

## FULL DAY EXCURSION TO SHANTINIKETAN

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.



### **Tour Program**

**Kolkata – Shantiniketan – Kolkata [220 kms / 5 hours one way]**

After breakfast at hotel proceed to drive to Shantiniketan.

On arrival at Shantiniketan you will have lunch at a local restaurant.

Post lunch visit the University Campus and Sriniketan.

### **Program Brief**

#### **The Vishwa Bharati University Campus**

**China Bhawan** (The Chinese Faculty)

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

**Kala Bhavan** (The College of Fine Arts & Crafts) Patha Bhavan, 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.

Later in time drive back to Kolkata.

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**Tour Cost in INR (Indian Rupee)**

Cost Basis	Tour Cost Per Person
Minimum 7-8 Pax using A/c Tempo Traveller	INR 4855
Minimum 3-4 Pax using A/c Toyota Innova	INR 6850
Minimum 2 Pax using A/c Medium car	INR 8380
1 person traveling alone using A/c Medium car	INR 15710

**Tour cost includes:**

- Transport service as per itinerary using exclusive air-conditioned vehicle.
- Accompanied English speaking guide.
- Monument entrance fee (One time only).
- Lunch at local restaurant.

**Please Note: Weekly Closure:** Tuesday (Half day) and Wednesday (Full day)

**Other Restriction:** Photography restricted at Tagore Museum.