

Packages for Guided Art Tour  
With Accommodation

# Durga Puja Art

Kolkata | West Bengal | India

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# ITINERARY

**2** nights  
**3** days

Covering 15 Contemporary  
1 Traditional 1 *Bonedi Bari*  
Durga Puja Art installations  
with Kolkata Panorama tour  
& Hooghly river cruise

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## Immersive Art and Cultural Experience

### Afternoon: Arrival and Hotel Check-in

- Time: As per individual arrival schedules
- Details: Guests will be received at the airport and transferred to their designated hotels for check-in and relaxation.

### Late Afternoon: Visit of Durga Puja Art Experience Centre

- 15:00: Pickup from the hotel to visit the "Making of Durga Puja Art" Exhibition at the historic Kolkata Town Hall

#### About Kolkata Town Hall:

Constructed in 1813 in the Roman Doric architectural style, the Town Hall is a significant colonial-era building in Kolkata. Originally built as a venue for social gatherings among the European community, it has since been repurposed for various functions, including serving as a museum.

#### Exhibition Highlights:

- > Explore the creative journey of Durga Puja installations from conception to execution.
- > Witness live demonstrations and audio-visual presentations showcasing artisans at work.
- > Opportunity to purchase souvenirs and handicrafts of local artisans, recognising the traditional artistry of Bengal.



## Evening: Bonedi Bari Visit with Cultural Performance

•17:00: "*Bonedi Bari*" refers to the ancestral homes of Kolkata's aristocratic families, known for their longstanding tradition of celebrating Durga Puja with grandeur and adherence to age-old customs. These celebrations have been passed down through generations, preserving the rich cultural heritage of Bengal.



### Experience:

- > Enjoy traditional, cultural and folk performances, reflecting Bengal's rich artistic heritage.
- > Engage in storytelling sessions detailing the history and significance of these heritage household pujas, offering insights into their unique rituals and customs.
- > Snacks & Refreshments: Guests will be served traditional Bengali evening snacks, such as *Aloo Chop* (spiced mashed potato fritters), *Peyaji* (Onion Pakora), *Shingara* (Bengali samosas), *Vegetable Chop*, and *Jhalmuri* (spiced puffed rice). These will be accompanied by traditional Bengali tea/*Lebu cha*, enhancing the immersive cultural experience.

## Late Evening: Durga Puja Art Installations Tour

- 18:30: Visit 1 Traditional and 2 Contemporary Durga Puja Art Installations
- Experience: Guided tours of each installation with interactions led by the artists or their team members, providing deeper insights into the themes and creative processes.



### Dinner Break

- 21:00: 1-hour dinner break at selected partner restaurants
- > A curated list of 2-3 restaurants offering authentic Bengali cuisine and other culinary delights.

## Late-Night: Continued Art Installations Tour

- 22:00: Visit 5 Additional Contemporary Durga Puja Art Installations

Experience:

Continued guided tours with artist interactions, allowing for an in-depth understanding of the diverse artistic expressions in contemporary Durga Puja celebrations.

## Return to Hotel

- 01:00: Drop-off at the hotel for overnight rest.

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## Experience 'City of Joy' and Evening Art Exploration

### Morning: Leisure and Breakfast

- **Details:** After the late night tour, guests can enjoy breakfast and rest for a while.
- **11:00 :** Guests can choose from one of the three experiences, curated to provide a deeper and more immersive exploration of Kolkata's rich cultural, historical and culinary landscape.



**a) Kolkata Kaleidoscope Tour - Heritage, Culture & Street Food**  
Explore Kolkata's colonial landmarks, museums and cultural sites on a guided tour. Indulge in a street food tasting experience and end with a lunch at a renowned restaurant of the city.

**b) Bengali Cuisine Unveiled – A Live Culinary Experience**  
Witness the art of Bengali cooking at a heritage Bonedi Bari, where experts showcase traditional recipes and spice blends. Conclude with an authentic sit-down lunch, enjoying an indulgent spread of classic Bengali flavors.

**c) Hooghly River Cruise & Heritage Tour** (*only available for guests staying on 21st September 2025*)

Sail along the Hooghly River, exploring Kolkata's iconic riverside landmarks with expert narration. Enjoy live cultural music performances, premium beverages and a scrumptious lunch with scenic views of the river.

## Evening: Contemporary Durga Puja Art Installations Tour

- 17:00 : Visit 4 Contemporary Durga Puja Art Installations

Experience:

> Guided tours of each installation with interactions led by the artists or their team members, providing deeper insights into the themes and creative processes.





## Dinner Break

- 21:00: 1-hour dinner break at selected partner restaurants  
> A curated list of 2-3 restaurants offering authentic Bengali cuisine and other culinary delights.

## Late-Night: Continued Art Installations Tour

- 22:00: Visit 4 Additional Contemporary Durga Puja Art Installations

### Experience:

Guided tours revealing the themes and creative processes behind each Durga Puja Art installation.



## Return to Hotel

- 01:00: Drop-off at the hotel for overnight rest.

## Departure, where memories resonate

### **Morning:** Leisure and Breakfast

- **Details:** After the late night tour, guests can enjoy breakfast and rest for a while.

### **Departure:** Airport Transfer

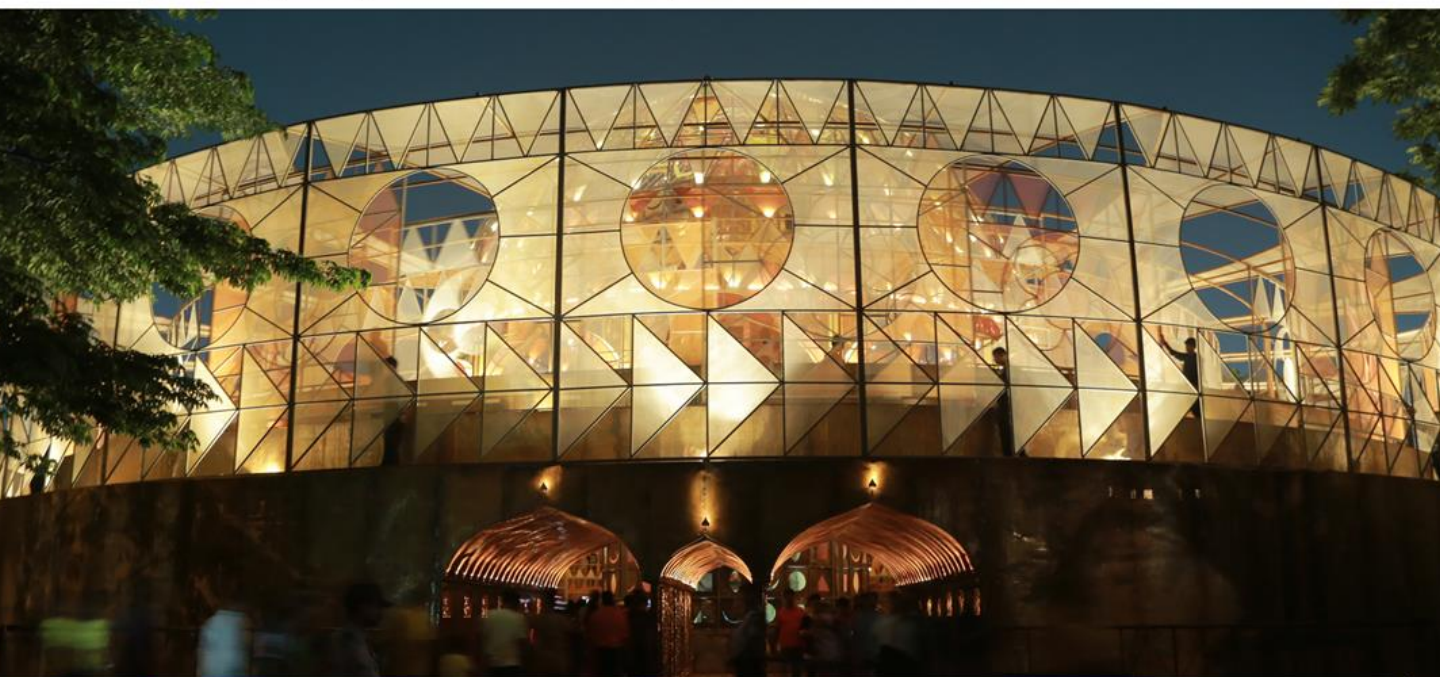
- **Time:** As per individual flight schedules
- **Details:** Guests will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the airport for their departure.

### **Package Tour Inclusions:**

- o One of the three distinct day-time experiences highlighted on the second day of our itinerary
- o Airport Transfers in MUV AC Cars
- o English, Bengali and Hindi speaking Attaché
- o Breakfast at the place of accommodation or as per plan
- o VIP Access to all Iconic Durga Puja Art venues
- o Access to Bonedi Bari Puja and Traditional Durga Puja

### **Package Tour Exclusions:**

- o Lunch, Evening Snacks and Dinner
- o Local Sightseeing and Shopping, apart from planned experiences
- o Custom Transport Requests
- o Entry to Durga Puja Art installations apart from ones listed in the Tour



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### 1. Tour Inclusions

Your comprehensive tour package includes:

- **Complete Transit Services:** Airport pick-up and drop-off with professional drivers
- **Comprehensive Transportation:** Private vehicles for all scheduled tour activities and excursions
- **Quality Accommodations:** Executive class facility lodging based on your selected plan
- **Morning Meals:** Daily breakfast service exclusively for guests booking accommodation through our service
- **Premium Cultural Access:** VIP entry to specially curated Durga Puja Art Preview venues throughout the festival
- **Traditional Celebrations:** Guided access to authentic Bonedi Bari Puja and select traditional Durga Pujas with cultural interpretation
- **Enriching Daytime Experiences:** Inclusive daytime cultural activities based on your choice in the itinerary:
  - Making of Durga Puja Art Exhibition at Kolkata Town Hall
  - Hooghly River Cruise & Heritage Tour (only available on Sunday, 21st Sept'2025)
  - Bengali Cuisine Unveiled - A Live Culinary Experience
  - Kolkata Kaleidoscope Tour – Heritage, Culture & Street Food

### 2. E-Visa

For Our International Guests Joining us from outside India, you can apply for your e-Tourist Visa through the official Government of India portal:  
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa>

### 3. Itinerary Details

- **Structured Schedule:** The itinerary follows a carefully curated fixed schedule based on your selected package level

- **Afternoon Focus:** Core cultural activities and tours begin after lunch each day (Days 2-3) to allow for comfortable pacing
- **Morning Flexibility:** Mornings are intentionally left open for personal rest, independent exploration, or optional activities

## 4. Accommodation Options

- **Standard Accommodation:** The base package is priced for **double occupancy in standard rooms** within executive class facilities, offering comfortable lodging throughout your stay
- **Premium Options:** Room upgrades and **special requests** (such as private or premium accommodations) require advance notification and will incur transparently communicated additional charges
- **Independent Arrangements:** Guests declining our accommodation package must secure their own lodging arrangements separately

## 5. Transportation Arrangements

- **Vehicle Specifications:** All scheduled tours and airport transfers provided in comfortable **Multi-Utility Vehicles (MUVs)** selected for reliability and comfort
- **Seating Capacity:** Each vehicle accommodates a maximum of **4 guests** to ensure sufficient personal space and comfort during transit
- **Guide Positioning:** **Attaché** will be seated in front or middle seats to facilitate smooth coordination, communication, and efficient entry/exit during multiple scheduled stops
- **Customization Options:** **Specialized transportation arrangements** available upon advance request for an additional service fee (including private car hire or additional vehicle requests)

## 6. Meal Information

- **Breakfast Service:** **Daily breakfast** included exclusively for guests who book accommodation through our tour package
- **Other Dining:** Additional meals (lunch, snacks, and dinner) are excluded from the base package unless specifically identified as part of scheduled cultural experiences

- **Special Dining:** Cultural meals (such as Hooghly River cruise, and Bonedi Bari lunch) are included as specified in the itinerary

## 7. Language Support

- **Multilingual Guides:** Tours conducted with professional guidance in **English, Bengali, and Hindi** to ensure comprehensive communication for diverse participants
- **Cultural Interpretation:** Language support includes cultural context and explanations beyond simple translation

## 8. Force Majeure Provisions

- **Liability Limitations:** Tour operator cannot be held liable for performance failures resulting from circumstances beyond reasonable control or prediction
- **Covered Circumstances:** Protected events include natural disasters, severe weather conditions, fires, floods, labor strikes, civil disturbances, governmental restrictions, health emergencies, pandemics, or other qualifying force majeure events
- **Mitigation Efforts:** We commit to making reasonable efforts to modify or reschedule itineraries in such cases, though full refunds may not be possible due to prepaid arrangements

## 9. Guest Responsibilities

- **Behavioral Expectations:** Guests must maintain respectful conduct, appropriate behavior, and cultural sensitivity throughout the duration of the tour
- **Legal Compliance:** Full adherence to local customs, traditions, and legal requirements is mandatory at all locations
- **Misconduct Consequences:** Property damage, experience disruption, or inappropriate conduct may result in immediate removal from the tour without refund eligibility
- **Health Disclosures:** Guests must possess sufficient physical capability for tour activities and must disclose relevant health conditions or special needs at the time of booking

## 10. Cancellation Policy

### 10.1 Guest-Initiated Cancellations

- If the guest has only paid the **booking amount (25%)** and chooses to cancel the tour at any time. The **entire booking amount will be forfeited** as a cancellation fee.
- If the guest has paid the full tour amount (beyond the booking fee), the following applies:
  - **Early Cancellation (30+ days before tour):** 30% of total tour cost retained
  - **Mid-Range Cancellation (8-29 days before tour):** 60% of total tour cost retained as cancellation fee
  - **Late Cancellation (4 - 7 days before tour):** 90% of tour cost retained as cancellation fee
  - **Last Minute Cancellation (3 days or fewer before tour):** 100% of tour cost retained with no refund eligibility due to preparation costs

### 10.2 Operator-Initiated Cancellations

- **Full Reimbursement:** Complete refund provided if cancellation is initiated by the tour operator for any reason

### 10.3 Itinerary Modifications

- **Operational Adjustments:** Operator reserves the right to adjust itineraries for weather conditions, safety concerns, logistical challenges, or unforeseen circumstances affecting the quality or viability of the experience

## 11. Payment Terms

### 11.1 Payment Method

- **Transfer Requirements:** Payment accepted exclusively via bank transfer for security and transaction verification

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- **Payment Schedule:** An initial payment of 25% of the total package cost is required to confirm the booking. The remaining 75% must be paid by 15th August 2025 to secure participation in the tour.
- **Banking Information:** Complete bank details provided upon confirmation of booking reservation
- **Tax Information:** All prices quoted are exclusive of GST and GST @18% is applicable on the total package price

## 11.2 Refund Processing

- **Policy Application:** All refunds processed according to the terms specified in the cancellation policy
- **Processing Timeline:** Eligible refunds processed within a reasonable timeframe after cancellation approval

## 12. Liability and Responsibility

### 12.1 Guest Responsibility

- **Personal Safety:** Guests responsible for their own safety precautions and adherence to tour guidelines and instructions
- **Property Security:** Operator assumes no responsibility for personal property loss, damage, or theft during the tour duration

## 13. Dispute Resolution

### 13.1 Resolution Process

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### 15.2 Legal Jurisdiction

- **Governing Authority:** All legal matters and formal disputes subject exclusively to the jurisdiction of Kolkata, West Bengal courts and legal system

## 16. Additional Terms

- **Terms Modification:** Operator reserves the right to revise terms and conditions without prior notification requirement
- **Acceptance Confirmation:** Completion of booking process constitutes full acknowledgment and acceptance of all terms and conditions outlined herein



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