

# SILK RIVER INDIA WALK

WHERE THAMES AND HOOGHLY 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

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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