

Patna to Varanasi Upstream
MV GANGA VILAS
Patna – Buxar – Ghazipur - Varanasi
7 nights / 8 days Cruise

Day 1

ARRIVE PATNA – GHAGHRA MOD (L/D)

EMBARKATION: 12:00 PM

Arrival in Patna and proceed for a sightseeing tour of the Golghar and Patna Museum and transfer to the jetty for embarkation. Lunch onboard. Thereafter sail towards Ghaghra Mod, the confluence where River Ghaghra meets River Ganges.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 2

GHAGHRA MOD – EN ROUTE TO BUXAR (B/L/D)

After breakfast enjoy a walk in the riverbank village. Thereafter sail full day towards Buxar, anchoring en route. Buxar is one of the most prominent towns of western Bihar, bordering the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 3

ARRIVAL IN BUXAR (B/L/D)

We arrive into Buxar by late morning while enjoying breakfast and lunch onboard. Post lunch visit the Ram Rekha Ghat. It is associated with a legend from the epic *Ramayana* that after killing the demoness Tadmata, Lord Ram to cleanse himself from the sin of killing a woman, took a bath in the Ganges here. Also visit the Sita Ram Upadhyay Museum, named after a local resident who had donated his personal collection that include archaeological objects, coins and manuscripts.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 4

BUXAR – GHAZIPUR (B/L/D)

Today we sail full day towards Ghazipur enjoying breakfast and lunch onboard. Ghazipur in the State of Uttar Pradesh was established by the British East India Company in 1820 as an opium factory. It still produces the drug for the global pharmaceutical industry. Post lunch visit to the Tomb of Lord Cornwallis, one of the major figures of Indian and British history.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 5

GHAZIPUR – EN ROUTE TO VARANASI (B/L/D)

Today we sail full day further upstream towards Varanasi enjoying breakfast and lunch onboard. We will moor for the night before Varanasi, subject to river tide conditions.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 6

ARRIVAL IN VARANASI (B/L/D)

We sail further upstream through the day to arrive in Varanasi by late afternoon. Varanasi is a major religious hub in India, and is considered the holiest city in Hinduism and Jainism. It also played an important role in the development of Buddhism. It is also an important industrial centre, famous for its muslin and silk fabrics, perfumes, ivory works, and sculpture.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 7

VARANASI (B/L/D)

After breakfast we visit the excavation site of Sarnath, the seat where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment in Bodhgaya. Return to the ship for lunch. Thereafter, visit the Ghats by walk to experience the activities and hustle-bustle in the by-lanes. Continue to the riverside and witness the evening “Ganga Aarti” ritual.

Dinner & overnight onboard Ganga Vilas

Day 8

VARANASI DISEMBARK (B)

DISEMBARKATION: 09:00 AM

Following breakfast disembark the ship and transfer for your onward journey.

Important Note:

- The itinerary maybe readjusted due to local conditions and days of the week, in order to avoid closure of monuments/museums. Last minute sailing adjustments may also occur. The exact time for each activity will be announced or posted by the onboard tour staff.
- The letters in parentheses indicate the included meal of the day B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner.
- As per government restrictions, from Patna to Varanasi, no liquor will be served on board.
- In Varanasi, due to the location on the holy river, non-vegetarian food is not served onboard.
- Satellite phones & drone cameras are not allowed in Varanasi, please ensure the same, while traveling to Varanasi.

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