

# Kolkata, West Bengal, India

The former capital of British India, Kolkata is a raw, vivid city of crumbling colonial grandeur, sacred river ghats, and legendary street food. Arriving by ship on the Hooghly is an experience in itself.

 Docked at Kidderpore / river jetty  Typical call: 8-12 hrs  Indian Rupee (INR)  Bengali, English, Hindi

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ocean ships berth at Kidderpore Docks; river cruises dock at Millennium Park or Man-of-War Jetty

**Best For:** Colonial history, temple hopping, street food, and sensory immersion

**Walk to center:** Kidderpore: not walkable — take Uber/Ola or tour bus.  
River jetty: steps from BBD Bagh

**Don't Miss:** Victoria Memorial, Mullick Ghat Flower Market at dawn, Kumartuli potters' quarter

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ₹200–400 (~\$2–5) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Ola ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Victoria Memorial & Gardens** — The crown jewel of Raj-era architecture — a vast white marble palace-museum built to honor Queen Victoria, set in lush gardens.
- **Kumartuli Potters' Quarter** — A 300-year-old riverside neighbourhood where artisans hand-sculpt enormous clay idols of Hindu deities — especially the goddess Durga.
- **Colonial Dalhousie Square (BBD Bagh)** — The heart of British Calcutta, ringed by monumental Victorian and Edwardian public buildings — the Writers' Building, GPO, High Court, and St John's...
- **Mother House & Mother Teresa's Tomb** — The global headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity is a quiet, contemplative space open to all visitors.
- **Mullick Ghat Flower Market at Dawn** — Asia's largest wholesale flower market operates under the Howrah Bridge from around 4 AM.

## BEST WALKS

- **River Jetty to BBD Bagh Colonial Circuit** 1.5 km | 20 min | Easy | River cruise passengers only — From Millennium Park Jetty, stroll north along the Strand riverfront, passing the Man-of-War Jetty, to Dalhousie Square (BBD Bagh).
- **Victoria Memorial to Park Street** 1.5 km | 20 min walk | Easy | All passengers (after transport to area) — From the Victoria Memorial gardens, walk north along Jawaharlal Nehru Road (Chowringhee) to Park Street — Kolkata's famous entertainment and restaurant strip.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| 🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |     |      |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|-----|
|                                  | Mon | High | Low |
| Apr                              |     | 96°  | 78° |
| Jun                              |     | 91°  | 81° |
| Aug                              |     | 88°  | 79° |
| Sep                              |     | 88°  | 78° |
| Oct                              |     | 87°  | 75° |

| 🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY                                                                              |  |
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| Apr 5:16AM–5:56PM · Jun 4:51AM–6:22PM · Aug 5:13AM–6:08PM · Sep 5:23AM–5:39PM · Oct 5:33AM–5:11PM |  |

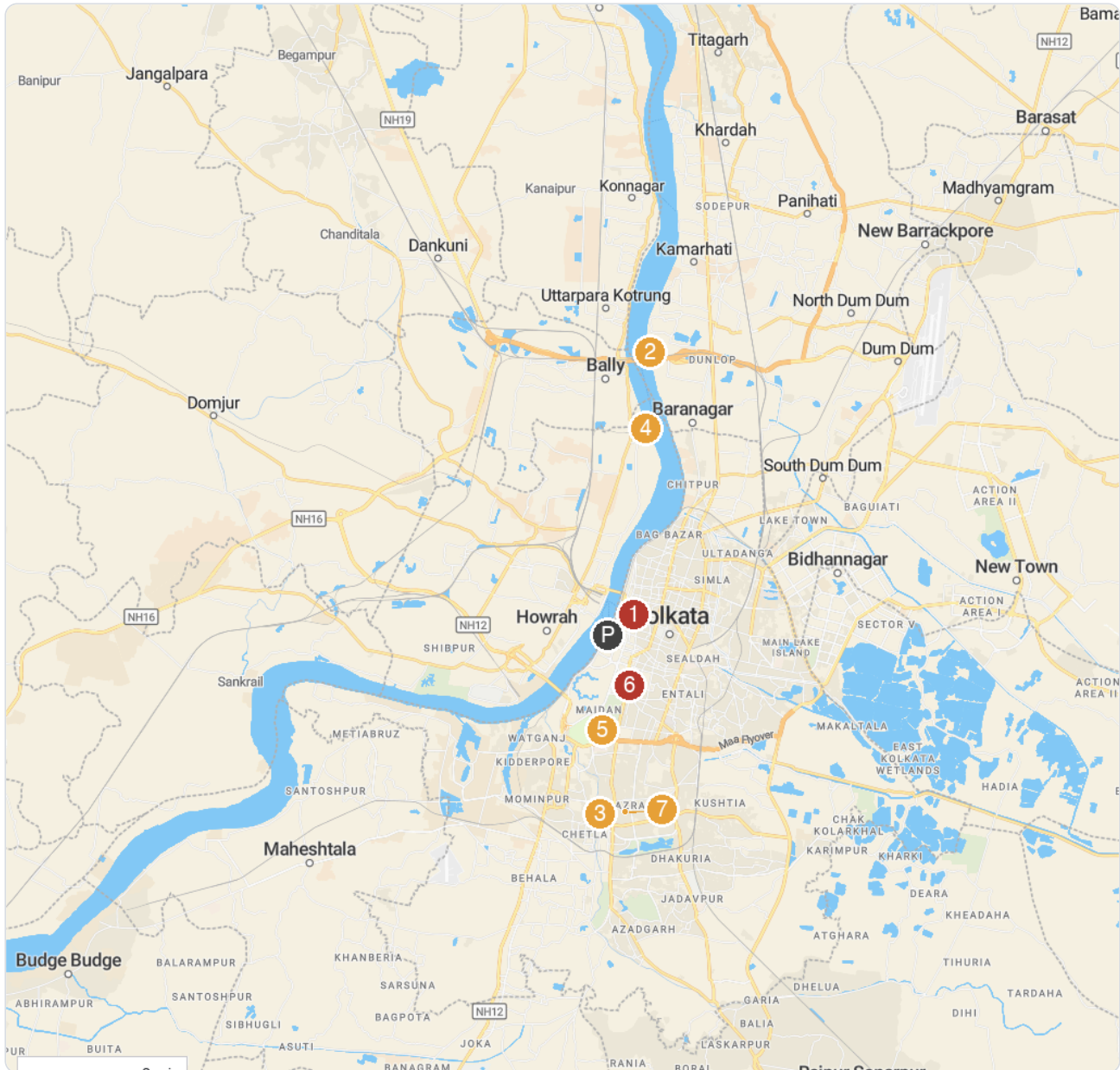
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- India visa required: Get your e-Visa well before sailing — most nationalities need one and it must be printed. Check if a multiple-entry visa is needed if your itinerary includes other Indian ports.
- Kidderpore is NOT walkable: It's a sealed industrial port. Use Uber/Ola (set up the app before your trip), ship shuttles, or a pre-booked private car to reach the city.
- Traffic is brutal: Return 90 minutes before all-aboard, not 30. Kolkata's roads can add an hour to any journey without warning.
- Carry rupee cash: Street food, markets, and auto-rickshaws are cash-only. ATMs are widely available — withdraw a few thousand rupees when you land. Keep small denominations handy.
- Heat and humidity: Kolkata is hot and extremely humid October–May. Dress in breathable cotton, carry water, and pace yourself. The Mullick Ghat flower market is best at 6 AM before the heat builds.
- Dress respectfully: Cover shoulders and knees for temples, churches, and the Mother House. Remove shoes at all religious sites. Kolkata is far more conservative than Indian beach destinations.

# Kolkata, West Bengal, India — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY | Kolkata's oldest Roman Catholic cathedral, built in 1799.     | <b>2</b> Dakshineswar Kali Temple | Iconic Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Kali on Hooghly River. |
| <b>3</b> Kalighat Kali Mata Temple         | Ancient, revered Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Kali.      | <b>4</b> Belur Math               | Headquarters of Ramakrishna Math and Mission, a spiritual hub.  |
| <b>5</b> Victoria Memorial                 | Grand marble monument and museum dedicated to Queen Victoria. | <b>6</b> Indian Museum            | India's oldest and largest museum, diverse collections.         |
| <b>7</b> SREE GURUVAYURAPPAN TEMPLE        | Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Guruvayurappan (Krishna).      | <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal   |                                                                 |