



Pandaw Cruises

EXPEDITION No 6

BHUTAN AND THE BRAHMAPUTRA

14 NIGHTS

The fortuitous scheduling of direct flights from Paro to Kolkata make it possible for us to combine (for a very reasonable tariff) a visit to the ancient kingdom of Bhutan, one of the world's most intriguing countries, with an exciting river expedition on the mighty Brahmaputra. And what an incredible journey this will be: from the colonial grandeur of Kolkata we fly to Paro and discover Bhutan's famous cliff-top monasteries, soaring mountain peaks and unique way of life. We then sail on the mighty Brahmaputra in the shadow of the Himalayas aboard our well-appointed partnership the RV Mahabaahu explore Assam and the Kaziranga National Park in search of Tigers and one-horned Rhino.

Please Note: This programme is not suitable for those with walking difficulties or people affected by high altitude.

Attention: This expedition requires a multiple entry visa for India. We are able to help you with your Bhutan visa. Please ask for details.

Cruise Price Includes: Land section: 7-nights in hotels as described (or similar), 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners on the land section of the tour, flight Kolkata - Paro - Kolkata - Guwahati, all transfers, portorage at hotels, airports and cruise, all taxes, entrance fees, all transport in Bhutan, services of an English speaking guide in Bhutan, Bhutan Government Royalty, Taxes,

Bhutan Visa Fee. Cruise section: 7-night cruise on the MV Mahabaahu including all main meals, excursions as described, port dues, guide services (English language), jugged coffee and selection of teas, mineral water and the services of a cruise director.

Cruise Price Excludes: International flights, laundry, all visa costs, drinks, fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions), espressos and cappuccinos at bar, tipping.

Please Note: Drinks and crew gratuities are NOT included on our partner cruises. We suggest to change money at a bank at the international airport before exiting (currently there is shortage of new money bills in India).

Luggage Limit on Internal Flights: Within India: 15 kg per check-in luggage and 7 kg for hand luggage. Excess charge for check-in luggage is approximately INR 300.- (USD 5.-) per kg. India to Bhutan v.v.: 20 kg per check-in luggage and 5 kg for hand luggage. Excess charge for check-in luggage is approximately INR 100.- (USD 3.-) per kg.

UPSTREAM ITINERARY

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

FLY TO DELHI

Disembark the MV Mahabaahu and transfer to Jorhat Airport for a short flight to Guwahati, where you change planes and fly onwards to Delhi. Our representative will meet you at the arrivals hall at Delhi airport and escort you to the 5* Taj Mahal Hotel for your 3-night stay on a room and break-fast basis.

DAY 2

DELHI

After breakfast, morning city tour of new and old Delhi passing the famous Red Fort and India Gate with visits to the Gandhi Memorial, India's largest mosque, the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid - completed in 1656; and Qutab Minar, at a height of 239 feet, one of the highest towers in India.

DAY 3

AGRA AND THE TAJ MAHAL

A magical day awaits as we travel by coach to Agra and visit the stunning red sandstone Agra Fort on the banks of the Jamuna River. Continue to the legendary Taj Mahal, completed in 1652 and quite rightly regarded as one of the wonders of the modern world and perhaps the greatest monument of love. After a memorable day, we return to our hotel in Delhi.

DAY 4

DEPARTURE

After breakfast check-out of the hotel, where our representative will transfer you to Delhi Airport.



5 STAR

India Post Cruise Delhi and Agra

Located in the heart of New Delhi the Taj Mahal Hotel is a classic combination of grace and charm, blended effortlessly with contemporary comforts and amenities. The perfect address from which to explore the charms of Delhi and nearby Agra and the beautiful Taj Mahal.

Rates include:

Economy class domestic flights from Jorhat to Guwahati and Guwahati to Delhi, air taxes, 3-nights accommodation in a deluxe room at the 5* Taj Mahal Hotel including daily breakfast, portorage, all entrance fees and sightseeing as described, services of local tour leader throughout.

Rates exclude:

Tips, additional optional excursions, travel insurance.

Your Hotel

Wonderful dining awaits at several world-class restaurants, including Machan (24-hour cafe), the House of Ming (Chinese), Wasabi by Morimoto, and the Grill Room. Other public facilities include a spa, a number of bars and lounges and a glorious outdoor swimming pool.

Your Deluxe Room

The spacious, beautifully appointed air-conditioned deluxe rooms offer stunning city or garden views.

Note

* Please note prices are subject to change, depending on availability.

River Conditions Warning!

The rivers you will sail on are subject to seasonal rises and falls of water level, in some places as much as 30 metres. Water levels can change dramatically overnight and a sudden rise can impede our progress upstream considerably and even prevent us from passing under certain bridges. A sudden fall can result in our being unable to get into certain places or go as far upstream as we would hope. Groundings on sandbars are not infrequent and are part of the excitement of any Pandaw expedition. Published itineraries are indicational only and subject to sudden change. In such events alternative itineraries will be provided and we do our best to ensure that if a stop is missed we make up for it with another stop. Passengers are thus forewarned and expected to be flexible and patient. River cruising in Asia can be a dramatic and adventurous experience - not like cruising the controlled waterways of Europe or America. Note also that we operate in areas with little or no developed infrastructure and subject to the strictures of local officialdom. Be prepared for this and it is all more the fun!

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