters where they can gain insights to the rich traditional, and cultural heritage of their country.

#### **PRINCEP GHAT**

- Built along the banks of the Hooghly river, during the British rule, Princep Ghat is a memorial inspired by Greek and Gothic styles of architecture.
- It is one of the best places to visit in Kolkata at night as the setup becomes totally lit with dazzling lighting throughout the place.
- It is also a popular picnic spot where people can spend quality time with their family.

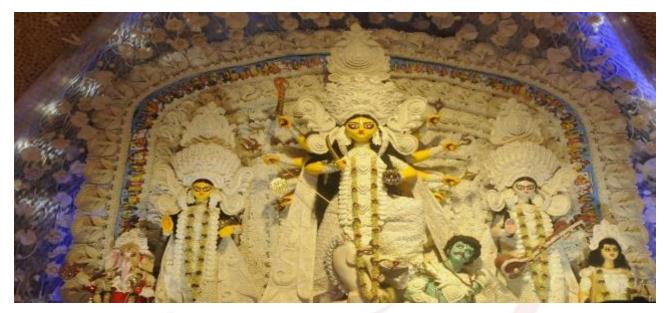






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# FESTIVALS IN KOLKATA DURGA PUJA



- Fondly referred to as Pujo, this is undoubtedly the biggest celebration in the city and an experience to remember.
- Amidst the joyful mayhem and colourful celebrations, you can feel the divine presence as you gaze into the eyes of the benevolent deity, and understand why Durga Puja is the cultural and religious extravaganza that it is.
- When: Late September/early October

# KOLKATA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



- Inspired by the masters of Bengali cinema like Satayjit Ray and Mrinal Sen, the Kolkata International film festival is the second oldest film festival in the country and a hugely popular cultural event in Kolkata.
- A grand celebration of the art of film-making, this week-long festival in Kolkata showcases some of the best domestic and international films every year. When: mid-November



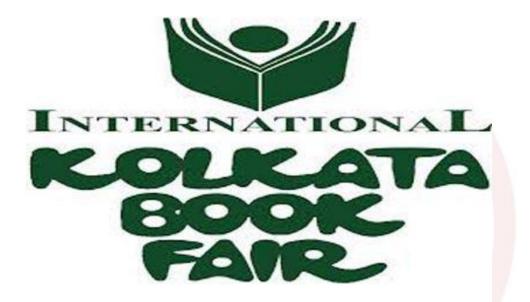
# SARASWATI PUJA



- This one-of-a-kind festival in Kolkata celebrates the homecoming of Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and learning
- The Saraswati Pooja is carried out with great fanfare in Kolkata.
- This day dedicated to knowledge is also considered auspicious for children to commence writing for the first time or take up any studies-related activities.
- When: January/February



### KOLKATA BOOK FAIR



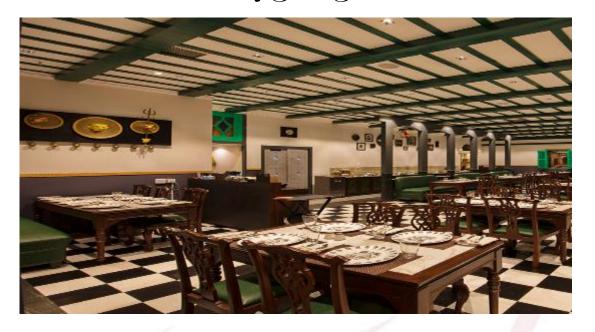
- With its deep intellectual and literary roots, the city of joy is the perfect venue for one of the biggest celebrations of the written word in Asia, the Kolkata Book Fair.
- This is one festival in Kolkata you must plan your visit around to experience the sheer joy of being a part of this book extravaganza and witnessing the most-attended book fair in the world.
- Countless author-interaction sessions, debates, symposiums, etc are organised during the two-week long festival.
- When: January end

### DOVER LANE MUSIC CONFERENCE



- A unique 3-day event that celebrates the rich and diverse range of India's classical music repertoire is one of the best festivals in Kolkata for music aficionados and enthusiasts.
- Three nights of divine music from dusk to dawn is what makes this musical conference the most awaited one in the city, surpassing all other festivals in scale and scope.
- When : Late January
- Where: Nazrul Manch, Rabindra Sarovar

# Outdoor venues 6 Ballygunge Place



- 6 Ballygunge Place was founded in 2003 to fill the gap in the market for standalone Bengali specialty restaurants in Kolkata.
- Its dishes were developed from scouring renowned cookbooks, including those containing traditional recipes from Rabindranath Tagore's family.



# Oh! Calcutta



- If you've got money to splurge on eating out, you won't be disappointed with Oh! Calcutta.
- This award winning, fine dining restaurant can now be found in major cities across India.
- It aims to recreate dishes from traditional old style Bengali recipes, selected through painstaking research.
- The environment is elegant, and there's a private dining area as well



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### Aaheli At The Peerless Inn



- The elegant and iconic fine dining Aaheli has been serving authentic Bengali cuisine for decades, and is popular with both locals and foreign visitors.
- It offers a wide variety of dishes from all over Bengal, with a focus on bringing back exclusive lost "Zamindari cuisine", the food of aristocratic landowners.
- Live Bengali music and waiters clad in traditional attire enhance the ambiance.



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### BISWA BANGLA GATE



- Behold the magic, witness the spectacle that is the Biswa Bangla Gate. An architectural marvel that is a testament to the efficient and quality execution of the concept.
- At Biswa Bangla Gate, a formal dress code will be entertained.



### SHOPPING STREETS IN KOLKATA

- New Market
- Gariahat
- Hatibagan







### **BENGALI SWEETS**





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### MERCHANDISE

#### **CONCH SHELL BANGLES**

- It's auspicious and a symbolic entity attached to the very heart and soul of Bengali women, defining their beauty and revealing their sincerity and obedience.
- Crafted since the ancient times, the conch shell bangles have been crafted with utmost perfection in the bylanes of Bishnupur.
- From Bankura horses to the design of temples and inscribed Bengali words have taken the art of bangle making to a whole new level.
- It comes in two varieties- while musk and red.
- Where: Any Jewellery shop
- Average Cost: Approx INR 650-900

#### THE TERRACOTTA SOUVENIRS

- Travelling across the land of red laterite will bring you to the terracotta capital of India at Bankura and Bishnupur.
- The soil souvenirs, which splashes medieval Bengali decor to your living room, comes at a very cheap price.
- Apart from showpieces, the locales also craft daily utensils such as spoons, bowls and lids.
- Where: Park Street, Ballygunge, Baruipur and Barrackpore
- Average Cost: Approx INR 100 INR 150





#### DARJEELING TEA

- Picked with soft hands, cleaned with care and brewed with happiness, Darjeeling tea is the ultimate love for Bengalis.
- The world-famous variety of tea can be found in many shops in Kolkata.
- You can even buy a variety of Darjeeling tea leaves starting from the costliest raw form to the refined lower grade.
- You name it- black, green, it's all found in Kolkata.

#### SAREES

- The pride of Bengali artisans start with their magically spun and embroidered sarees.
- No wonder, every saree seller is a choice spoiler in Kolkata as they spread the wonder of cloth, silk and fabric varieties of indigenous Bengali *tant, baluchari* and *kantha* sarees the art of which has watered down since ages.
- Where: Major Saree shops in Kolkata situated in New Market, Sodepur, Gariahat Market and Hatibagan







### ITC SONAR BANGLA

- ITC Sonar, has a distinctively sleek contemporary architectural design contrasting with the rich historical essence of Kolkata.
- The hotel is nestled amidst acres of land, resplendent with greenery, sunshine, and water.
- This luxury Business Resort is en route from the airport and a 15 minute drive from the city centre.
- While this 5 star Business Resort offers travellers every possible convenience through its superlative accommodation, eight meeting and conference rooms and state-of-the-art facilities.





## **MEETING SPACES**

- ITC Sonar serves as the perfect venue for celebrations, banquets, corporate events, weddings, conferences and meetings where the environment is just right for a meaningful exchange.
- Its eight state-of-the-art meeting, banquet and conference spaces include Pala the high-tech conference venue which also holds the distinction of being Kolkata's largest pillar-free hotel ballroom and can accommodate up to 750 guests and the Sunderbans – a stunning outdoor venue for theme events, corporate functions, celebrations and parties, along with a bouquet of fine services.
- NUMBER OF MEETING ROOMS : 06
- NUMBER OF BANQUET HALLS : 04
- AVERAGE SIZE OF BANQUET ROOMS : 350M<sup>2</sup>





# JW MARRIOTT HOTEL KOLKATA

- Experience the resplendent JW Marriott Hotel Kolkata, a 5-star accommodation with understated elegance and sophistication.
- Located 16km from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Airport, the hotel is almost equidistant from the airport and the city's old business district. Well-appointed rooms and suites are spacious and offer premium amenities.
- Intuitive service and luxurious surroundings ensure a memorable stay at JW Marriott Hotel Kolkata, India.





### MEETING SPACE

- Renowned JW personalized service, coupled with one of the largest ballrooms in the city, make the hotel an ideal destination for weddings, corporate and social events.
- Expansive indoor and intimate outdoor event space includes a distinctive boardroom with state-of-the-art facilities, five lavish studios and an elegant bridal room that offers the perfect place to don bridal finery.
- Event Rooms : 12
- Total Event Space : 26,756 sq.ft
- Capacity Largest Space : 400





### ITC ROYAL BENGAL, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, KOLKATA

- Located on the cusp of business district & the city, ITC Royal Bengal is an ode to the region's cultural heritage and lineage. It offers 456 rooms & suites, 82 service apartments and 6 dining destinations.
- Envisioned and created with royalty in mind the luxury of immense space, the burnished gleam of aristocratic décor and the hushed elegance of a noble home, the hotel celebrates the finest expressions of Bengal.





### **MEETING SPACE**

- It is 5,630 sqm of banqueting space & a luxury spa. This monumental, magnificent edifice towers over Kolkata's skyline and blends fine European and indigenous architecture with contemporary design.
- Event Rooms : 08
- Total Event Space : 43,712 sq.ft
- Capacity Largest Space : 2,300
- Maximum Breakout Rooms : 08





### THE VEDIC VILLAGE

- Vedic Village Spa Resort is a hidden gem, nestled in the lap of nature just 20 minutes away from the international airport in Kolkata, India.
- Built horizontally in the authentic architecture of Bengal villages, the world- class luxury resort blends in completely with the uniqueness of the landscape.
- A boutique getaway sprawling over 150 acres of fertile farmland greenery, sparkling lakes, coconut groves and a wealth of flora; it is a haven for migratory birds, butterflies, squirrels and exotic species of plants.





### **MEETING SPACE**

- Offering exclusive luxury through world class conferencing & banqueting facilities, the Vedic Village Spa Resort holds up an atmospheric medley of urban fragments amongst the panoramic landscapes this is a place of unique contrasts.
- Ample availability of multiple indoor and outdoor spaces, state of the art facilities factored in, fine dining experiences, exquisite wines and after hours entertainment.
- With over 60,000 sq.ft. of choicest venues, where the warm hospitality works as the quintessential launchpad for perfect lifetime experiences or helps creating indelible moments and business connections.





### TAJ BENGAL, KOLKATA

- Taj Bengal is a landmark five-star hotel in downtown Kolkata, in the exclusive neighbourhood of Alipore at the heart of its cultural heritage.
- It is the luxury hotel closest to government offices and most consulates. The city's commercial centre is just two miles (3 km) away; 45 minutes drive to the airport.





### **MEETING SPACE**

- Spectacular venues make the hotel the preferred choice for business meetings, social events and weddings.
- With sophisticated interiors of woodwork and ornate crystal chandeliers, the hall is ideal for formal dining as well as conferences.
- Elegantly designed with interplay of colours and textures, this hall offers a sense of intimacy.
- These beautifully manicured lawns open to the Crystal Hall on one side and Portico on the other.
- Capacity Largest Space: 7200 sqft
- Total No. of Ballrooms: 05





### HYAT REGENCY KOLKATA

- Experience luxury at Hyatt Regency Kolkata, one of the finest 5 star business hotels in Salt Lake, Kolkata (Calcutta).
- This Kolkata hotel is just 15 minutes' drive from the Kolkata International airport and IT corridor of Kolkata.
- The location of the hotel makes it the most convenient hotel for business & leisure travellers.





### **MEETING SPACE**

- Hyatt Regency Kolkata is one the most preferred business hotels in Kolkata that offers highly flexible meeting spaces and event venues ideal for corporate meetings, cocktail evenings, exhibitions and wedding venues and business center in Kolkata.
- The banqueting and conference space include a pillar less Regency Ballroom, outdoor Regency Lawn and best conference halls in Kolkata.
- Largest Space : 6.800 Sqft





# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

#### **DAY 01**

- Arrival at the hotel
- Traditional Welcome at the hotel
- Lunch at the hotel
- Check In (As per standard check in time)
- PMT
- RNR followed by Gala dinner at the hotel







#### **DAY 02**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Victoria memorial
- Shopping Drop
- Lunch at the hotel
- Visit Howrah Bridge
- Transfer back to the hotel
- Gala Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight at the hotel

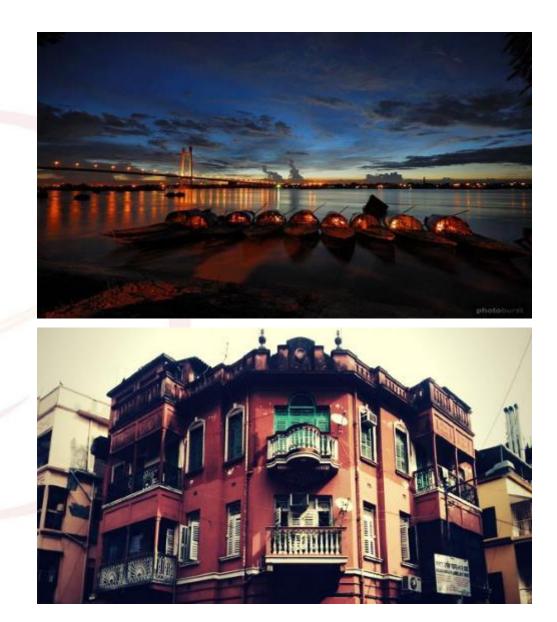






#### **DAY 03**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Proceed for check out
- Departure





### COST IMPLICATIONS

Hotel Name	Taj Bengal		ITC Sonar		ITC Royal bengal		Hyatt Regency		JW Marriott		Vedic Village	
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Occupancy	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
Ground Total	23494/-	36710/-	19529/-	30102/-	20851/-	32745/-	19207/-		20190/	31423	17267/	23987/
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Flights	9000/-	9000/-	9000/-	9000/-	9000/-	9000/-	9000/-		9000/- 29190/		/	/
Grand Total	32494/-	45710/-	2 <mark>8529/-</mark>	39102/-	29851/-	41745/-	27207/-	/-	-	/-	-	-

- The above quote is for approx. 50 PAX traveling together.
- In case of unprecedented hike in airfare, hotel airfares, hotel charges or other service charges, the same will be levied extra.
- Flights rates are subjected to availability.
- All prices mentioned are in INR



### FLIGHT COST

Kolkata		Onward	Return				
Hubs	Airline	Time	Stops	Fare	Airline	Time	Stops
Mumbai	Indigo 321	09:25-12:05	Direct	4400	Indigo 326	14:40-17:30	Direct
Delhi	Spicejet 272	09:20-11:40	Direct	3300	Go Air 102	14:20-16:55	Direct
Bangalore	Indigo 874	09:50-12:25	Direct	4900	Indigo 6411	14:50-17:25	Direct
Hydearabd	Indigo 59 <mark>9</mark>	08:45-10:45	Direct	4900	Indigo 886	15:30-17:40	Direct
Chennai	Spicejet 623	10:25-12:40	Direct	4900	Indigo 275	14:05-16:35	Direct

- Average flight cost is INR 9000
- Flight rates are subjected to availability at the time of booking



#### INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in well appointed rooms for 2 Nights/3 Days
- All meals as per itinerary
  - Day 01 : Lunch and Gala Dinner at the Hotel
  - Day 02 : Breakfast, Lunch and Gala Dinner at the Hotel (Gala Dinner inclusions : 02 + 02 starters for 02 hours, Alcohol for 02 hours
    <Black label whiskey, Bacardi Rum, Local Vodka, Beers, Mixers & Juices>)
  - Day 03 : Breakfast at the Hotel
- DJ with light and sound
- Entrance fees wherever required
- Return airfares from the mentioned hubs
- 01 Trip Navigator representative for the smooth flow of event

#### EXCLUSIONS

- Anything not mentioned in the above inclusions
- Early check in and late check out
- Any expenditure personal in nature. (Laundry services, mini bar, etc.)
- Any Private / VIP transfers
- Any Activity charges
- Any kind of event set-up
- GST as applicable





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