

FULL DAY EXCURSION TO BISHNUPUR – THE TERRACOTTA PARADISE

Bishnupur is noted for its assemblance of large number of temples of considerable grandeur and big tanks. Bishnupur still retains the flavour of an old Bengali urban complex which had witnessed great splendour and magnificence in the days of its power and glory. Bishnupur is famous for its own classical musical gharana established in 1370.



Tour Program

Kolkata – Bishnupur – Kolkata [160 kms / 4 ½ - 5 hours one way]

Pick up from hotel at 0730 hours and proceed to drive to Bishnupur.
On arrival at Bishnupur hot Bengali lunch will be served at Tourist Lodge.

Post lunch visit Rash Mancha, Dalmadal Cannon, Jor Bangla Temple, Madan Mohan Temple, Malla King's Fort and Jogesh Chandra Pura Kirti Bhawan Museum.

Program Brief

Rash Mancha (stage for dancing) - One of the famous attraction in Bishnupur which was built by BirHambir, a Malla King to celebrate the Ras festival.

Dalmadal Cannon - located south of the Rash Mancha. This four meters medieval artillery piece was used successfully against the repeated Maratha attacks in 1742 A.D

Jor Bangla Temple - Built by Raghunath Singha II in 1655 A.D, the temple is greatly influenced by classical Bengali architecture. The temple is also known as the Keshta Raya Temple and is famous for its construction and terracotta sculptures. The Temple resembles two hut-like structures with separate angled roofs held together by a chala (tower) at the crown.

Madan Mohan Temple – This temple is one of the largest temples in Bishnupur and consists of a square building and a domed ceiling. Constructed in 1694 by Durjana Singh Deva in the 'ekaratna' (meaning single tower) style, Madan Mohan Temple has beautiful carvings on the walls featuring scenes from the Puranas, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

Malla King's Fort - Very little remains of the fort built between 1657- 1677 A.D by the Malla ruler King Bir Singha. The gate of the old fort is of laterite stone and is called "PatharDurwaza" the king's soldiers would hide inside the gate and there were holes drilled in different directions for the ques. A stone chariot in laterite can be seen as cribbed to.

Jogesh Chandra Pura Kirti Bhawan Museum: In the year 1951 a group of young energetic persons established this museum and sought for affiliation from BngiyaSahityaParisad, Calcutta in

order to legitimize its collection work. In 1954 the said museum was named after Acharjya Jogesh **Chandra Purakriti Bhawan** after the name of Jogesh Chandra Roy Vidyanidhi, the famous scholar of this district as well as Bengal. Three Galleries are there - ARCHEOLOGICAL GALLERY, MUSIC GALLERY and FOLK ART GALLERY.

Shopping:

The local handicrafts of Bishnupur include Silk, Tussar Silk, conch shell wares & bell metal wares. No less important from the point of view of popular taste are the fine sweetmeats and flavored tobacco of Bishnupur. Bishnupur is also famous for terra-cotta folk toys like the Bankura (rather Panchmura) horse and clay dolls. Bishnupur Silks are among the finest in the world.

Later in time drive back to Kolkata.

Tour Cost in INR (Indian Rupee)

| Cost Basis | Tour Cost Per Person |
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| Minimum 7-8 Pax using A/c Tempo Traveller | INR 4442 |
| Minimum 3-4 Pax using A/c Toyota Innova | INR 6025 |
| Minimum 2 Pax using A/c Medium car | INR 7140 |
| 1 person traveling alone using A/c Medium car | INR 13134 |

Tour cost includes:

- Transport service as per itinerary using exclusive air-conditioned vehicle.
- Accompanied English speaking guide.
- Monument entrance fee (One time only).
- Lunch at Bishnupur Tourist Lodge.
- Rickshaw Ride.