

Incredible India Photography Tour 2026

Photography Tour to Kolkata & Darjeeling

May 21–30, 2026



Day 1 – Arrival In Kolkata

Arrival at Kolkata Airport and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a scenic Ganges River Cruise, offering excellent opportunities to photograph the riverfront, ghats, and colonial skyline.



Day 2 – Kolkata Heritage & Tram Photography

After breakfast, enjoy a chartered tram ride through Esplanade, Park Circus, and Gariahat Depot. This is followed by a guided heritage walk covering the Governor's House, St. John's Church, General Post Office, Writers' Building, and Eastern Railway Headquarters. Later, visit the famous Kumartoli idol makers' area and nearby fruit markets for vibrant street photography.



Day 3 – Kolkata to Siliguri

Early morning visit to the iconic flower market. After breakfast, transfer to the railway station for travel to Bagdogra / NJP, followed by a transfer to Siliguri. You will ride a day train from Kolkata to Siliguri in a day train to photograph the countryside. If you would prefer a flight, let us know.



Day 04 – Narrow Gauge Photography & Dining Train

After breakfast, proceed to Siliguri Town Station for a photograph of the narrow-gauge toy train passing through local markets. Continue towards Rongtong and Tindharia with multiple photo stops and a visit to the historic Tindharia Railway Workshop. After that enjoy a exclusive dining charter from Siliguri to Rongtong, returning by road.



Day 5 – Steam Charter: Siliguri to Tindharia

A full-day steam-hauled charter journey with a freight train subject to government permissions. The route includes zigzags, loops, and scenic mountain stretches, with multiple photography stops under expert guidance. You will be in a car stopping at various locations for Photography. You will also visit Tindharia Workshop and Shed. Overnight In Siliguri



Day 6 – Tindharia to Kurseong

Continuation of the steam charter and Photography Tour towards Kurseong, covering additional zigzags and mountain scenery.



Day 7 - Kurseong to Darjeeling

Travel onward through Tung, Sonada, Ghum (the highest railway station in India), and the iconic Batasia Loop, arriving in Darjeeling by evening.



Day 8 - Leisure Steam Ride and Relaxation

Day free for leisure or an steam-hauled joy ride. Guests may explore Darjeeling town, have an optional visit to a tea estate or relax at the hotel.



Day 9 - Darjeeling Sightseeing

Guided sightseeing covering tea gardens, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, and the Tibetan Refugee Centre.



Day 10 - Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Bagdogra Airport for onward journey to Delhi, Mumbai, or international destinations. You can choose the optional extensions we offer to explore the rest of Incredible India!

Hotels

- **Kolkata:** Hotel Lytton Or Similar
- **Siliguri:** The Cinderella Hotel or Similar
- **Kurseong:** Cochrane Place or Similar
- **Darjeeling:** Hotel Ivanhoe Or Similar

Inclusions

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar (twin sharing)
- Daily breakfast at all hotels
- All transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Transportation by AC Mini Coach / SUV / Tempo Traveller
- Chartered tram ride in Kolkata
- Narrow-gauge railway photography sessions
- Steam locomotive charter (Siliguri–Tindharia–Kurseong-Darjeeling sector). Will be either with freight trains or flat wagons depending on Railway board confirmation
- Exclusive Dining Train Charter
- Ganga River Cruise
- Photography assistance during railway shoots
- Railway permissions and charter coordination
- Local guide for Kolkata heritage walk
- All tolls, parking, and driver allowances
- Assistance on arrival and departure

Exclusions

- International & domestic airfares except when mentioned
- Personal expenses (laundry, tips, minibar, phone calls)
- Camera / video / tripod fees if applicable
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- GST / Government taxes (if applicable)
- Anything not mentioned under "Inclusions"

Tour Cost

INCREDIBLE INDIA TOUR

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway and Kolkata Section

(Including Kolkata heritage walk, tram photography, river cruise & local transfers and Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Section)

Ground Cost (Twin Sharing):

£2,200 per person

Single Supplement:

£700 per person

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Section

(Siliguri • Tindharia • Kurseong • Darjeeling — including steam & charter operations)

Ground Cost (Twin Sharing):

£1,600 per person

Single Supplement:

£500 per person

Extensions (Pricing On Request)

- Sundarbans Wildlife Photography Extension
- Kalka- Shimla Railway
- Nilgiri Mountain Railway
- Marwar-Kamlighat Meter Gauge Railway