

# Travel Destination: Kolkata

## Kolkata.

Earlier known by its British name of Calcutta, it was declared to be the capital of British India, and Kolkata remained as such until the British decided to shift the capital to Delhi in 1911.

Kolkata, located in West Bengal on the eastern coast of India, grew industrially from the 1850s; today with its 15 million residents it has grown into the cultural capital of India. It's a vibrant yet intimate city, full of captivating soul and crumbling buildings. In addition, Kolkata is only city in India to have a tram car network, which adds to its old-world charm.

Plan your trip to Kolkata, third largest city of India after Mumbai and Delhi.

## Airport Information.



Kolkata Airport

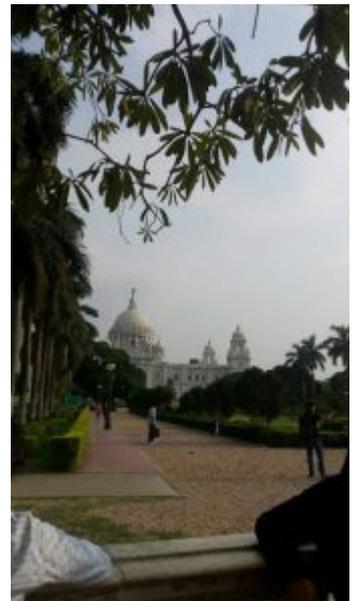
Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport is India's fifth busiest airport and handles about 10 million passengers per year. It's an international airport but over 80% of its passengers are domestic travelers. The airport is located in Dum Dum, 16 kilometers northeast of the city.

## Getting Around.

*October.* This is the festival time in India. Durga Puja is the biggest festival of the year in Kolkata.

Kolkata offers an unique combination of historical, cultural, and spiritual attractions. Take a look at some of these Compelling Places to Visit in Kolkata to get an idea of what you shouldn't miss: Howrah bridge, Fort Williams, Victoria Memorial, Hooghly river, and above all Ganga Sagar and Sunderbans recommended for the adventurous.

## **Where to Stay**



Most people choose to stay in and around Park Street, which is the center of Kolkata and close to most tourist attractions. See here some of the Best Hotels in Kolkata. All Budgets are recommended.

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## **Health and Safety Information**

Kolkata is a reasonably safe Indian city.

At times, it is not possible to get around the city as transport doesn't operate during strikes and all shops remain closed.

It's important not to drink the water in Kolkata. Instead buy

readily available and inexpensive bottled water to stay healthy.