



**AWA ASIAN TOURS 2019**

# **CITY OF JOY: KOLKATA**

**TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2019**

**MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019**

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## WHEN:

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## PRICE:

AWA MEMBER PRICE: HK\$20,900

AWA GUEST PRICE: HK\$22,100

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: HK\$4,400

## SIGN UPS START:

MONDAY 28 MAY 2018

MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 16

## PAYMENT TERMS:

**DEPOSIT: HK\$10,450 Due upon acceptance to the tour. FINAL BALANCE due by 25 October 2018.**

There is a non-refundable HK\$1,000 charge if you have been accepted on the tour and cancel for any reason. The air fare is non-refundable as of **15 July 2018**.

By using a credit card, you are authorizing payment for BOTH your deposit AND your final balance payment. Your deposit will be charged to your card when you are accepted on the tour.

Note: the final balance payment date on which your final balance will be charged. You will receive an e-mail confirmation stating your status as "accepted" or "wait listed." If you are wait listed, your card will not be charged until you are accepted.

## PRICE INCLUDES:

- Economy class airfare Hong Kong/Kolkata/Hong Kong
- Economy class airfares on domestic routes in India
- Private transfers to and from Airport and Hotels
- Private air-con bus
- All taxes and surcharges
- All transfers, entrance fees, guide and all gratuities for guide, driver and porter
- Travel Insurance
- 5 nights' accommodation on twin sharing basis in standard room and meals
- Airfare price is guaranteed if booking deposit is received by 15 July 2018. Bookings made after this date are subject to currency fluctuations.

## PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Indian Visa (E-Visa are obtainable for most passports 120 days prior to departure)
- Personal Expenses (laundry, bar & phone and excess baggage charges)
- All drinks

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

**Flight: Tuesday, 15 January 2019 - Hong Kong - Kolkata CX5168 22:34  
Kolkata 00:20 (+1) Overnight at hotel: The Taj Bengal.**

### Day 1: Wednesday, 16 January - Kolkata - Kaziranga G8532 09:15-10:30

- Early breakfast and transfer to airport for flight to Guwahati.
- Transfer to minibus for a scenic drive to Kaziranga National Park (4.5 hours).
- Lunch at the lodge facing Pristine Diphlu River. Exploration of the area with a local guide visiting a tea estate, famous for its strong Assam breakfast tea.
- Village visit with local weavers who make silk and cotton dresses with traditional tools.
- In the evening a special dinner barbeque by bonfire with dance performance by women from a local tribe.
- Overnight- Diphlu River Lodge (B, L, D)

### Day 2: Thursday, 17 January 2019 - Kaziranga National Park

- Early breakfast then an hour's drive to Silghat to cruise a small part of the river and glimpse the wildlife native to the area, including the playful Gangetic dolphins. Catch and release angling for the keen fisherman will also be on offer. We hope to see the 18th century temple of Durga, a beautiful setting on top of a hillock overlooking the Brahmaputra river. (Depending on river conditions)
- After lunch we set sail again and as dusk approaches we will make our way back to Silghat and then transfer back to the lodge for dinner.
- Overnight - Diphlu River Lodge (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Friday, January 18, 2019 - Kaziranga NP: Guwahati by surface (approx. 220km/4.5hrs) Guwahati - Kolkata by flight SG3217: 21:30/22:55

- Get ready for the royal safari expedition with a dawn departure and half-day tour of Kaziranga National Park. Discover endangered Greater One-Horned Rhinos, water buffalo, and more!
- After lunch depart for Guwahati with dinner at the opulent Taj Guwahati followed by airport transfer for the flight to Kolkata
- Overnight: Taj Bengal

### Day 4: Saturday, January 19, 2019 - Kolkata

- Early morning start to take in local sights in Kolkata: The Hooghly and the Howrah walk, colorful flower and vegetable markets, ferry to bustling heritage Howrah Station, Marble Palace, and more!
- We return for a quick change and dinner will be at a Downton restaurant/bar near Camac street.
- Overnight: Taj Bengal (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Sunday, 20 January 2019: Flight Kolkata - Hong Kong CX516 01:15/07:40 Arrive 21 January 2019

- After breakfast a 90-minute walking trail of 'white town' due to its abundance of colonial structures. Experience Dalhousie square, Raj Bhawan, St John's Church, Lal Dighi and the General Post Office.
- Cooking demo and brunch at Bomti's listed as one of Elle magazine's great house decors.
- Following lunch visit to Indian museum and Flurry's Tea room, and the Victoria Memorial.
- Shopping in the evening in the Dakshinapan market area.
- Late evening transfer to airport for flight to Hong Kong. (B, L, D)

## HOW TO REGISTER

To register online at the AWA website ([www.awa.org.hk](http://www.awa.org.hk)) or complete an Asian Tours Registration Form (download from the website) and submit to the AWA with your deposit. See AWA website or Registration form for complete details and Asian Tour Guidelines. Remember, signups are first come, first served basis. If you are planning to share a room please let us know full name of room buddy. You will be required to email a copy of your passport within 24 hours of registration.

**A Word About Waitlists:** If you sign up after this trip has filled, your name will be placed on a waitlist at no charge. If a place becomes available, you will be contacted and asked if you are still interested in this trip. At that point, you can decide whether or not to accept the place. You will not be charged until you are accepted on the trip.