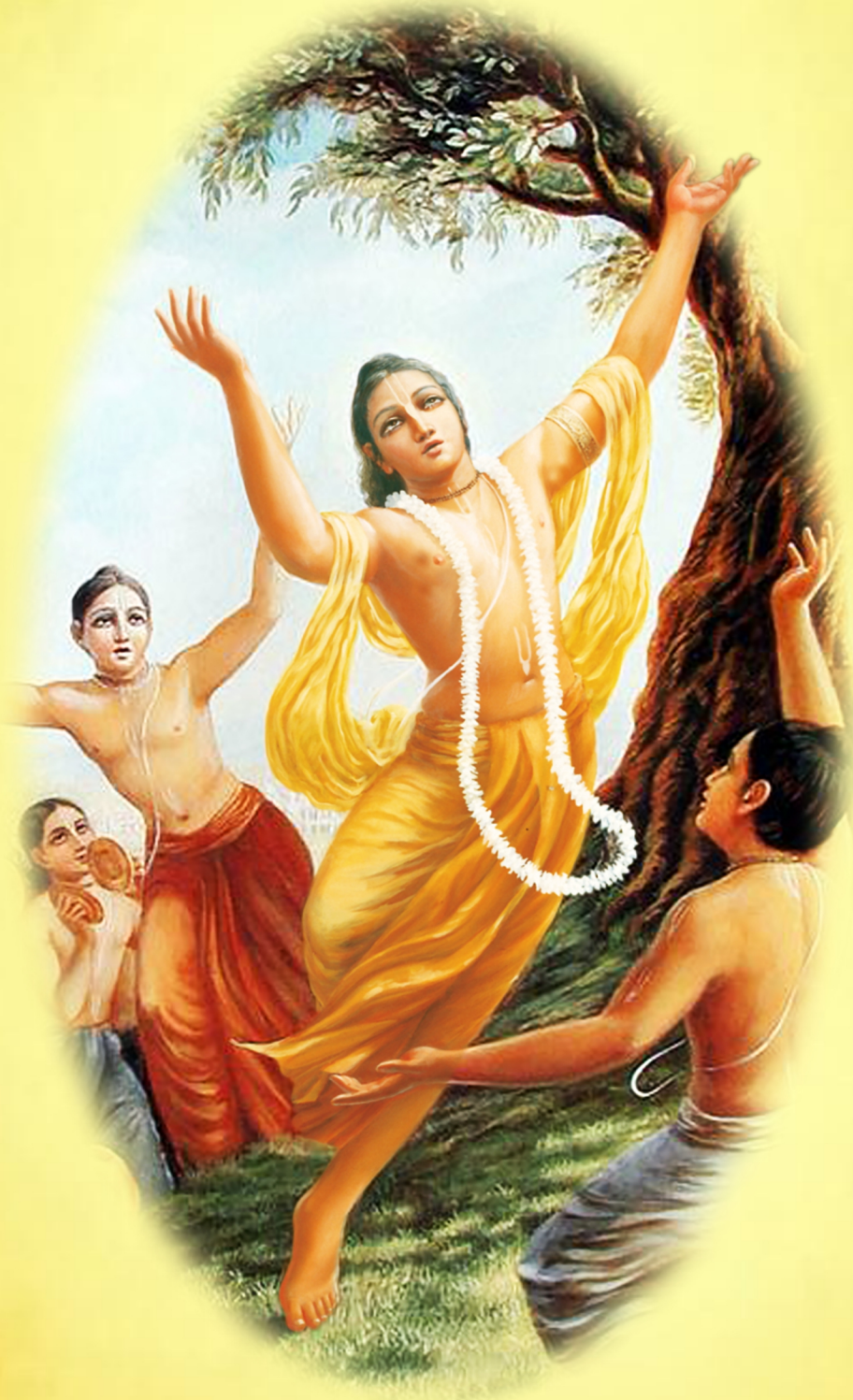


Sri Gaura Mandala Parikrama

2024



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(ISKCON Bangalore and HKM group of temples)

Hare Krishna!
Dear devotees,

We feel blessed to inform you that ISKCON Bangalore and Hare Krishna Movement are organising a 'once in a lifetime' spiritual opportunity for all - the SRI GAURA MANDALA PARIKRAMA in March 2024!

The first-ever chance offered by ISKCON devotees, for a systematic circumambulation of the most sacred Gaura Mandala, the holiest land of Lord Sri Chaitanya.

Along the Parikrama route, we will be stopping at many holy places associated with the pastimes of Lord Gaurasundara and His devotees in Orissa, West Bengal and Bangladesh.

We are very eager to set out on this glorious spiritual journey, and take you along with us!

Please find below details regarding the Gaura Mandala Parikrama.

Thank you,
Your servant,
(Parikrama - organizers)

Duration: 20 days, from 1st March 2024 to 20th March 2024. Starts from Sri Jagannatha Puri and ends at Kolkata.

Places to visit: 50+ exciting Lila-sthalis, which we often hear from the Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita but have rarely visited.

Seats Available: 220 Total. (Full-time temple devotees 100 seats and initiated congregation devotees 120 seats)
Bookings will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Procedure to book your seat:

Step 1: Register your seat by paying a token fee of INR 10,000/- per participant before 10th Nov 2023

Step 2: After registration, you can apply for a passport if you do not have one. Then, follow the necessary procedures to apply for a Bangladesh visa. Refer to the provided contact details of agents or reach out to your known contacts.

Step 3: Upon receiving these two, you may complete the online registration by paying the full amount on or before 15th December 2023.

Please read the following details carefully before applying for the Parikrama.

Important Dates (All timings are as per Indian Standard Time):

	Starts on	Ends on
Registration for all categories of Devotees	15 th Oct 2023, 10:00 AM	15 th Dec 2023, 6:00 PM
Last day for paying a token advance of INR 10,000/-	-	10 th Nov 2023, 6:00 PM
Last date for completing full payment	-	30 th Dec 2023, 6:00 PM
Reporting Time & Date at Puri Hotel	1 st March 2024, 10:00 AM	*1 st March 2024, 5:00 PM
Parikrama End Time & Date (Drop at Kolkata Airport)		**20 th March 2024, 1:00 PM

*There will be an ISHTAGOSTHI meeting on 1st March at 5:30 PM at Puri, which is mandatory to attend for all participants.

**We can confirm the exact arrival time of the return flight from Chittagong to Kolkata only by 15th December 2023.

Tentative Parikrama Itinerary:

Date	Day	Places	Night stay
Friday, 1 March, 2024	Day 0	Arrive at Puri	Puri
Saturday, 2 March, 2024	Day 1	Sri Jagannatha Puri	Puri
Sunday, 3 March, 2024	Day 2	Cuttack and Balasore	Balasore
Monday, 4 March, 2024	Day 3	Remuna, Kahnupur, Gopiballabhpur, Howrah	Flotal-Kolkata
Tuesday, 5 March, 2024	Day 4	Kolkata, Cruise to 24th North Paragana, Bandel	Bishnupur
Wednesday, 6 March, 2024	Day 5	Bishnupur	Bishnupur
Thursday, 7 March, 2024	Day 6	Joyadev and Ekachakra Dham	Behrampur
Friday, 8 March, 2024	Day 7	Jiaganj, Bhagawangola	Malda
Saturday, 9 March, 2024	Day 8	Ramkeli	Malda
Sunday, 10 March, 2024	Day 9	Bangladesh border crossing, Kheturi	Rajshahi
Monday, 11 March, 2024	Day 10	Puthia, Magura	Jashore
Tuesday, 12 March, 2024	Day 11	Benapole, Kheragachi	Jashore
Wednesday, 13 March, 2024	Day 12	Prembag	Dhaka
Thursday, 14 March, 2024	Day 13	Dhaka	Dhaka
Friday, 15 March, 2024	Day 14	Gola bazar, Burunga, Sachi Angan Dham,	Sylhet
Saturday, 16 March, 2024	Day 15	Sylhet, Pantirtha Sri Advaita Acharya Birthplace	Sylhet
Sunday, 17 March, 2024	Day 16	Beanibazar, Dhaka Dakshin	Cumilla
Monday, 18 March, 2024	Day 17	Chattogram, Pundarick Dham	Chattogram
Tuesday, 19 March, 2024	Day 18	Radha Kalachand, Vasudeva & Mukunda Datta	Chattogram
Wednesday, 20 March, 2024	Day 19	Fly to Kolkata	-

The accommodation & Prasadam will be available from day 0 (Friday, 1st March 2024) at noon.

Local transportation will be via Volvo bus, minibus, auto and cruise throughout the Parikrama.

Return flight to Kolkata from Chittagong, Bangladesh will be on Day 19 (20th March 2024) morning.

Important Contact Numbers & E-mail IDs

SEVAS	Contact Number with WhatsApp	E-mail IDs
Registration of Devotees	+91 9379850565 /+91 9379662623	registration@parikramas.org
Seva / Volunteer	+91 9379850565 /+91 9379662623	seva@parikramas.org
General info	+91 9379850565 /+91 9379662623	info@parikramas.org

Eligibility

The minimum qualification for applying for the Parikrama is as follows:

1. Initiated full-time devotees and initiated congregation devotees.
2. Chanting a minimum of 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily and following the four regulative principles, including restraint from tea and coffee from the date of Registration.
3. Applicant should follow the prescribed dress code of Dhoti-kurta for men and Saree for women.
4. Devotees applying for the Parikrama should inform the local Temple President about their participation before registering for the Parikrama.

Parikrama donation fees

The Parikrama fees are the following:

Adult: INR 93,000/- per participant

Children: 8 to 12 years - INR 85,000/- (with an extra bed)

Children: 2 to 7 years - INR 68,000/- (no extra bed)

Infants below 2 years: free

Includes:

- ✓ From Day 0 to Day 19, we will provide very good, clean & hygienic AC accommodation on a twin-sharing basis for the congregation and a triple-sharing basis for full-time missionaries.
- ✓ All three times Prasadam (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) is included.
- ✓ All local transportation by AC vehicle to holy places as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ ID cards and other paraphernalia related to Parikrama.
- ✓ All entry fees, wherever necessary, during the Parikrama.
- ✓ Return flight from Chittagong (Bangladesh) to Kolkata.

Excludes:

- Passport and Visa fees, travel insurance fees.
- Travel to Puri and return journey from Kolkata to respective destination.
- Anything not mentioned in the above includes section.

Online Registration

- ✓ From 15th October 2023, registration will be open on www.parikramas.org website.
- ✓ Register online and pay INR 10,000/- per participant as token fees.
- ✓ Fill up the details required for the registration, like name (as given in passport), age, etc. and submit the documents and passport-size photo online.
- ✓ Registration must be done for every participant from a family or a group.
- ✓ Make payment online with a UPI or Credit/Debit card or Net Banking. Registration will be confirmed only after the payment process is complete. You will receive a payment receipt online and also on your registered email ID.
- ✓ Registration is **COMPULSORY** for all devotees attending the Parikrama, including Brahmacharis, full-time Grihastha devotees, children/infants under two years of age, etc.
- ✓ Details of banks that allow NetBanking facility are available at www.parikramas.org

Late Registration

Pre-registration will be closed on 10th November 2023 upon receiving the token advance from the first 220 participants. However, further registration may be possible due to cancellation; hence, we recommend that interested devotees prepare passports and Bangladesh visas and await information on the availability of seats by 30th December 2023. A late registration fee of INR 5000/- may be charged.

Other Points:

- All Brahmachari devotees should also compulsorily register with their respective temple authority's approval.
- Please make sure that your personal information is up to date in the registration, in particular, your
 - Photograph (mandatory for security reasons).
 - Valid Passport and Visa documents. (only passports with expiry dates after 1 October 2024 will be entertained)
 - Mobile number with WhatsApp (to receive Parikrama updates).
 - Email address, if any.
 - Age and gender.
- Registration shall be strictly non-transferable, i.e. once registered, you cannot interchange it with anyone else except with prior approval of the Parikrama organisers.
- As far as possible, group communication regarding the Parikrama will be through WhatsApp and SMS during the Parikrama. You are entitled to this facility after registering for the Parikrama and providing the correct contact information.

Other Traveling Information:

1. Devotees will have to make their own arrangements to reach Sri Jagannatha Puri. Similarly, they will have to make arrangements to return from Kolkata to their respective destination on the last day. This is separate from the Parikrama cost.
2. It is best to join in small groups from your respective temple and reach the venue.
3. Complete details of your arrival must be provided to the Parikrama organisers by emailing info@parikramas.org in advance - date and time of arrival with mode of transportation.
4. The Parikrama organisers will arrange internal bus travel arrangements for visiting various holy places during the Parikrama. The Parikrama bus route coordinator will provide bus seats, and all participants should strictly adhere to the allocated seats.
5. Internal travel by private vehicles, rickshaws, etc., to visit places mentioned in the itinerary, will also be arranged by the Parikrama organisers.
6. Any separate travel arrangements during the Parikrama must be arranged by the participants at their own risk and cost, and the Parikrama organisers shall not be responsible for the same.

Passport and Visa

As this Parikrama involves international travel, you are requested to carry the following documents:

1. Valid Passport (Expiring not before 1st Oct 2024).
2. Valid visa for Bangladesh for the Parikrama dates (Normally for 30 days valid tourist visa)
3. Identity card issued by Govt of India Aadhar/Voter ID/Drivers license card.

For guidance and help related to visa and travel please get in touch with info@parikramas.org

- **Approximate time to obtain a new passport in India:** When a normal application is filed, the passport is issued to the applicant within 30-45 days. You may also try for a Tatkal passport, which will be issued in 15 working days.
- **Approximate time to obtain Bangladesh visa:** The original passport must be submitted to the agents with the required documents, who will process the visa in about 7 – 10 working days.

Force Majeure

If, in the event of a natural catastrophe or due to any unavoidable reasons, the Parikrama needs to be cancelled, the Parikrama organisers will refund the appropriate charges after deducting the expenses already incurred.

Correspondence/Clarifications

All correspondence/clarifications must be referred to the Parikrama organisers at the contact numbers/emails mentioned above.

Disclaimer

Devotees attending this Parikrama are doing so entirely at their own risk. Under no circumstances shall the members of the Parikrama organisers in particular or ISKCON Bangalore in general, individually or collectively, be liable for any loss or damage in any way due to any cause beyond your/our control.

Check more details on: www.parikramas.org

To register, please visit: <https://www.parikramas.org/parikrama-registration>