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THE DALHOUSIE SQUARE & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH WALK

Approximate time: 3.5 hours (approx.)

Walking distance 2 kms (approx.)

• Time: 20th September Saturday (Morning from 9.00)

Participation fees: 1000/- + Transport on actuals

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The sites covered in this trip, gives our guests a good idea of the entire canvas of history beginning with the initial stage of the British in India to the time when the East India Company, a business outfit was virtually ruling India. The stories narrated in the walk takes us to the days when British were trying to gain a foothold in Bengal amidst stiff competition from other colonial powers and adversity of the ruling Nawabs of Bengal. Our guests are conducted not only through this journey of the merchants to their ultimate destiny of becoming rulers, but also a journey of the city of Calcutta from being three tiny hamlets to a leading cultural mixing pot of the 20th century.

As a bonus we will arrange a glimpse of the ongoing preparations for Puja Festivities in the artisan's colony of Kolkata called Kumartuli.





THE DALHOUSIE SQUARE

Approximate time: 3 hours (approx.)

Walking distance2 kms (approx.)

• Time: 21st September Sunday (Morning from 9.00)

Participation fees: 800/- + Transport on actuals

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of the 20th century.

Since visitors are not allowed inside St. John's Church on Sundays and visiting Kumartuli will be

next to impossible for the crowd thronging the ghats for Mahalaya rituals, we'll arrange visits to

a couple of places to give our guests an idea of the preparations of the festivities just a week

away.

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Join Us for an Exclusive Bird Walk

Organized by Birdwatchers' Society for OPAI 2025 Delegates

Discover the beauty of Subhash Sarovar — a serene lake with lush greenery, located just opposite the conference venue. Witness herons building nests and young fledglings taking their first flights!

Details:

Date: 21-Sept-2025

Timing: 6:00 AM - 6:45 AM

Assembly Point: 5:45 - 5:55 AM

Car parking area opposite the West Gate of Raaj Kutir

Resource Persons:

Maj. Bharatendra Singh Parihar

Dr. Anirban Bhaduri

Things to Remember:

Wear light, comfortable clothes and sturdy footwear.

Carry a cap/hat, water bottle, and a pair of binoculars if you have one.

Bird walks are the cornerstone of BWS's activities - come experience the joy of connecting with nature!