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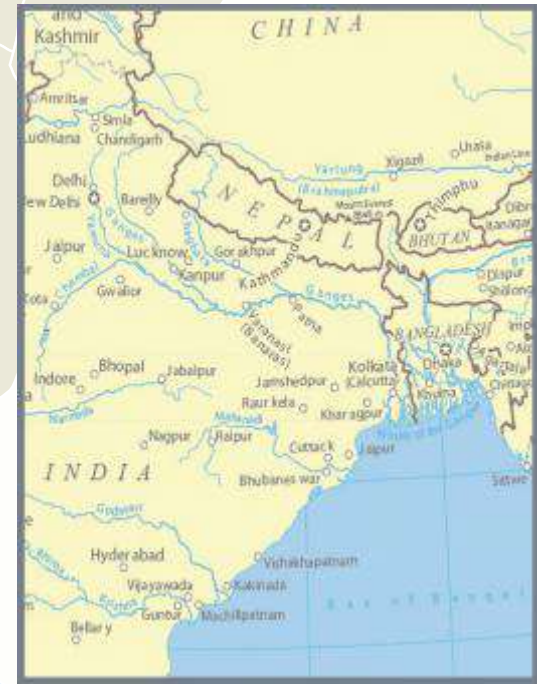
Antara believes the best way to see South Asia is from the river.

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 ships that sail South Asia's most iconic rivers.

Our philosophy is to bring the region's environments, wildlife and cultures to the world, sustainably, and with renowned hospitality in ships that are designed with thought, luxury and care.

Since 2023, Antara has pioneered the world's longest river cruise aboard Ganga Vilas. In 2024, Antara began sailing the four rivers that flow through Bhitarkanika National Park in Odisha, India's second-largest mangrove forest.

FOR YOU,  
FROM INDIA,  
*ON THE  
RIVER.*





MV Ganges Voyager I



MV Ganges Voyager II



MV Bengal Ganga



MV Ganga Vilas



MV Bhitarkanika



MV Mahanadi

# Sustainability

Rivers are our lifelines. They provide, sustain and nourish. Our cruises and our teams have a deep, abiding love for and gratitude towards our rivers and we want them to flow eternally. And so we've put several measures in place in order to preserve the waters, wildlife and culture of the rivers we sail on.

## CLEAN RIVER

Eliminating single-use plastic wherever possible • Sewage treatment and water treatment plants on every ship

## CLEAN FUEL

ACs, fans, lights, and kitchens run on solar power wherever possible • Using shore electricity to reduce consumption of fuel • Using Xtra green fuel to reduce carbon emissions and particulate matter, and increase fuel efficiency

## GO LOCAL

Focusing on world and regional cuisine with local produce • Promoting local crafts and products to highlight the cultures and enhance livelihoods along the river • Using local forms of transport, hiring local people and working on skill development.

## GO NATURAL

Sailing is designed mindfully to protect the river's inhabitants • Using all natural and/or organic products in rooms and kitchens • Tie ups with CSR efforts to preserve wildlife, especially in the Sunderbans



# Bespoke Charters and Scheduled Departures

For Antara's river cruises, we craft the most unforgettable, intimate events and incentives, ensuring your groups can travel in South Asia in more meaningful ways.

We offer complete charters on itineraries that are personalised for your requirements.

The different boats, catamarans, and ships can handle a solo traveler up to a group of 56 guests on board.

Cruising along India's mystical rivers ensconced within suites, a view of the landscape from a large balcony, expansive social spaces, plush on-board amenities, farm-to-table gastronomical experiences, wellness & sunrise yoga, and an array of activities on and off-board make Antara's cruises a perfect venue for pre- and post-wedding retreats, milestone events like anniversaries, birthdays, spiritual retreats, and family reunions while sailing.

We also have a schedule of departures for varying durations, itineraries and themes.

Our website has the updated schedule of departures.

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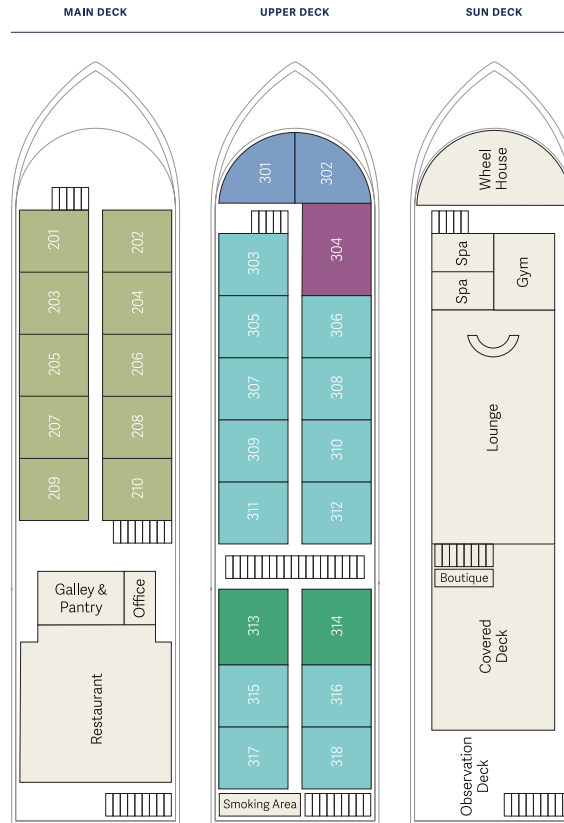
# MV Ganges Voyager I & MV Ganges Voyager II

These sibling ships, with 28 suites each, are built in a colonial styles of architecture - one exploring ornament and colour and the other all white in the Georgian manner - with Burmese teak flooring, cane furniture, hand-painted murals, and expansive views of the river. They are designed to travel upstream from the colonial city of Kolkata to the late Mughal princely capital of Murshidabad and downstream to the Indian Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the world.



56.5 metres long | 12.5 metres wide | 10 knots max. speed | 28 luxury suites

# MV Ganges Voyager I & II



- Maharaja Suite
- Viceroy Suite
- Signature Suite
- Heritage Suite
- Colonial Suite

**MAHARAJA SUITE:** 400 SQ FT / 37 SQ MT   
**VICEROY SUITE:** 360 SQ FT / 33 SQ MT   
**HERITAGE SUITE:** 280 SQ FT / 26 SQ MT  
**COLONIAL SUITE:** 261 SQ FT / 24 SQ MT   
**SIGNATURE SUITE:** 261 SQ FT / 24 SQ MT  
**RESTAURANT:** 1303 SQ FT / 121 SQ MT   
**LOUNGE:** 1650 SQ FT / 153 SQ MT   
**SUN DECK:** 2665 SQ FT / 248 SQ MT





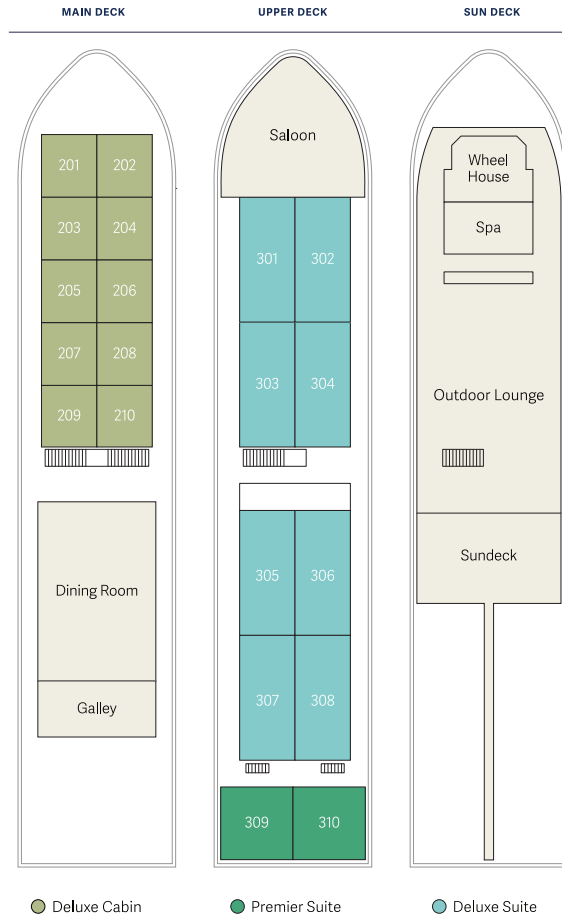
# MV Bengal Ganga

Built in 2004, with inspiration from traditional Burmese river vessels and colonial Clyde steamships, the Antara Bengal Ganga has been refreshed and refurbished into a contemporary, graceful craft with 20 suites. The newly added eclectic 1970s decor that features wood, metal and leather brings to life the gleaming Burmese teak floors and decks. Curved motifs, rounded edges and striking colours, and the new artwork create a fresh, stylish and restful feel. Large balconies and artful décor allow old-world charm to embrace you on your voyage and immerse you in the spectacular sunsets on the Ganges.



56.5 metres long | 12.5 metres wide | 10 knots max. speed | 8 deluxe suites | 2 premier suites | 10 deluxe cabins

# MV Bengal Ganga



PREMIER SUITE: 236 SQ FT / 22 SQ MT    DELUXE SUITE: 290 SQ FT / 27 SQ MT    DELUXE CABIN: 145 SQ FT / 14 SQ MT  
 RESTAURANT: 968 SQ FT / 90 SQ MT    SALOON: 732 SQ FT / 68 SQ MT    SUN DECK: 2475 SQ FT / 230 SQ MT



*Suggested Cruise*  
**ARTISANS OF BENGAL**



NABADWIP ● MAYAPUR

INDIA

KALNA ● ● FULIA

BANGLADESH

GUPTIPARA

BANDEL ●

● CHANDERNAGORE

SERAMPORE ●



**KOLKATA**





## *Suggested Cruise - ARTISANS OF BENGAL | 8 Days*

KOLKATA - BANDEL - KALNA - MAYAPUR - GUPTIPARA - FULIA - CHANDERNAGORE - KOLKATA

### **Day 1, KOLKATA, EMBARKATION**

Embark in the afternoon. Lunch onboard. Proceed to a panoramic tour of Kolkata featuring a view of the well-preserved British colonial buildings and St. John's Church, the oldest Anglican Church in Kolkata. Later, visit the Grand Victoria Memorial Museum. Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

### **Day 2, KOLKATA - BALLY BRIDGE**

After breakfast, visit the Flower Market, a feast for the eyes and visit Kumartuli, a traditional potters' quarter. Return to the ship for lunch and sail upstream passing below the iconic Howrah Bridge. Moor for the night near the Bally Bridge, the outskirts of Kolkata city. Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

### **Day 3, BALLY BRIDGE - BANDEL**

Morning sail upstream to Bandel, which was founded by Portuguese settlers. Visit the Hooghly Imambara, a famous Shiya pilgrimage centre. Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

### **Day 4, BANDEL - KALNA**

Sail further upstream to the temple town of Kalna. Ride e-rickshaws through the town to visit the Rajbari Temple complex and the Naba Kailash Temple. Visit a local weaver's home to see the traditional weaving of muslin cloth. Return to the ship walking through the local vegetable market. Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

#### **Day 5, KALNA - NABADWIP - MAYAPUR**

Early morning, sail towards Nabadwip to arrive in the afternoon. Post lunch, a walking exploration of the riverbank village and see the local people engaged in handloom weaving of cotton fabric. Ride the country boat across the river to visit Mayapur, the headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). Meet Krishna followers and walk through the pilgrims' bazaar. Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

#### **Day 6, MAYAPUR - GUPTIPARA - FULIA**

Morning, a short sail to Guptipara, a rural town, renowned for its paddy fields and the Himsagar mango. Explore the town visiting the Vaishnav temples. Visit a potter's home to see and interact with the artisans creating various clay items. Afternoon, sail across to the opposite riverbank and visit the weaving village of Fulia inhabited by skilled weavers from Bangladesh. Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

#### **Day 7, FULIA - CHANDERNAGORE - SERAMPORE - KOLKATA**

Sail further downstream to Chandernagore, established as a French colony. Explore the French colonial buildings walking along the promenade. Also, visit the Sacred Heart Church. Return to the ship and sail back to Kolkata en route halt at Serampore, an erstwhile Danish colony. Enjoy a walk in the old quarters to see the Danish Tavern, St. Olav's Church, and other Danish heritage monuments. Continue sailing to Kolkata and moor for the night. Evening farewell dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

#### **Day 8, KOLKATA - DISEMBARKATION**

Post breakfast disembark from the ship and transfer for your onward journey.

For scheduled departures and tariffs please refer to the [website](#).

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# MV Ganga Vilas

The newest member of the fleet is an 18-suite ship that sails on the longest, most picturesque river cruise in the world. Covering 51 days across 2 countries, 5 states, and 27 river systems, Antara Ganga Vilas sails from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Dhaka. It is a celebration of India's post-independence design and a tribute to its innovations.



62.5 metres long | 12.8 metres wide | 12 knots max. speed | 18 luxury suites

# MV Ganga Vilas



SUITES: 255 SQ FT / 24 SQ MT    RESTAURANT: 1095 SQ FT / 102 SQ MT    LOUNGE: 1742 SQ FT / 162 SQ MT  
 SUN DECK: 4343 SQ FT / 403 SQ MT



*Suggested Cruise*  
**KOLKATA TO VARANASI**



-  SAILING
-  DRIVING
-  AIRPORT ACCESS

BAY OF BENGAL



## *Suggested Cruise* - KOLKATA TO VARANASI | 20 DAYS

KOLKATA - KALNA - MATIARI - MURSHIDABAD - JANGIPUR - FARAKKA - SAHIBGANJ - BATESHWARSTHAN -  
VIKRAMSHILA - MUNGER - NALANDA - PATNA - VARANASI

### **Day 1, ARRIVE KOLKATA, EMBARKATION**

Embarkation: 12:00 PM

Arrival in Kolkata in the morning. Meet and greet at the airport and transfer to the jetty for embarking MV Ganga Vilas. Embarkation by 12:00 hrs. Welcome onboard followed by safety briefing and lunch. Post lunch we visit Mother Teresa's Home and Tomb. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

### **Day 2, KOLKATA - KALNA**

After breakfast, visit the Flower Market and the potters quarters Kumartuli. Return to the ship for lunch and start sailing upstream, passing below the Howrah Bridge, and seeing various colonial buildings along the Ganges River. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

### **Day 3, KALNA - MATIARI**

After breakfast ride e-rickshaws through the town of Kalna to visit the enchanting Rajbari terracotta temple complex. Return to the ship walking through the local vegetable market. Begin sail towards the shore-side village of Matiari, while having lunch onboard. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

### **Day 4, MATIARI - MURSHIDABAD**

Early this morning walk in the village to see and experience the craftsmen at work creating exquisite pots, platters, and more in their home workshops. Return to ship for breakfast and sail full day towards Murshidabad, a hidden architectural gem with dramatic whitewashed colonial era structures. Lunch, dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

### **Day 5, MURSHIDABAD - JANGIPUR**

After breakfast ride the Toto (e-rickshaw) through the countryside to the Katra mosque, which has distinctive minarets. Thereafter visit the Hazarduari Palace, which dominates the waterfront. Built in the Greek "Doric" style, the palace has more

than a thousand real and false doors in the vast corridors and is filled with colonial-era antiques. Return to the ship for lunch and sail towards Jangipur. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

#### **Day 6, JANGIPUR – FARAKKA**

Enjoying breakfast onboard we sail in the morning to cross the historic Farakka Lock Gate. After crossing the Lock Gate, we cruise through the connecting canal to the Ganges revealing vast panoramas. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

#### **Day 7, RIVER DAY, FARAKKA – SAHIBGANJ**

Today we sail full day towards Sahibganj enjoying breakfast and lunch. You will be fascinated by the passing landscape and the lively life on the river. Sahibganj is a scenic town and a port city where several British and other European people, locally called “sahibs” lived and worked in and around the railway station during the British Raj. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

#### **Day 8, SAHIBGANJ - BATESHWARSTHAN**

Enjoy a walk in the morning in the riverside village. Return to ship and sail towards Bateshwarsthan enjoying lunch onboard. Time permitting, enjoy a walk on the Ghats (embankments). Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

#### **Day 9, BATESHWARSTHAN – VIKRAMSHILA EXCURSION**

After breakfast drive in cars to the 8-9th century excavation site of the Vikramshila University. Spend the day exploring the archaeological ruins. Vikramshila University was an important Buddhist centre of learning. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

#### **Day 10, BATESHWARSTHAN – SULTANGANJ – MUNGER**

This morning we sail to Sultanganj. Post breakfast explore Sultanganj, which is notable for two prominent granite rock islands in the river. On one is a mosque and on the other is a Shiva Temple. Return to the ship and sail towards Munger while enjoying lunch, dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 11, MUNGER TOUR**

After breakfast visit the Chandika Sthan Temple, which is dedicated to Goddess Shakti. Return to ship for lunch. Thereafter visit the Munger Fort and enjoy a walking tour and the local market popular for fruits, vegetables, textiles, and readymade garments. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 12, RIVER DAY, MUNGER – BARH**

Enjoy a full day sailing to Barh, a historic town located on the southern banks of the Ganges. In the evening walk in the riverside village of Barh to see the daily activities of the local people. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 13, BARH – NALANDA EXCURSION**

After breakfast, embark on a full day excursion to archaeological ruins of Nalanda (approx. one-hour drive), which is a World Heritage. A renowned Buddhist monastic university considered by historians to be the world's first residential university in the ancient world. We continue to nearby Rajgir for lunch at a local restaurant. Return to the ship by evening. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 14, RIVER DAY, BARH – PATNA**

Today we sail full day through wonderful countryside to Patna, enjoying breakfast and lunch. Patna is the capital of the State of Bihar and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the world founded in 490 BCE as Pataliputra. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 15, PATNA – MANER SHRINE & GURUDWARA**

After breakfast, excursion to Maner Shrine (approx. an hour drive), which is renowned for the tombs of the 13th century Sufi saints Makhdoom Yahya Maneri and Makhdoom Shah Daulat. Return to ship for Lunch. Thereafter visit the Patna Sahib Gurdwara, a Sikh Temple. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 16, PATNA – CITYTOUR**

Today we visit the Golghar, a beehive-shaped granary that was built for the prevention of famine in 1784 by Warren Hastings, the British Governor General of India. And, the modern day, Bihar Museum which has several galleries of curated exhibitions. Return to ship for lunch. Rest of the day free for rest and packing for the next day's long drive. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Ganga Vilas.

**Day 17, DISEMBARK, DRIVE PATNA – VARANASI**

We disembark after an early breakfast and drive to Varanasi (approx. 5–6 hours drive, depending upon road traffic conditions). Transfer to the hotel for lunch and check-in. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

**Day 18, VARANASI**

Morning is at leisure with breakfast at the hotel. Post lunch enjoy a walk on the Ghats to experience the activities and hustle-bustle in the by-lanes. Continue to the riverside to see the "Ganga Aarti" ritual, performed by a group of priests lined up on the riverbank. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

**Day 19, VARANASI**

Enjoy a Sunrise Boat Tour to witness the incredible scenes along the Holy River. Return to hotel for breakfast. Thereafter visit the excavation site of Sarnath where Gautama Buddha taught his first sermon after attaining enlightenment at Bodhgaya. Lunch at a local restaurant in the city with free time for shopping and other activities. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

**Day 20, VARANASI DEPARTURE**

Disembarkation: 12:00 PM

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

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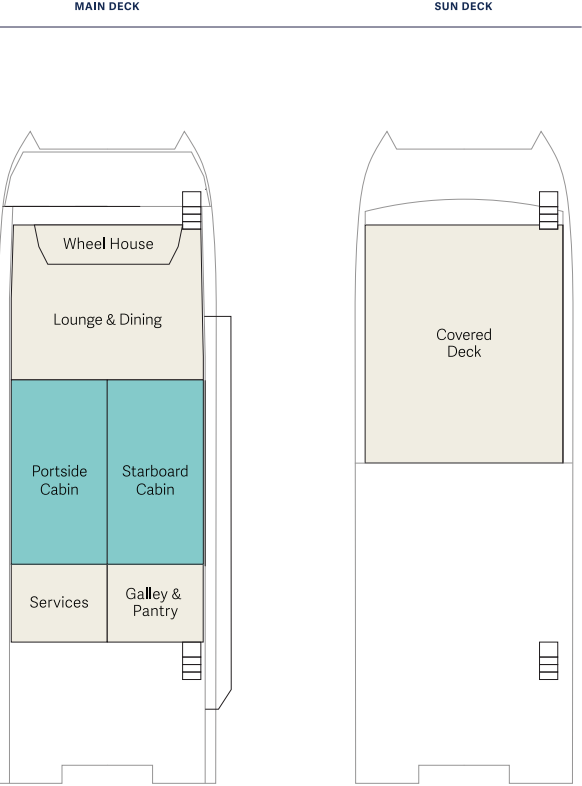
## MV Bhitarkanika, MV Mahanadi, MV Baitarani & MV Brahmani

Each catamaran will have two plush suites, a lounge-dining area, a sundeck and a kitchen.  
For the first time, luxury cruising comes to Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park and its rivers,  
home to India's second-largest mangrove system.



17 metres long | 6 metres wide | 5 knots max. speed | 2 presidential suites

# Catamarans



**SUITE:** 95 SQ FT / 9 SQ MT    **LOUNGE:** 215 SQ FT / 20 SQ MT  
**SUNDECK:** 3689 SQ FT / 25 SQ MT



*Suggested Cruise*  
**CRUISING IN BHITARKANIKA**

BAY OF BENGAL

**DANGAMAL**

**KHOLA**

**HABALIKHATI**

**GUPTI**

 **MANGROVES & CREEKS**

 **SAILING**

 **DRIVING**

◀ **BHUBANESHWAR (3.5 hrs)**  
**AIRPORT ACCESS** ✈





## *Suggested Cruise* - CRUISING IN BHITARKANIKA | 4 DAYS

GUPTI - DANGAMAL - HABALI KATHI - GUPTI

### **Day 1, EMBARKATION AT GUPTI**

Embarkation Time: 04:00 - 06:00 PM.

Arrive at the village of Gupti, which is approx. 3½ hours drive from Bhubaneswar and a short distance from the nearby town of Rajnagar. Familiarize yourself with the Catamaran vessel. Time permitting, enjoy a walk through the village of Gupti for a chance to experience the local life and traditions of the area. The sight of distant Bay of Bengal has breathtaking views. A multi course traditional meal awaits you in the evening giving you the flavors of the region. Overnight onboard Catamaran at Gupti.

### **Day 2, GUPTI - DANGAMAL : EXPLORING BHITARKANIKA**

After breakfast onboard, full day sailing into the rich and unique mangrove ecosystem with creeks, mudflats and estuaries to arrive in Dangamal en route looking for Estuarian Crocodile, Spotted Deer, Monitor Lizard, Wild Boar, Indian Python, Rhesus Macaque and variety of birds. Time permitting, visit the Orientation Centre to learn about the mangrove forest and its unique habitat. Later sail back to Gupti, where the views of the forest and the setting sun are simply mesmerizing. Dinner followed by a relaxed evening. Overnight onboard catamaran at Gupti.

### **Day 3, GUPTI – HABALI KATHI – GUPTI**

After breakfast, sail on the Mahipura river towards Bay of Bengal and enjoy the landscape. Time/Tide condition permitting, you may visit Habali Kathi which involves a one hour walk through the mangrove forest to the beach. According to the tide schedule, sail back to Gupti jetty. Overnight onboard catamaran at Gupti.

### **Day 4, GUPTI - DISEMBARKATION**

Disembark at 09:00 AM.

After breakfast disembark from the catamaran and proceed for your onward journey.

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# Enhancing our communities & landscapes

The river is mysterious and beautiful. It also provides sustenance for all. When he founded the company, Raj Singh wanted to regenerate India's riparian landscapes and communities, forgotten since the advent of the railways. Our commitment to sustainable, low-impact, low-volume cruise tourism on the river is resolute, protecting the land and wildlife along waterways; and our engagements with local communities whether through direct engagement or CSR are ongoing and authentic.

Currently, our CSR extends to programmes in education and environmental protection:

## 1. CALCUTTA RESCUE

Calcutta Rescue runs two schools, which provide supplementary education to ensure that children from challenging socio-economic backgrounds can continue and complete their education.

## 2. TILJALA SHED

Tiljala SHED has a pilot project for children of ragpicker families. The project's objective is to keep these vulnerable class 6 – 8 boys and girls from the Topsia squatter community of Kolkata in education by providing 18 months of after-school coaching in sports, arts and sciences.

## 3. THE BALI NATURE AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY (BNWCS)

The Bali Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society (BNWCS) has been at the forefront of environmental conservation, community development, and livelihood enhancement in the Sundarbans for over two decades. Through a combination of conservation efforts, education programs, alternative livelihood initiatives, and medical outreach, BNWCS has positively impacted thousands of lives.

Antara supports these programmes to further our commitment and contribution to ecology and socio-economic development along the rivers we sail on.



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