

Bandel, West Bengal, India

A quiet bend in the Hooghly holds centuries of history — Portuguese basilicas, Mughal shrines, and terracotta temples crowd a riverbank most travellers speed past.

 River mooring (ghat)  Typical call: 5–7 hrs  Indian Rupee (INR)  Bengali / Hindi  Best Oct–Feb

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River mooring at Bandel Ghat; small vessels tie up directly, larger ships may anchor and tender

Best For: Colonial history, Indo-Portuguese architecture, river scenery

Walk to centre: Bandel Church is ~500 m from the ghat; town market ~5 min walk

Don't Miss: The ship's mast relic inside the Basilica of the Holy Rosary

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ₹50–₹150 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Ola

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Basilica of the Holy Rosary** — One of the oldest churches in India, the Basilica was founded by Portuguese Augustinians in 1599 and rebuilt in 1660.
- **Hooghly Imambara** — A short ride downriver in Chinsurah, this grand Shia Muslim shrine features a clock tower whose twin towers — about 150...
13 slender spires dedicated to the goddess Hangseshwari...
- **Bansberia Temples — Hangseshwari & Ananta Basudeb** — In nearby Bansberia, the Hangseshwari Temple is a riot of
- **Hooghly River Boat Ride** — Local wooden boats leave from Bandel Ghat for leisurely river rides past riverside ghats, temple spires, and colonial...
- **Chandannagar Day Visit** — The former French enclave of Chandannagar, about 7 km south, preserves a Strand promenade, the Institut de...

BEST WALKS

- **Ghat to Basilica Walk** 0.5 km · 10 min · Flat — Follow the main road north from Bandel Ghat to reach the Basilica of the Holy Rosary.
- **Riverside Stroll** 1 km · 20 min · Flat — A leisurely walk along the riverbank from the ghat northward reveals fishing boats, dhobi ghats, and locals bathing — quintessential...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	96°	73°	8d
Jun	89°	76°	22d
Aug	83°	73°	26d
Sep	83°	72°	25d
Oct	83°	69°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:39AM–6:14PM · Jun 5:18AM–6:36PM · Aug 5:37AM–6:25PM · Sep 5:44AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:51AM–5:33PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry rupees from Kolkata. There are no ATMs at or near the ghat. Small denominations are useful for rickshaws, boat rides, and market stalls.