

## 1971 Liberation of Bangladesh War Itinerary 4 West Bengal Sector

### Day 1: Kolkata – Historical Exploration & Journey to Hili

- **Morning:**
  - Arrive at **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport** in Kolkata.
  - Transfer to your hotel in Kolkata and freshen up.
  - **Visit the Indian Museum** for exhibits on the 1971 Liberation War, with a focus on the Indian Army's role and the region's history during the war.
- **Late Morning:**
  - Explore **Victoria Memorial** to learn about the political landscape during the war years, including British colonial influences on the subcontinent's struggles for independence.
- **Lunch:**
  - Enjoy a traditional Bengali lunch at a local restaurant.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Visit **Jorasanko Thakur Bari**, the ancestral house of Rabindranath Tagore, to understand the cultural milieu during the freedom struggles.
  - Head to **Bose Institute**, a scientific institution named after Subhas Chandra Bose, to learn more about the region's involvement in key historical moments.
- **Evening:**
  - Start your drive from Kolkata to **Hili** (approx. 9-10 hours by road).
  - Stop for refreshments and a quick meal along the way.
  - Arrive in **Hili** in the evening and check into your hotel.

### Day 2: Hili – War Memorials and Historical Insights

- **Morning:**
  - Begin the day with a visit to the **Hili War Memorial**. This location is crucial as it saw fierce battles between Indian and Pakistani forces during the 1971 Liberation War.
    - View historical exhibits, photographs, and artifacts related to the war.
    - Pay tribute to the soldiers who fought bravely to protect the region.
- **Late Morning:**
  - Visit the **Hili Border Check Post** and listen to stories from local historians or veterans about the importance of Hili during the war.
  - Explore the **Hili Railway Station**, which was significant in terms of logistics and troop movements during the war.
- **Lunch:**
  - Enjoy a local meal at a nearby eatery in Hili or Balurghat.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Visit the **India-Bangladesh Border** and observe the contrast between the two countries while reflecting on their shared history.
  - Optional: Meet with local villagers or ex-servicemen who may have personal stories of the 1971 war.
- **Evening:**
  - Begin your return journey to Kolkata.
  - Dinner and overnight stay on the way, or continue the drive back to Kolkata (depending on your preference).

