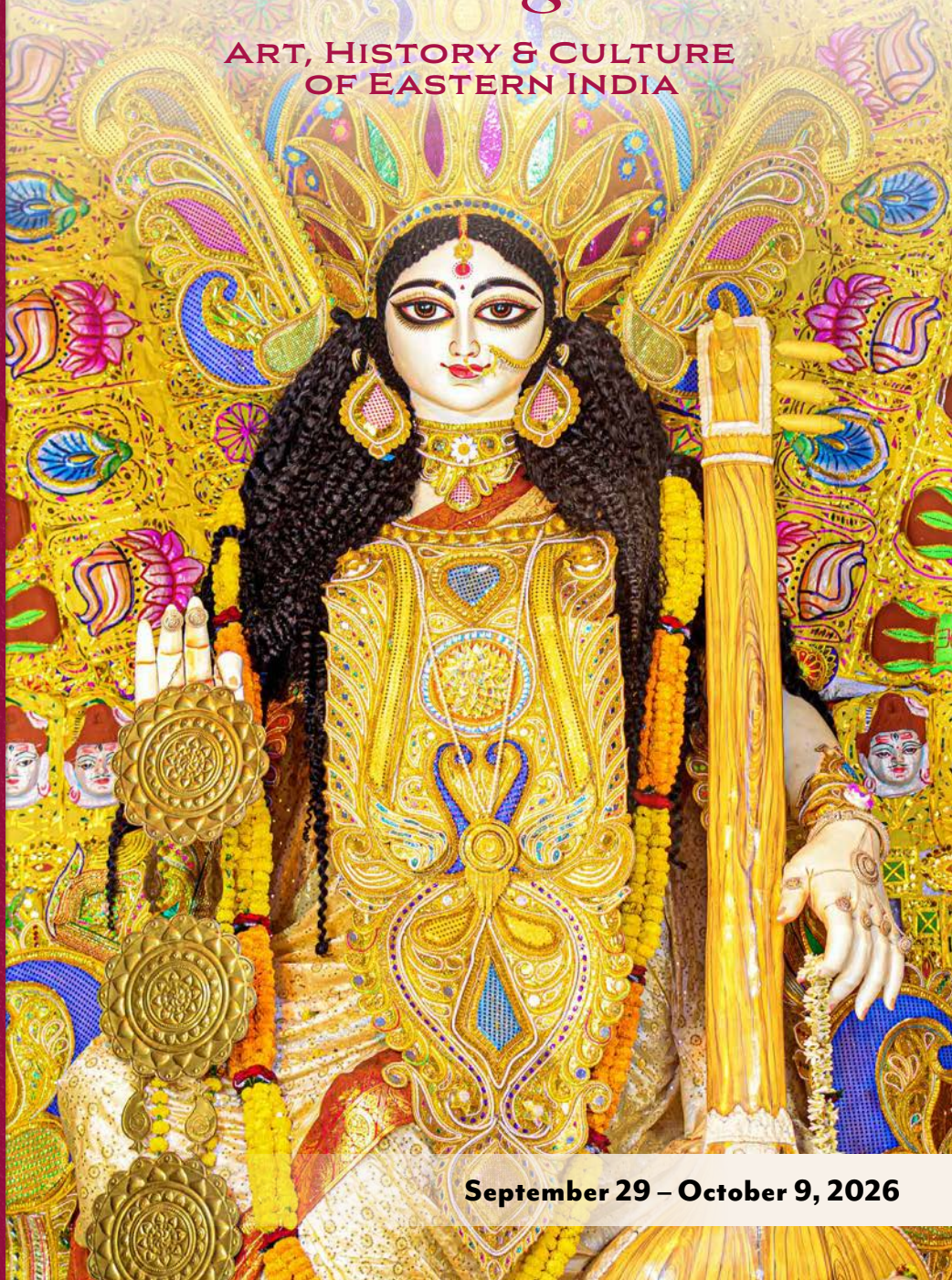




Featuring Faculty Leader **Reiko Ohnuma**,
Chair of the Department of Religion and the Robert 1932 and
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India's Ganges River

ART, HISTORY & CULTURE
OF EASTERN INDIA



September 29 – October 9, 2026

Discover the lifeblood of Eastern India as you sail the storied Ganges River aboard the deluxe *Ganges Voyager*. Cruising round-trip from Kolkata, the City of Palaces, anchor at small ports where you can experience village life, meet local people and learn about art, culture and religion. In this part of the world, at an intersection of three iconic faiths, tour holy buildings and pilgrimage sites for Hindus, Muslims and Christians. Stroll through bazaars and flower markets; observe potters, weavers and other artisans crafting their wares. Ride in rickshaws, sample unforgettable cuisine and delight in the music and dance of the region. Tour villages and towns, taking in breathtaking architecture and beautiful river views along the way.

Exclusive Highlights

- Journey round-trip from Kolkata aboard *Ganges Voyager*, an exclusively chartered, deluxe riverboat, with a night at *Taj Bengal, Kolkata*.
- Observe weavers in the village of Fulia, known for Jacquard and Jamdani saree weaving.
- Tour holy buildings and pilgrimage sites for Hindus, Muslims and Christians.



Above: A view of the Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir from the Ganges
Cover: A ceramic idol of the Goddess Devi Saraswati

Alumni Travel

Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends of Dartmouth,

On this 10-night program, fall in love with the incredible variety of Eastern India. Visit grand temples and humble weavers' cottages; learn about iconic faiths and watch local artisans; stroll through villages and take in the vast expanse of the river.

Explore the vibrant, fragrant Mallick Ghat Flower Market, which has been selling flowers every day for 165 years. Duck into Kumartuli, a traditional potters' quarter in North Kolkata that is over 300 years old. Delight in the diverse range of architectural styles, from Kolkata's opulent Victoria Memorial to the 108 sloped brown roofs of Rajbari Temple.

Travel in comfort and luxury on the *Ganges Voyager* for seven nights, with all shipboard gratuities and beverages included. Consider extending your adventure by booking the Pre-Tour Extension of seven nights in the Golden Triangle and Varanasi.

Joining us on this program are alumni from Colorado State University. Book now, while space and Special Savings available!

Warm regards from Hanover,



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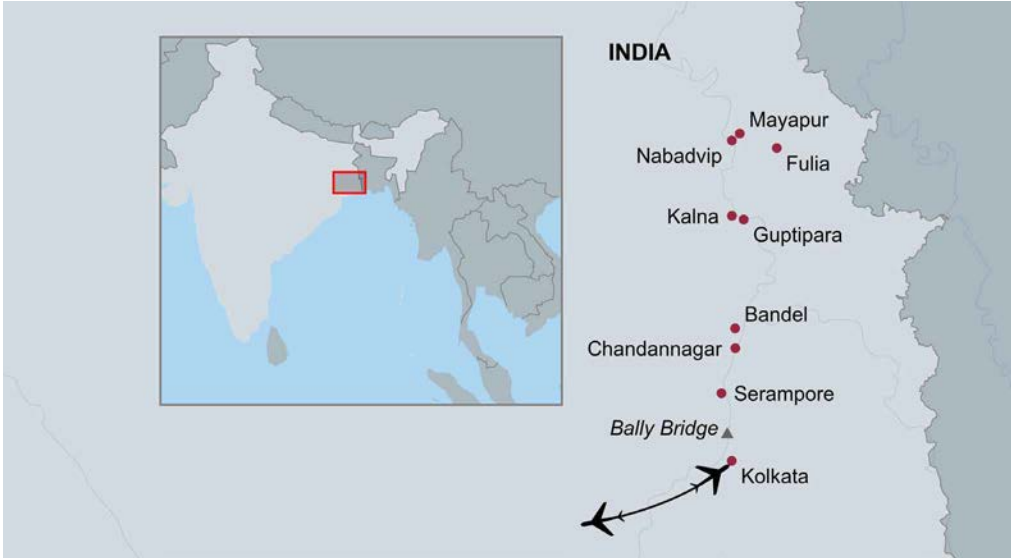
Faculty Leader

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Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata

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Day 1 | September 29

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Kolkata, India.

Day 2 | September 30

Kolkata, India
Arrive at Kolkata International Airport, then transfer to the deluxe *Taj Bengal, Kolkata* hotel. Spend time at leisure and make your own plans for dinner.

Day 3 | October 1 B-L-R-D

Kolkata | Embark
Embark the deluxe *Ganges Voyager* and settle in. This afternoon, set off on a city tour of Kolkata. Discover Benoy-Badal-Dinesh Bagh

(formerly called Dalhousie Square) and its lovely surrounding architecture. Drive past the beautiful and imposing Victoria Memorial, a monument to England’s queen, which houses art and museum exhibits. Join your fellow travelers for a Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

Day 4 | October 2 B-L-D

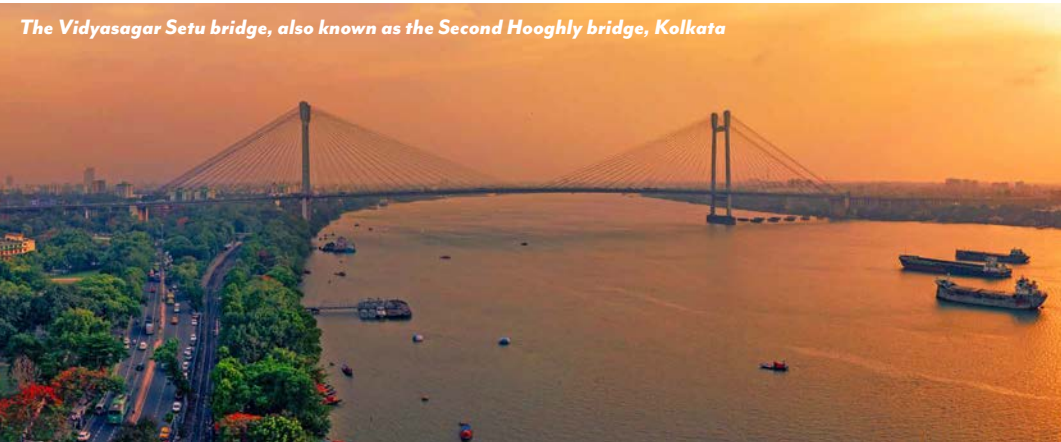
Kolkata | Bally Bridge
Stroll through the amazing Mallick Ghat Flower Market, which has been selling flowers daily for 165 years! From here we will head to Kumartuli, a traditional potters’ quarter in North Kolkata that is over

300 years old. This community is renowned for its talented sculptors and potters. Return to the ship and tuck into a delectable lunch on board as the ship departs Kolkata. We will sail upstream, skirting beneath the famed Howrah Bridge. From the deck, take in the views of the passing colonial buildings.

Day 5 | October 3 B-L-D

Bandel
Visit the Hooghly Imambara Pilgrimage Center, a Shia Muslim mosque and congregation hall featuring a mix of architectural styles. After lunch on board, hop on an eco-friendly e-rickshaw this

The Vidyasagar Setu bridge, also known as the Second Hooghly bridge, Kolkata



108 temples at the Rajbari Temple complex in Kalna



afternoon for your ride to the Hindu Shri Hanseswari Temple, with its unique design and rich symbolism. Stroll among the landscaped gardens and soak up the serene atmosphere.

Day 6 | October 4 **B-L-D**

Kalna

Ride e-rickshaws to visit the Rajbari Temple complex, which is dedicated to Krishna, a major deity in Hinduism. Here, 108 temples, many featuring arches and rounded roofs, are arranged around a central garden. Many of the buildings in the complex are covered with intricate terra cotta tiles and figures, depicting

religious stories and scenes from daily life. Afterward, stroll through the local vegetable market on the way back to the ship.

Day 7 | October 5 **B-L-D**

Kalna | Nabadvip | Mayapur

Set out on foot for the village of Nabadvip, where you will meet the locals and learn about everyday life. Visit a workshop where artisans make copper jars, and learn about how spices are used and stored. After lunch onboard, learn about Indian spices and cuisine at a cooking demonstration. This afternoon, take a boat ride to Mayapur and tour the headquarters of the

International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Stroll through the pilgrims' bazaar, meet Krishna's followers and visit the awe-inspiring temple.

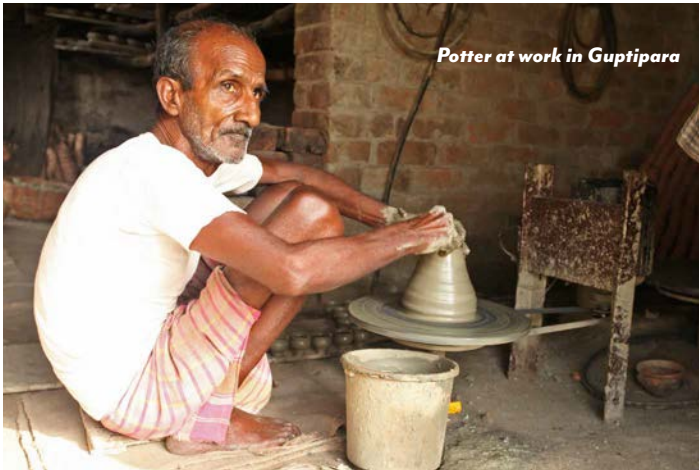
Day 8 | October 6 **B-L-D**

Guptipara | Fulia

Explore the town of Guptipara, where many Vaishnav temples were constructed in the 17th and early 18th centuries. These temples are notable for their fantastic terracotta artworks and designs. Visit a potter's home and interact with artisans creating clay statues and other items. Visit the village of Fulia, which is famous for its distinctive



Hooghly Imambara



Potter at work in Guptipara

Working a loom in Fulia



Lalji Temple, Kalna



Jacquard and Jamdani saree weaving.

Day 9 | October 7 B-L-R-D

Chandannagar | Serampore

Chandannagar became a French colony in 1673 and remained one for almost 300 years. On a walking tour, notice the historic colonial buildings, including the former French governor's residence, now converted into a museum. Stop in the museum and Sacred Heart church,

built in 1875. After lunch, visit Serampore, which was part of Danish India under the name Frederiknagore from 1755 to 1845. On a guided walking tour, explore Serampore's old town to see the Danish Tavern, St. Olav's Church and other heritage monuments. Join your fellow travelers for a Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening.

Day 10 | October 8

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Kolkata | Disembark Boat | Return To Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to Kolkata International Airport for your return flight home. There will be a day room provided at the *Taj Bengal* hotel for those with late departing flights.

Day 11 | October 9

Arrive in your home city.

Note: This is an ACTIVE program. The itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

Terra Cotta Works

Terra cotta is a popular medium for sculpture worldwide, and especially in East India. The clay material is readily available, easy to work with, brightly colored and durable.

Terra cotta creations are considered to be one of the earliest expressions of human artistry. Sculptures in India date back to the Indus Valley civilization, which flourished from 3300 to 1700 B.C. In Western Bengal, terra cotta sculpting has continued to evolve since then into a prominent art form. Here temples are covered in complex sculptures, depicting religious stories and scenes, with surprisingly intricate details.

Artists also craft terra cotta into clay idols for ceremonies. For centuries, the festival of Durga Puja — a ten-day celebration of the goddess Durga as the mother of all creation — has enraptured the Bengali people. Local potters and sculptors work feverishly to create beautiful clay renditions of Durga in time for the festival. Also popular is the deity Kali, a fierce goddess associated with destruction and power, particularly revered in the Bengali region.





Lalji Temple, Kalna



Ganges River cows, Mayapur

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



The Golden Triangle & Varanasi

September 23 to October 1 (Program Begins: September 24)

Immerse yourself in the cultural heritage and history of these iconic locations. Begin in Delhi, where you'll tour the colorful city and visit markets, temples and monuments. In Agra, visit the eternal Taj Mahal, unforgettable monument to love. Delight in the vibrant variety of Jaipur on tours of the Amber Fort, Palace Complex and bazaars. Take an included internal flight to Varanasi to explore one of India's oldest and most captivating cities. Visit holy sites, observe prayer rituals, and stroll through markets and museums. Accommodations for 7 nights at deluxe hotels.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$4,595

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- One-night stay at the deluxe *Taj Bengal, Kolkata*.
- 7-night cruise round-trip from Kolkata, India aboard the deluxe *Ganges Voyager*.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
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GANGES VOYAGER



Ganges Voyager offers all-suite cruises with personalized butler service, a high staff-to-guest ratio and warm, friendly service. This colonial-style ship is painted all white in the Georgian manner and features Burmese teak flooring, cane furniture, hand-painted murals and expansive views of the river. Indulge in delectable on-board cuisine, boasting fresh ingredients and regionally inspired menus.

2026 DEPARTURE DATE | September 29 to October 9 | Tour Begins: September 30

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
E	Suite with spacious French balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors; two twin beds or one queen bed; comfortable seating area; fine wood furniture. 261 sq ft Main Deck, mid & fwd.	\$6,495	\$5,495
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C	Suite with French balcony & comfortable indoor seating area. 261 sq ft Upper Deck, mid & aft.	\$8,095	\$7,095
B	Suite with colonial decor, Persian rugs & hand-stenciled walls. Spacious bathroom. 360 sq ft Upper Deck, aft.	\$9,495	\$8,495
A	Suite with Persian rugs, teak floors, tapestry & writing desk. Spacious bathtub & shower. Daily butler service & in-room dining. 400 sq ft Upper Deck, fwd.	\$9,995	\$8,995

All suites are river-view and feature: air conditioning; deluxe hotel-style bedding; spacious en-suite bathrooms; hair dryer; slippers & honeycomb bathrobes; spa-quality bath amenities; built-in closet; complimentary Wi-Fi; electronic safe; non-alcoholic minibar; drinking water; flat-screen TV with movie system.

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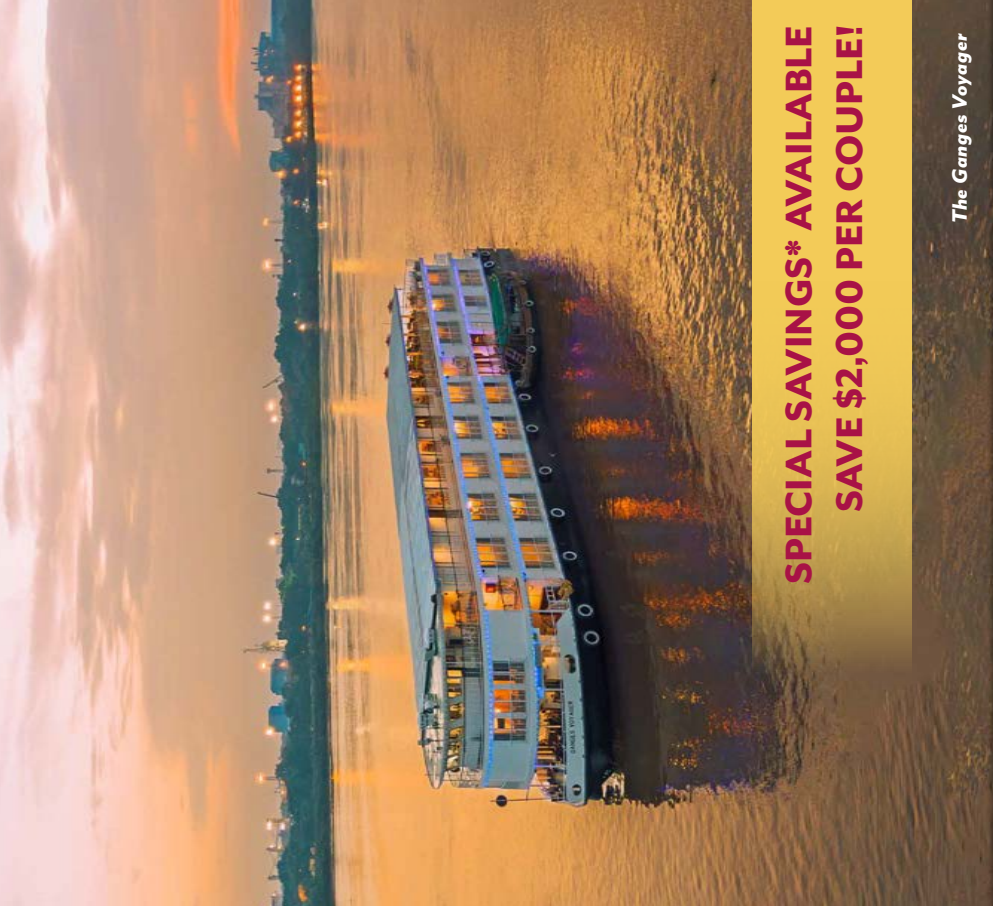
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