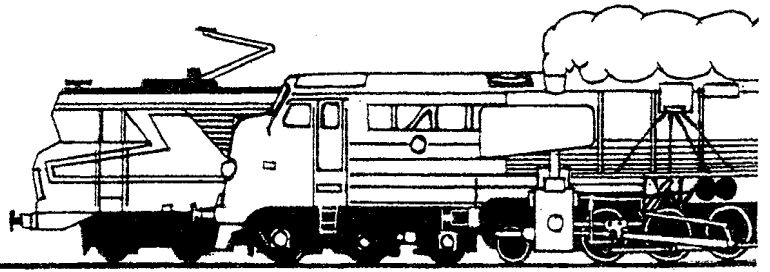




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## LCGB Overseas Study Tour 01/24 BANGLADESH & INDIA

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Rail On All Gauges (ROAG)

A return to Bangladesh & India for extensive tours of these colourful countries.

**Day & Date City Meals BANGLADESH** - This part of the tour can be booked separately or with India.

#### Day 01: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Arrival Dhaka

Met and transferred to hotel to check-in for overnight in Dhaka.

#### Day 02: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Dhaka B/--/--

Visit Kamlapur Railway Station, Kamlapur Railway Work-shops, Rail Bhavan to see the Old Locomotive set as an exhibit on the Road-Island. Old city rickshaw ride. Back to the hotel and overnight at Dhaka.

#### Day 03: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024: Dhaka to Saidpur B/--/--

Take the Nilsagar Express (765) at 06:40, ETA Saidpur 14:42 hrs. Upon arrival visit Chini Mosque, Dharma Paul's Garh, A village. Overnight at Saidpur.

#### Day 04: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024: Saidpur Workshop & Rail Museum B/--/--

After breakfast move to the Saidpur Work-Shop. It is the largest Railway Workshop in Bangladesh and it was established more than 150 years ago. Now-a days all Repair & Maintenance works of all kinds for Trains are done here. For Rail-enthusiasts there are 3 old Locomotives; one Narrow Gauge Steam Engine CS -15 (10 feet 6 inch in height, 19 feet long & Weight 11.76 ton) built in 1936, another Coal-driven Broad Gauge Steam SGC-Z 240 (53 feet 10 inch long, & built in 1921) and the other is Meter Gauge Locomotive or Engine MHZ - 8(3332), Length-38 feet, built in 1982. Overnight in Saidpur.

#### Day 05: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024: Saidpur to Khulna B/--/--

Take the Rupsha Express (728) from Saidpur to Khulna at 09:30hrs, ETA Khulna 18:30 hrs. Upon arrival transfer to hotel to check-in for overnight.

#### Day 06: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Khulna- Sundarbans-Mongla - - Khulna B/--/--

B/F and driven an hour to Mongla for an excursion trip to the Sundarbans visiting Karamjal Forest Station by a Small Vessel. Visiting the Forest, back to Mongla for further transfer to Khulna hotel.

#### Day 07: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Khulna —Kolkata (train operates on SUN/THU only) B/--/--

Early and move to the Railway Station to board the 1330hrs Bandan Exp for Kolkata. Arrival Kolkata at 17:40hrs.

Further transfer to Kolkata hotel for a night stay.

**Day 08: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Kolkata B/--/--**

Full day guided city tour with Tram ride and visit to the Howrah station and museum. Evening sunset boat ride on Hooghly.

**Day 09: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Kolkata/Delhi (by air) B/--/--**

Morning transferred to Kolkata airport to board direct flight to New Delhi for India tour.

**Hotels Envisaged**

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 Pan Pacific (5\*)

21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 Saidpur Eque hotels & resorts

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Khulna Castle Salam

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Kolkata Peerless Inn

**Price Details**

Based on 10 minimum paying persons travelling Cost Per Person together. £2250

Single room supplement £475 Tour cost basis £1.00 = INR100

**Cost includes:**

- Accommodation for 8 nights in above mentioned hotels in single/twin-bed room sharing basis including breakfast.
- All transfers & road journeys as per attached itinerary by aircon tourist coach/
- Services of an English speaking guide for visits and sightseeing including admission fees.
- Train journeys from Dhaka – Saidpur – Khulna – Kolkata in First Class.
- Excursion trip by boat to the Sundarbans with necessary permit.
- Locally bottled mineral water 500ml per person per day.
- All presently applicable Government & local authority taxes.

**Cost does not include:**

- Lunch & dinners.
- Items of personal nature.
- Items not included in the above inclusion list.
- Tipping to Guides & Driver etc.
- Bangladesh visa fees.

**Day & Date City Meals INDIA - This part of the tour can be booked separately or with Bangladesh.**

**Day 01: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Arrive at New Delhi**

Morning arrival at New Delhi T3 airport. Transferred by air-conditioned exclusive vehicle to your reserved hotel.

**Day 02: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Delhi / Kalka / Shimla (by train) B/L/D**

Transfer to NDLS railway station for 12011 Shatabdi Express to Kalka (0740/1145). After arrival at Kalka, depart by a chartered RMC to Shimla (1200 hrs approx). Transfer from Shimla railway station to hotel. Shed visit at Kalka planned.

**Day 03: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Shimla / Kathleeghat / Shimla B/--/D**

0900 hrs: Transfer from hotel to SML railway station for KC 520 steam charter till Kathleeghat (one way only) (Arrive approx. 1230 hrs). *Steam loco is subject to approval by Indian Railways.* Return to hotel by cars. PM free to explore The Mall Road.

**Day 04: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Shimla / Mandi (130 kms / 5 hrs) B/--/D**

Drive to Mandi. Early evening, walk through the town.

**Day 05: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 Mandi / Palampur (100 kms / 3.5 hrs) B/--/D**

Drive to Palampur. We will arrive at the upper terminus Joginder Nagar and travel to Baijnath Parola in the afternoon on the Kangra Valley Railway. Shed visit Kangra planned. (KVR). Transfer by road to the hotel.

**Day 06: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Sun Palampur B/--/D**

This morning we transfer to Palampur station to board 1054 hrs departure to arrive Baijnath Paprola at 1200 hrs and further connect to the service to Joginder Nagar. We will visit the Shanon Hydro-electric Power Station (*subject to local permission*). Return to hotel in Palampur

**Day 07: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 , Palampur – Dharamsala – Palampur B/--/D**

We have a day's excursion to Dharamsala to visit the Dalai Lama Temple and McLeodganj market.

**Day 08: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Palampur – Pathankot (by train) – Amritsar (by road) B/--/D**

We catch the early morning 04700 Baijnath Paprola Nurpur Road Exp from Palampur station at 0640 hrs departure Palampur station (this is the 0600 hrs Baijnath Paprola – Nurpur bound service. 1200 hrs : Arrive Nurpur Rd. station and transfer by road (1.5 hr) to Pathankot Jn. Currently, Nurpur Road-Pathankot section is closed. 1400 hrs: Depart by DEMU – Pathankot Jn. to Amritsar. Please be informed that departure from hotel will be early morning with packed breakfast which is not very enjoyable in the train (narrow, congested and too full) then, stop for lunch in Pathankot restaurant is subject to train delays etc. Transfer to hotel on arrival.

**Day 09: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Amritsar B/--/D**

We visit the Golden Temple complex, Jallianwala Bagh massacre gardens. We will then proceed for Indo-Pak border flag downing border ceremony. Shed workshop visit at Amritsar planned.

**Day 10: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Amritsar – Delhi (by air) B/--/--**

Afternoon flight (1245/1355 hrs) to Delhi. On arrival we go straight to the National Rail Museum. For a visit

**Day 11: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Delhi B/--/--**

Guided tour of Old Delhi with a cycle rickshaw ride, Rajghat, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate and drive past President's House.

**Day 12: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Delhi – Rewari – Jaipur B/L/D**

Morning transfer to Delhi Cantt railway station to board Steam Express hauled by Fairy Queen or WP or equivalent steam (subject to operational feasibility). LATE NOTE. Newly restored AWE class requested! Alternatively, we take the service train to Rewari. Visit the Rewari Steam Centre Museum, shed & workshop with a possibility of a BG or MG loco in steam for us. Later, we catch the late afternoon train from Rewari to Jaipur. *Luggage will be transported from Delhi to Jaipur by coach.*

**Day 13: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Jaipur B/--/D**

Morning visit to the Amber Fort by jeep, further we visit City Palace Museum compound, Hawa Mahal and Royal Astronomical Observatory.

**Day 14: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Jaipur – Marwar (by train) – Jojawar (31 kms / 50 minutes) B/--/D**

Today we board 14701 Aravali Express at 0930 hrs to arrive Marwar Junction at 1355hrs. On arrival, transfer by road (2 hrs) to a heritage hotel situated around the ghats. Evening free at leisure or enjoy a village walk - the small town is a hidden gem in the county, exploring it on foot accompanied by one of the staff guides is a great way to experience life here as it unfolds before your eyes.

**Day 15: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Jojawar – Kambli Ghat (40 min drive) – Phulad (by train) – Udaipur B/--/D (140 Kms / 3.5 hrs)**

This morning transfer to Kambli Ghat station for the Metre Gauge service to Phulad Junction - One of our favorite excursions is this daily train service from the station at the start of the hill section to the highest station in the Aravallis – the Kambli Ghat station. The engine laboriously and slowly pulls the train through the most beautiful forests and hills that you get to see in the state, this one hour ride is really unique as you even get to interact with the locals who'll readily share their seats with you and try their best to make conversation with you while trying to suppress their surprise! We transfer by road from Phulad to Udaipur with enroute stop at Eklingji temples of Lord Shiva, built in 734 AD.

**Day 16: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Udaipur B/--/D**

After breakfast guided tour of Udaipur city visiting the City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Sahelion Ki Bari. Upon your return to the city, a regular sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola to view the heritage buildings including the marvelous white marble Lake Palace.

**Day 17: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Udaipur – Delhi (by air) – onward B/--/--**

After breakfast, transferred to Udaipur airport to board flight for Delhi for further connection to your international flight back home or domestic connection to extend your trip to the beaches of Goa.

**Hotels Envisaged**

Delhi 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 The Grand New Delhi Grand Premium room

Shimla 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March Willow Banks Deluxe & Super Dlx

Mandi 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 Regent Palm AC Super Deluxe

Palampur 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 RS Sarovar Portico Superior

Amritsar 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Courtyard / Fairfield by Marriott Guest room

Delhi 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 The Grand New Delhi Grand Premium room

Jaipur 09<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Royal Orchid Superior

Jojawar 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Rawla Jojawar Superior

Udaipur 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Lake Pichola Superior lake view

## Price Details

### Based on minimum paying persons travelling Cost Per Person together. £2950

Single room supplement £850 Tour cost basis £1.00 = INR100

There will be an additional supplement of £190 for the Shimla Steam charter if this is available

### Cost Includes

- \* Accommodation for 16 nights in above mentioned or similar hotels on twin / double sharing basis.
- \* Daily Buffet breakfast. 03 Lunches. All dinners
- \* Transportation using a deluxe air-conditioned Deluxe vehicle as per above itinerary. telephone bills etc.
- \* Services of a local English-speaking guide for comprehensive tour of Shimla, Amritsar, Delhi, Jaipur and Udaipur.
- \* Entrance fees to monuments, museums and places of
- \* Train Fare: Delhi – Rewari – Jaipur (3AC); Delhi – Kalka, Agra - Delhi [EC]. Joginder Nagar- Baijnath, Palampur-Baijnath-Joginder Nagar, Palampur – Nurpur Road.
- \* Mineral water bottles during the drives and sightseeing.
- \* One Railcar ride (14 str) - Kalka/Shimla (one way)
- \* Sunset regular boat rides on Lake Pichola in Udaipur.
- \* Domestic airfare for the sector Amritsar – Delhi, Udaipur - Delhi (economy). Check-in luggage allowance is 15 kgs / person. Hand luggage allowance is 7kgs/person.
- \* Tips and gratuities to guide, driver, porter, bell boy, assistant etc.
- \* Services of a tour manager from / to Delhi.
- \* All presently applicable Goods & Services Tax @ 5%

### Cost does not Include

- \* Shimla steam charter.
- \* Still or video camera charges levied by some (except in Delhi). monuments.
- \* Items of personal nature like drinks on table, laundry,
- \* Any meals other than mentioned above.
- \* Optional tours, if any mentioned in the itinerary per above.
- \* Indian Visa Charge
- \* International Fare to Bangladesh / India

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellation terms: 100% of the cost of air tickets post issuance or as per airline ticket cancellation terms. 100% of the tour cost if cancelled less than 60 days from date of arrival or on no show.

All participants must be current LCGB members. Details can be obtained from the LCGB website <http://www.lcgb.org.uk/> or by application to the organiser. Travel insurance is required by all participants. If you wish to book, please forward a completed booking form together with a deposit of £300 payable to LCGB. Download from [The Locomotive Club of Great Britain | Programme of Coming Tours \(lcgb.org.uk\)](http://www.lcgb.org.uk/) Final payment will be required by January 25<sup>th</sup> 2024. (s.a.e.'s required if you are not on email)

### About the organisers:

Travelpals New Delhi India – They have arranged previous tours for the LCGB

All arrangements are subject to change if any services are not available. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

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