



22 FEBRUARY -
02 MARCH 2019

KOLKATA AND ODISHA TRIBAL MARKETS

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Depart London for flight to Delhi and transfer on to Kolkata.

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Arriving into Kolkata, we transfer to our hotel to check in and freshen up. We will spend the afternoon sightseeing in the city, beginning by driving through the old heritage buildings of BBD Bagh, the Raj Bhawan, The Writers' Building and the High Court. We will continue on to St John's Church and its monument to the 'Black Hole of Calcutta'. Back to the hotel for dinner and some sleep.

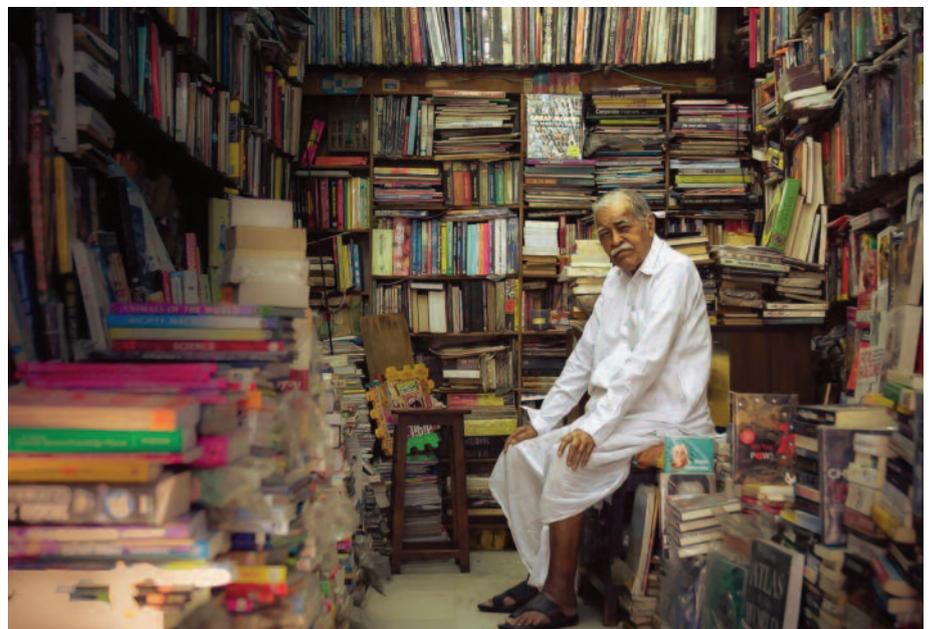
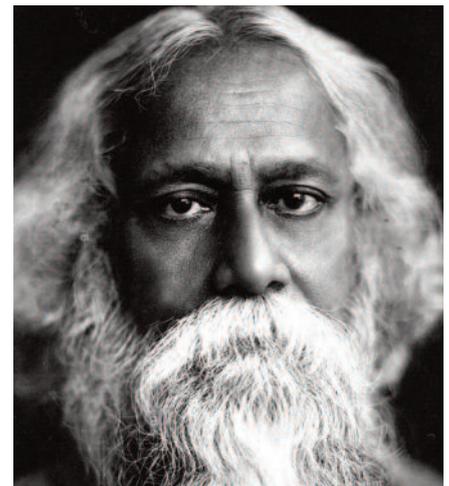
SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

A day of sightseeing in Kolkata, including the flower market, the Howrah Bridge, College Street book market and Coffee House, the Marble Palace and the Rabindranath Tagore Museum. We can also make an early evening visit to the atmospheric and busy Kalighat temple before returning to Sunder Street and our hotel. Dinner in the city.



SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY

We will wake to another day of sightseeing in the city of dreams and time to absorb even more of Kolkata's unique character as your jetlag finally fades. Maybe we will take a morning stroll to visit to the Victoria Memorial, dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria and built between 1906 and 1921. It is now a museum and lies on the Maidan by the bank of the Hooghly River where we can walk. Free afternoon in Kolkata. Time to look up any locations in your family history, visit the rather wonderful waxworks museum, indulge in some good old retail therapy... or even try all three!





MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Breakfast over, we will make our way to the airport to catch our flight south to Vishakapatnam, where we will be met and taken to our hotel, before gathering for our visit the unique Simhachalam temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, and where devotees shave their heads before offering their prayers. Vishakapatnam is on the coast so later we can walk along the marine parade before dinner together.

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

An early start for the railway station to catch the new 'Dome train' inland and into the hills. We will have our breakfast on the train, with a good view of the changing landscape as we head inland. We are met by our drivers and drive further to our resort in the village area of Koraput. If there is time, we can stroll along the river, then we will share dinner and some local music around the fire in our rural resort.

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

After breakfast, we will drive to a nearby weekly tribal market. Large, colourful and very busy with locals shopping, we can also shop for fresh vegetables for our own dinner! We will have a picnic lunch before driving on to visit another tribal village and meet the local people there, too. Later, after dinner, we will be invited to dance to the local drum beats in a dance that symbolises community living.



THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY

After breakfast we pack and leave to drive to Onukadelli, where we will visit the Bonda weekly tribal market. Here, the tiny Bonda tribal people carry their home made alcohol to the market to exchange it for fruit and vegetables. Other ethnic groups also trade here, easily recognised by their distinctive clothing and jewellery. We leave the market and begin our long drive back to Vishakapatnam for the night.

FRIDAY 01 MARCH

After breakfast, we leave for the airport for our flight back to Kolkata. to be met and to transfer to our hotel. We will spend the afternoon either relaxing or exploring the city again before dinner together.

SATURDAY 02 MARCH

This can be a free day in Kolkata. We will have transport so can choose whatever appeals to us to do... or we can simply attempt to keep up with our diaries and prepare ourselves for the tour that begins tomorrow...



PRICES: Price per person sharing a room: **£933**
 Single room supplement: **£452**
 Includes hotels, Kolkata sightseeing, village market visits, some meals, English speaking guides and all car transport with driver. Does NOT include flights which are at own cost.
 NB: Kolkata sightseeing may not necessarily be in the order stated here!

