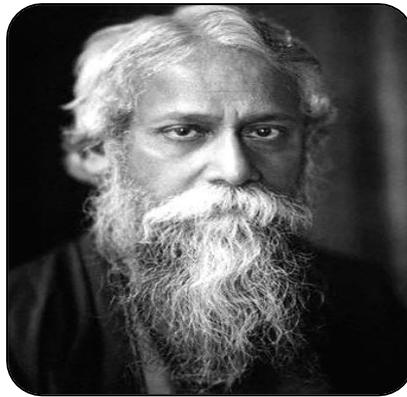


SHANTINIKETAN EXCURSION



Introduction

Shanti Niketan means the abode of peace. In 1863, a meditation center was founded at Shanti Niketan by Maharishi Debendranath Tagore, the father of the world famous Bengali Poet Rabindranath Tagore. Rabindranath established the Brahma Vidyalaya and in 1901 another open air school “Brahmacharya Ashram”. In 1921, it had expanded into Vishwa Bharati University – a residential university with an international body, hostels and extensive grounds. It includes separate colleges for fine arts and crafts, dance, music, teachers’ training, Asian languages, technology, postgraduate studies and research.

Itinerary

After breakfast at hotel drive to Shantiniketan (220 kms / 05 hrs one way). On arrival at Shantiniketan lunch at a pre decided place. Post lunch visit the University Campus and Sriniketan. If time permits you can visit Kankalitala also.

Details of places that can be visited:

The Vishwa Bharati University Campus

China Bhawan (The Chinese Faculty)

Chhatimtala (Here Maharshi Devendranath, the father of Rabindranath Tagore, used to meditate)

Kala Bhawan (The College of Fine Arts & Crafts) Patha Bhawan, Prayer Hall (Founded by the poet's father in 1863, the hall is made of glass. Prayers are held on Wednesday)

Bichitra (Also called Rabindra Bhavan, a Research Centre and Museum where the poet's personal belongings, paintings & various editions of his works are exhibited)

Sangeet Bhawan (College of Dance and Music)

Uttarayan Complex (The poet lived and worked in the Northern Complex consisting of several buildings as: Udayana, Konarka, Shyamali, Punascha and Udichi).

Sriniketan

The Institute of Rural Reconstruction was founded in 1922 at Surul at a distance of about three kilometers from Shantiniketan. It was formally inaugurated on February 6, 1922 with Leonard Elmhirst as its first Director. Thus the second but contiguous campus of Visva-Bharati came to be located in 1923 at a site which assumed the name of Sriniketan. The chief object was to help villagers and people to solve their own problems instead of a solution being imposed on them from outside. In consonance with the ideas about reconstruction of village life, a new type of school meant mainly for the children of neighbouring villages who would eventually bring

the offering of their acquired knowledge for the welfare of the village community was also conceived. This school, Siksha-Satra, was started in Shantiniketan in 1924 but was shifted to Sriniketan in 1927. The Lok-Siksha Samsad, an organization for the propagation of non-formal education amongst those who had no access to usual educational opportunities, was started in 1936. Siksha-Charcha for training village school teachers followed next year.

Weekly Closure: Wednesday & Thursday

Other Restriction: Photography restricted at Tagore Museum.

Prices:

This excursion can be booked by 1 participant minimum but prices decrease significantly, if there are at least 2 participants:

1 participant: 23.150 Rupees / 300 Euro

2 participants: 13.000 Rupees / 170 Euro

Prices for more participants on request.

All tours can be booked up to 24 hrs ahead of the desired day. A settlement with the possibly not used tram-program and the services on that day is excluded.

Package Includes :

- 01 AC Vehicle for sightseeing as per the tour Itinerary.
- 01 Accompanying English speaking guide from Kolkata to Kolkata.
- Entrances as per above tour itinerary.
- Lunch at Local Restaurant. **** This will be basic but hygienic restaurant and should not be compared to the standards of city restaurants.**
- Mineral Water.
- All Taxes includes GST

Package Excludes :

- ✗ Any accommodation & meals other than those mentioned above.
- ✗ Any Airfare/ Train Tickets.
- ✗ Any portage at hotels, Camera/Videographer Charges, Tips, Insurance, Wine, Mineral Water at restaurant/ hotel, Telephone Charges and all items of personal nature.
- ✗ Any services not specifically mentioned in the inclusions.
- ✗ Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and flight delays, roadblocks, Landslide, vehicle mal-functions, political disturbances etc.