Cruise Details

Name:	Cruise & Rail: The Sacred Ganges & the Maharajas' Express
Reference:	UNIWORLD61254CR
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Ganges Voyager II
Regions:	Ganges
Departs On:	29 Jan 28
Departs From:	Kolkata (ex Calcutta)
Arrives On:	13 Feb 28
Arrives At:	New Delhi
Cruise Nights:	15
Total Vacation Days:	16

Itinerary

Day 1: Kolkata (ex Calcutta) (India)

Arrive at Kolkata Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the Ganges Voyager II.

Arrives On: 29 Jan 28

Day 2: Kalna (India)

Kalna, once an important trade port on the river, is best known today for the magnificent Hindu temples built by the maharajas of Bardhaman— which you'll experience today. After marveling at the astonishing Rajbari temple complex, you may opt to walk with your guide through the colorful local market.

Arrives On: 30 Jan 28

Day 3: Matiari (India)

Your ship serves as a time machine today, transporting you hundreds of years into the past, as we travel to the authentic artisan village of Matiari.

Arrives On: 31 Jan 28

Day 4: Murshidabad (India)

Today's adventures take you to a duo of Bengali towns—Murshidabad and Baranagar—each one boasting surprising and beautiful architectural monuments closely linked to the ruling families of the area.

Arrives On: 01 Feb 28

Day 5: Kolkata (ex Calcutta) (India)

One of the world's most sacred bodies of water, the Ganges River flows through a myriad of small villages and highly populated cities throughout India and Bangladesh. Take in the remarkable scenery as you sail and be on the lookout for a rare sighting of the endangered Ganges river dolphin.

Arrives On: 02 Feb 28

Day 6: Mayapur (India)

Few places of worship exist on such a head-spinning scale as what you will witness today in Mayapur, the center of the international Hare Krishna movement and home to the new Temple of the Vedic Planetarium, still under construction. Most students of history know a thing or two about the British colonial powers in India, but few are aware that the French had colonies here as well. You'll visit this former French outpost today.

Arrives On: 03 Feb 28

Day 7: Kolkata (ex Calcutta) (India)

The city of Kolkata is synonymous with the enduring legacies of Mother Teresa and the colonial-era British Raj, both of which you will get better acquainted with today.

Arrives On: 04 Feb 28

Day 8: Mumbai (ex Bombay) (India)

Disembark the ship for your flight to Mumbai. Take the afternoon at leisure to rest at your hotel, The Oberoi Mumbai, which is situated right on the coast of the Arabian sea.

Arrives On: 05 Feb 28

Day 9: Mumbai (ex Bombay) (India)

Settle into your cabin onboard The Maharajas' Express as your journey by rail begins.

Arrives On: 06 Feb 28

Day 10: Udaipur (India)

Sprawling across seven lakes and a range of hillsides, Udaipur has earned itself the moniker "the Venice of the East." It is certainly amongst the most scenic locales in all of India, and a highlight of our adventures in this many splendored country. During your explorations of Udaipur today, sit for lunch at a local spot in town.

Arrives On: 07 Feb 28

Day 11: Jodhpur (India)

Having seen India's "Pink City" already, now it's time for you to visit the "Blue City" of Jodhpur. Swaths of brightly painted blue houses can be found throughout the city's streets. Once an indication that a Brahmin—a member of India's priestly class—inhabited a dwelling, the blue color later became emblematic of the city itself and a popular choice amongst its residents.

Arrives On: 08 Feb 28

Day 12: Bikaner (India)

Gaze out at the countryside while you enjoy breakfast onboard. In the 15th century, what was once a barren desert gave rise to a princely city carved of red sandstone. This city, Bikaner, is the site of your explorations today. Enjoy some free time in the morning to explore on your own or relax onboard before our afternoon explorations. Tonight, a special dinner experience awaits in the deserts outside the city.

Arrives On: 09 Feb 28

Day 13: Jaipur (India)

Pink is the color of hospitality in northwestern India, which gives you an idea of what to expect in the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Spend the morning visiting the city's famous Amber Fort, and the evening enjoying dinner out at an exclusive venue.

Arrives On: 10 Feb 28

Day 14: Ranthambore National Park (India)

Today you will visit stunning Ranthambore, home to a national park known for its large population of Bengal tigers.

Arrives On: 11 Feb 28

Day 15: Agra (India)

Start the day early with a visit to the majestic Taj Mahal, then return to the train as you head towards New Delhi where you will disembark the train and transfer to your luxury hotel, The Oberoi New Delhi.

Arrives On: 12 Feb 28

Day 16: New Delhi (India)

Check out of your hotel. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to the airport in New Delhi for your flight home.

Arrives On: 13 Feb 28

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