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### **Antara River Cruises launches short, themed itineraries on Antara Ganga Vilas for the festive season**

*Experience slow travel on the Ganga, Bengal's historic towns, culture and nature*

**October 11, 2023, New Delhi: Antara River Cruises** now announces **2, 3 and 4 night** special cruises ahead of the festive season for the October to December 2023 sailings on board the **Antara Ganga Vilas**.

With 10 departures scheduled for the next three months, travellers can experience an insightful discovery of Bengal from the banks of the Ganga or just enjoy the luxury of slow travel as the itineraries offer opportunities aplenty.

Rich in history and architecture, these journeys pass battlefields and erstwhile colonial palaces along the banks of the Ganga, sailing through areas where European settlers once established East Indian companies, leaving behind remnants of their settlements from the 17th-19th centuries. Or experience the big skies, the immense waters and the intricacy of life in the Sunderbans National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, home to the world's largest delta mangrove forest.

**Antara Ganga Vilas's** specially curated itineraries also leverage the power of sustainable tourism and community-driven initiatives to enhance the livelihoods of the local communities.

Designed, detailed and crafted in India, the luxury boutique rivership ship, **Antara Ganga Vilas**, created headlines with the world's longest river cruise that sailed 3,200 km, 27 rivers across India and Bangladesh in 51 days.

Built to honour mid-20th century Modernism, the 18-suite **Antara Ganga Vilas** is a luxurious amalgamation of yesteryear glory and modern elegance. Each room is inspired by the painted and meditative colour experiments of Josef Albers and has been designed using only locally made fabrics, linen, furniture, and serveware. Large ceiling to floor guillotine windows bring enchanting riverviews into the ship's expansive spaces. Encompassing conscious luxury, the ship promises to sail you into a world of comfort and style. Its highly-rated cuisine offerings – the onboard kitchen specially curates menus keeping in mind the local and regional specialities as well as popular preferences – ensure you have an exceptional and unforgettable experience.



**History Along the River** - a 2 night itinerary **starts at Rs 61,000/- per person on twin sharing**. Choose from any of the three short itineraries and join Antara River Cruises on a transformational journey of discovery!

Prices are inclusive of Accommodation in a suite| Arrival/Departure transfers to the jetty for embarkation/disembarkation| Excursions as per itinerary selected with entrances as applicable| Specialised meals/ cuisine| Water, tea/coffee| Waterways/Jetty Passenger Fee.

**History Along the River:** Kolkata – Bandel – Chandernagore - Kolkata  
(2 nights & 3 days)  
Sailings: 12th October| 3rd November| 24th November| 1st December 2023

**Europe on the Ganges:** Kolkata – Fulia – Bandel – Chandernagore – Serampore – Kolkata  
(3 nights & 4 days)  
Sailings: 27th October| 17th November | 8th December 2023

**Secrets of the Sunderbans:** Kolkata – Namkhana – Bhagabatpur – Bali Island - Kolkata  
(4 nights & 5 days)  
Sailings: 14th October| 20th October | 10th November 2023

Links to download images:

[Antara River Cruises' rivership the MV-Ganga Vilas](#)

[Suite- Antara Ganga Vilas](#)

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[Chandernagore potter -1](#)

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[Fulia spinners](#)

**The Antara Story:** Antara believes the best way to see South Asia is from the river. What began in 2003 as a dream for travel industry pioneer and naturalist Raj Singh has today turned into Antara's thoughtfully designed, well-appointed fleet of nine ships that sail South Asia's most iconic rivers. Antara offers its guests beautiful perches on moving water from which to enjoy vibrant and meditative landscapes, people, crafts and wildlife. Our philosophy is to bring the region's indigenous environments and cultures to the world, sustainably, and with its renowned hospitality, in ships that are designed with thought, luxury and care. Antara cruises encompass the Ganga, the Padma and the Brahmaputra River systems to make the



world's longest river cruise. In 2024, Antara commenced sailing the four rivers that inundate Bhitarkanika National Park, India's second largest mangrove forest.

For more information on Antara River Cruises please visit : [www.antaracruises.com](http://www.antaracruises.com)