

SILK RIVER INDIA WALK

WHERE THAMES AND HOOGLY MEET

6-16 DECEMBER 2017



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6th DECEMBER



Presented in collaboration with International Murshidabad Resurgence Festival 2017

2pm: Meet at Jain Kothi, Azimganj

Heritage Walk in Azimganj led by Pradip Chopra

Chopra

Seminar on Riverfront regeneration & place-making

Launch of Silk River India

Cultural Programme: Bangla Qawwali - Amanat Fakir, Arman Fakir, Babu Fakir

**schedule subject to change*

7th DECEMBER

10:00am: Meet at Motijheel, Lalbagh

Walk with Raibenshe artists

Visit Hazarduari Palace, Kathgola Palace

Tour of Cossimbazar Rajbari

Light & Sound show at Motijheel Park (optional)



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8th DECEMBER



Journey by boat to Krishnanagar

Reflections on the River - Silk River discussions

and exchange, Vision for the Hooghly

Songs of the river - Pranesh Som

5pm: Meet at Nabadwip Ghat

Visit Balakhana estate, Maheshganj, former Indigo plantation.

Presentation by Ranodhir Palchoudhuri

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Silk River 2017

Join us on a unique 10 day journey down the Hooghly from Murshidabad to Kolkata.

Led by Kinetika, UK and Think Arts, India, we are accompanied by a group of contemporary artists, historians, writers and musicians from UK and India.

We will be interacting with local communities who have been working on this project for over a year to devise a bespoke tour of each area.

- Participate in an international artistic exchange
- Visit artisan workshops, historic palaces and estates
- Attend cultural programmes and talks by historians and travel writers
- Process with us carrying the Silk River scrolls

The Silk River project explores the unique relationship between London and Kolkata through artistic exchange between communities along the Thames Estuary and India's Hooghly River. Each community has created a 6 metre hand-painted silk scroll that is a visual narrative of their walk. Every day, a core group will welcome two new scrolls to be carried by participants with a grand finale as we walk back into central Kolkata with all twenty of the spectacular Silk River scrolls.

9th DECEMBER



9am: Meet at Putul Patti, Ghurni

Interact with clay artists

Procession Ghurni to Krishnanagar Rajbari led by

writer Tamal Bandopadhyay, followed by talk .

Presentation by students of Krishnanagar Academy

Performances and artists interaction :

Baul/Fakir Subhadra Sharma, Babu Fakir

Puppetry : Ranjan Roy

Clay Dolls: Saikat Mondal, Pranab Biswas

Picnic lunch at Baganbari

Visit local 'daaker shaaj' and shola artist

Ashish Bagchi's studio

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10th DECEMBER

Journey by boat to Chandannagar

5pm: Meet at IMA Hall

'Mrityunjoy' - play based on Revolutionary leaders

from this region performed by Shilpi Mon

Written by Sulogna Chakraborty , Directed by

Gopal Bhattacharya Music Sourav Saha. Organised

by Tushar Bhattacharya

Light Display on the Strand by Babu Pal and local artists



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11th DECEMBER



9am: Meet at Ganges Gurukul School

Performance by students

Processional Walk along the Strand led by

Neline Mondal

Journey by boat to Barrackpore

7pm: Indian Classical Music by Archie Bhattacharjee,

Anupam Pramanik

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12th DECEMBER

10 am: Meet at Mangal Pandey Ghat

Talk by Priyanka Chatterjee
Walk to Gandhi Museum, led by Future Hope.
Talk on Gandhi by Pratik Ghosh, Director,
Gandhi Museum
Visit Future Hope Centre



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16th DECEMBER

10am: Meet at Botanic Gardens

Walk inside the garden led a scientist from BSI
Reflections on the Silk River journey



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13th DECEMBER



Early morning visit to Serampore (optional)
Journey by boat from Barrackpore

2pm: Meet at Marble Palace Gate

Walk to Jorasanko
Visit Rabindra Bharati Museum
Walk through Chitpur Road to Kumartuli led by
Pranajit Bose

CLOSING CEREMONY

16th DECEMBER



3pm: Meet Victoria Memorial North Gate

Process around Victoria Memorial Gardens
4.15pm: Eastern Quadrangle, Victoria Memorial
Hall Grounds
Display and exhibition of crafts of Bengal,
organised by RCCH

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14th DECEMBER

10am: Meet at Foreshore Ghat

Join students of DPS Howrah in their Clean Ganga
Project

Visit Howrah Station Tour of Rail Museum and a talk
on 'Indian Railways'

11pm: Night Walk meet Dalhousie Square led by
Anthony Khatchaturian



SILK RIVER INDIA-UK LOCATIONS

Murshidabad: Gravesend
Krishnanagar: Southend
Chandannagar: Barking
and Dagenham
Barrackpore/Serampore:
Greenwich/Woolwich
Jorasanko: Purfleet
Burrabazar: Tower
Hamlets
Howrah: Dartford
Kidderpore: Tilbury
Batanagar: East Tilbury
Botanic Gardens: Kew
Gardens



Silk River has been directed by Ali Pretty, Kinetika,
UK with Directors Silk River India Korak Ghosh and
Ruchira Das, Think Arts

15th DECEMBER



8am: Meet at Floatel

Boat Ride to Khidderpore
Visit Clock Tower and Indenture Labour Memorial,
Swing bridge Tour of BNR heritage complex led by
Rangan Datta

3pm: Meet at Bata School, Batanagar

Presentation by school students
Walk from school to Bata Shoe Factory led by
Papia Sarkar
Meet eminent locals and artists



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