



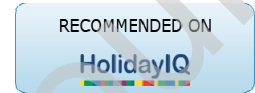
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A brief note about the Sundarbans tour of India Beacons Sojourn:

- Sundarbans, a UNESCO Heritage is best enjoyed if you travel exclusively rather than in big groups. It has been our observation that when people travel in groups of large size, the din and bustle created by your co-passenger is often enough to scare away wildlife you want to photograph. Thus, the chance of viewing wildlife is much more in case of small cohesive group than in case of large groups. So we prefer you to travel in small groups and hence have generally no fixed day departures. All our trips are customised and tailor made to suit your needs and dates.
- We show you more of Sundarbans than any other operator. Compare the itinerary of other operators and assess the length of time you cruise on the boats and the length of time you stay in their resorts. We keep you more on the boats and less in the resorts. So if you are a photographer, an avid traveller or a nature lover, our trips always have something more for you
- We are the only operator to show you a special physical feature of Sundarbans, the “mudflats” at Chargheri Char. We provide you with a chance to get down on the mudflats and frolic in the waters.
- Our tour also includes a country boat ride oared by local fishermen.

For photos of Char Gheri Char follow our link:

<http://sundarbans.net/Photo-Album.php?pageType=folder&currDir=./Landscapes&startFrom=1>

So compare our itinerary and what we offer, before you make the final decision.....

ITINERARY FOR 2N/3D Package

Day 1: Kolkata to Sundarbans.

Kolkata – Godhkhali, Sunderbans.



Pickup from Kolkata (From Parama Island, near Science City) and transfer to Godhkhali, a journey of about 3 hrs. After obtaining requisite Forest permission we transfer you from Godhkhali jetty by Motor Launch to the tourist lodge located in the Sunderbans Islands. This journey would take you down the rivers Hogil, Gomar, Durgaduni and Gumdi in about an hour. In the afternoon after lunch, set off on motor boat and view wildlife from the **Sajnekhali** watchtower and visit the **Sajnekhali Museum and Mangrove Interpretation Centre**. Watch the

sunset over the Sundarban National Park and return to your resort/hotel. Dinner and night halt at the resort/hotel/boat (As per your selection)

Day 2: Sundarbans

The second day involves a full day cruise through the rivers and narrow creeks and a lovely birding experience. Food would be prepared and served on the launch itself. Start after bed tea and visit the various watch towers of **Sudhanyakhali, Neti Dhopani** (Subject to weather and tide permitting) as well as Do Banki. We would cross the rivers and creeks of **Pitchkhali, Kholakhali, Sarakkhali, Sundarkhali, Gazikhali, Pirkhali, Choragazikhali, Deul Bharani**, and reach the **Dobanki** watch Tower. The canopy walk at Do Banki gives you an opportunity to view wildlife from a netted enclosure. Next on our itinerary would be the Spotted Deer Rehabilitation Centre. Thereafter, enjoy the thrill of cruising deep in the "Indian Amazon" as India Beacons calls it and also around the islands of the Sunderban Tiger Project Area. Let yourself be guided by our Naturalist and Guide to view the Mangrove forest from close quarters, deep inside the creeks and return in the evening. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Day 3: Sundarbans to Kolkata

In the morning, we cruise along the creeks and take you for a village tour at **Chargheri Char**, the Southern most village of South 24 Parganas. This is a special attraction of the India Beacons tour where you have a chance to get a feel of the "Mudflats". An important physical feature of Sundarban is the "Mudflats". Do not forget to carry your Bermudas as the inviting waters of the Sundarbans entice you to wade through them and frolick on the "Mudflats". You may be lucky enough to see small Octopus, Star Fish, Jelly Fish, Horse shoe Crab, prawn seeds as well as many other variety of fishes etc. Optional activity involves **country boat ride** along the jungles.



We then set off for a visit to a village and learn about the experiences of the villagers in the forest. Meet the fishermans, the Honey Collectors as well as the woodcutters and share their experiences of the Jungle.

After lunch at the resort/boat, at around 12:00 p.m, we depart for Godhkhali to be transferred to Kolkata. Arrive at Kolkata by about 5:30 / 6:00 pm. Tour ends with sweet memories.

CHILD POLICY:-

- Child below 4 years : Complimentary with no extra bed
- Child between 5 years and 11 years: 60% of Adult Package cost with extra bedrolls.
- Child between 5 years and 11 years: 50% of Adult Package cost without extra bedrolls.
- Children over 11 years: Considered adult.

COST INCLUDES:-

- Welcome drinks (Non Alcoholic) on arrival.
- Accommodation in AC room / Non AC boat/Non AC rooms and transfer from Kolkata in AC / non AC vehicle (as per your selection)
- Boat rent and boat charges for all the three days.
- Food plan is APAI (Bed Tea, Breakfast, Lunch, Evening snacks and Dinner) at Sundarbans. We serve typical Bengali Food at Sundarbans (Both Veg and non-Veg).
- Guide charges, Entry Fees to Watchtowers, and Boat Entry Fees
- Porterage at Sundarbans.
- Foreigner's Entry Fees, if applicable.

COST EXCLUDES:-

- All kind of personal expenses such as tips, laundry, telephone bills, and beverages.
- It also does not include any meals unless and otherwise specifically mentioned.
- Camera Charges, Optional, suggested or unspecified activities.

PAYMENT TERMS:-

50% advance to be paid upon booking. Balance 50% is to be paid at least 30 days before date of departure. However, if the date of booking is within 30 days of the date of journey, 100% of the package cost is to be paid at the time of booking. Payment can be made by cash/Cheque or by direct transfer to our Current A/c vide the following details:

- ACCOUNT HOLDER'S NAME : INDIA BEACONS SOJOURN
- CURRENT ACCOUNT NO. : 127905000039
- BANK : ICICI BANK, HAZRA BRANCH, KOLKATA
- IFSC CODE : ICIC0001279

CANCELLATION POLICY:-

- (a) If written intimation is received at least 30 days or more in advance from the date of journey, then 30% of Total Bill amount will be charged as cancellation fees
- (b) If written intimation is received within a period of 29 days and 15 days of the date of journey, 50% of the Total Bill will be charged as cancellation Fees
- (c) No refund is allowed if written intimation of cancellation is received within 14 days of date of journey.
- (d) If the tour gets cancelled or becomes impossible to conduct within a period of less than a month from the date of arrival at Godhkhali, as a result of any natural calamity like flood, cyclones etc. beyond the control of India Beacons Sojourn, India beacons Sojourn will not refund any amount whether accepted by way of any advance or the full payment as the case may be.

REFUND:-

Refund of advance, if any will be made one month after the date of cancellation of booking. Refund, will be paid by cheque/online transfer and by no other mode of payment.

JURISDICTION:-

Disputes, if any, arising will be subject to Kolkata jurisdiction only.

Please feel free to contact us more details.



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