A brief note about the Sundarbans tour of India Beacons Sojourn:

- Sundarbans, a UNESCO Heritage is best enjoyed if you travel exclusively rather than in groups. It has been our observation that when people travel in groups of large size, the din and bustle created by your co-passenger is often enough to scare away wildlife you want to photograph. Thus, the chance of viewing wildlife is much more in case of small group than in case of large groups. So we prefer you to travel in small groups and enjoy more. All our trips are customised and tailor made to suit this need of yours.

- We show you more of Sundarbans than any other operator. Compare the itinerary of other operators and assess the length of time you cruise on the boats and the length of time you stay in their resorts. We keep you more on the boats and less in the resorts. So if you are a photographer, an avid traveller or a nature lover, our trips always have something more for you.

- We are the only operator to show you a special physical feature of Sundarbans, the “mudflats” at Chargheri Char. We provide you with a chance to get down on the mudflats and frolic in the waters.

- Our tour also includes a country boat ride oared by local fishermen.

For photos of Char Gheri Char browse to page 2 of our link:

http://sundarbans.net/Photo-Album.php?pageType=folder&currDir=./Landscapes&startFrom=1
So compare our itinerary and what we offer, before you make the final decision.....

**ITINERARY FOR 3N/4D Package**

**Watchtowers Covered :**

1. Sajnekhali watchtower,
2. Sudhanyakhali Watchtower,
3. Dobanki watch Tower,
4. Netidhopani watchtower (Depending on weather and tide conditions and Forest permission),
5. Burir Dabri (Depending on weather and tide conditions),
6. Forest of Marich Jhapi,

**Special Attractions :**

- Chargheri Char (Mudflat depending on weather and tide conditions)
- Village Walk
- Bonobibir Pala (Traditional Dance Drama, a rich folklore of Sundarbans)
- Country Boat ride

**Day Wise Detail Itinerary**

**Day 1: Kolkata to Sundarbans.**

Pickup from Kolkata in an exclusive vehicle and drive to Godkhkhali, a journey of about 3 hrs. We transfer you from Godkhkhali jetty by motor launch to the resort/hotel located in the Sundarbans Islands. This journey would take you down the rivers Hogil, Gomar, Durgaduni and Gumdi in about an hour and a half.

After lunch, set off on motor launch and view wildlife from the Sajnekhali watchtower and visit the Sajnekhali Museum and Mangrove Interpretation Centre. Dinner and night halt at the hotel/resort/Boat according to your selection.

**Day 2: Sundarbans**

The second day involves cruising through the deep creeks and covering the watchtowers of Burir Dabri, Kumirmari as well as Morich Jhapi.

Burirdabri in Sundarbans national Park is famous for its watchtower, a mudwalk and mangrove cage trail leading to a viewpoint known as Raimongal View Point.
Visit the watch Tower at Burirdabri camp. The Kumirmari watchtower offers an exciting view of the jungles. Overlooking an untamed forest scape, enjoy the sights and sounds of nature resplendent in her pristine virginal beauty. You can also take a stroll through the Kumirmari bazaar if you want to have a first-hand view of a typical rustic Indian market place. Enjoy an absorbing evening watching "Bono Bibir Pala", folklore of Sundarbans. Dinner and night halt at the hotel/resort/Boat according to your selection.

**Day 3: Sundarbans**

The third day involves a full day cruise through the rivers and narrow creeks of the Sundarbans National Park and a lovely birding experience. Food would be prepared and served on the motor boat. Start after bed tea and visit the various watch towers of Neti Dhopani (Subject to weather and tide conditions permitting) as well as Do Banki.

The canopy walk at Do Banki gives you an opportunity to view wildlife from a netted enclosure. Next on our itinerary would be the Spotted Deer Rehabilitation Centre. Thereafter, enjoy the thrill of cruising deep in the "Indian Amazon" as India Beacons calls it and also around the islands of the Sundarban Tiger Project Area. Let yourself be guided by our Naturalist and Guide to view the Mangrove forest from close quarters, deep inside the creeks and return in the evening.

The Netidhopani watchtower offers one a view of the ruins of a 400 year old Shiva Temple. It is also believed that there is a road on the extreme right of the forest which was built by King Pratapaditya to guard the coastal area. It is now covered with mud. There is also a sweet water pond. This watch tower has a capacity to host 20 persons at a time. Dinner and night halt at the hotel/resort/Boat according to your selection.

**Day 4: Sundarbans to Kolkata**

In the morning, we cruise along the creeks and take you for a village tour at Chargheri Char, the southernmost village of South 24 Parganas. This is a special attraction of the India Beacons tour where you have a chance to get a feel of the "Mudflats". An important physical feature of Sundarbans is the "Mudflats". Do not forget to carry your "Bermudas" as the inviting waters of the Sundarbans entice you to wade through them and frolic on the "Mudflats". You may be lucky enough to see small Octopus, Star Fish, Jelly Fish, Horse shoe Crab, prawn seeds as well as many other variety of fishes etc.

An interesting activity involves **country boat ride** along the jungles.

We then set off for a visit to a village and learn about the experiences of the villagers in the forest. Meet the fishermen, the Honey Collectors as well as the woodcutters and share their experiences of the Jungle.
Thereafter we visit the Sudhanyakhali watch tower at the Sundarban National Park. Most of the tigers are sighted from this tower. Some other wildlife like axis deers, wild boars and crocodiles may also be seen from this watch tower. There is a sweet water pond where animals come to drink water. Behind the pond are stretches of land bereft of any vegetation where one can sight animals from a distance.

After lunch at the resort/boat, at around 12:00 p.m, we depart for Godkhali to be transferred to Kolkata. Arrive at Kolkata by about 5:30 / 6:00 pm. Your Sundarbans tour ends with sweet memories.

**CHILD POLICY:**

- Child below 4 years: Complimentary with no extra bed
- Child between 5 years and 11 years: 60% of Adult Package cost with extra bedrolls.
- Child between 5 years and 11 years: 50% of Adult Package cost without extra bedrolls.
- Children over 11 years: Considered adult.

**SUNDERBANS PACKAGE TOURS COST INCLUDES:**

- Welcome drinks (Non Achoholic) on arrival.
- Accommodation in Non AC room/AC Rooms/Non AC Boat on twin sharing basis with extra bedrolls for extra person in room.
- Generator charges from 11:00 p.m to 5:00 a.m on all three nights.
- Exclusive use of boat.
- Food plan is APAI (Bed Tea, Breakfast, Lunch Evening Snacks and Dinner) at Sundarbans. We serve typical Bengali Food at Sundarbans (Both Veg and non-Veg).
- Guide charges, Entry Fees to Watchtowers, and Boat Entry Fees
- Porterage.
- Foreigner's Entry Fees, wherever applicable

**SUNDERBANS PACKAGE TOURS COST EXCLUDES:**

- All kind of personal expenses such as tips, laundry, telephone bills, and beverages.
- It also does not include any meals/Extras unless and otherwise specifically mentioned.
- Camera Charges, optional, suggested or unspecified activities.
- Travel Insurance or health insurance.
- Foreigner's Guide Charges, wherever applicable.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** Itinerary is subject to change/alterations as the visit to the various watchtowers depends upon weather and tide conditions.

**PAYMENT TERMS:**

50% advance to be paid upon booking. Balance 50% is to be paid at least 30 days before date of departure. However, if the date of booking is within 30 days of the date of journey, 100% of the
package cost is to be paid at the time of booking. Payment can be made by cash/Cheque or by direct transfer to our Current A/c vide the following details:

- ACCOUNT HOLDER'S NAME  : INDIA BEACONS SOJOURN
- CURRENT ACCOUNT NO : 127905000039
- BANK : ICICI BANK, HAZRA BRANCH, KOLKATA
- IFSC CODE : ICIC0001279
- SWIFT CODE of ICICI Bank : ICICINBB006

CANCELLATION POLICY:-

(a) If written intimation is received at least 30 days or more in advance from the date of journey, then 30% of Total Bill amount will be charged as cancellation fees
(b) If written intimation is received within a period of 29 days and 15 days of the date of journey, 50% of the Total Bill will be charged as cancellation Fees
(c) No refund is allowed if written intimation of cancellation is received within 14 days of date of journey.
(d) If the tour gets cancelled or becomes impossible to conduct within a period of less than a month from the date of arrival at Godhkhali, as a result of any natural calamity beyond the control of India Beacons Sojourn, India beacons Sojourn will not refund any amount whether accepted by way of any advance or the full payment as the case may be.

REFUND:-

Refund of advance, if any will be made one month after the date of cancellation of booking. Refund, will be paid by cheque/online transfer and by no other mode of payment.

JURISDICTION:-

Disputes, if any, arising will be subject to Kolkata jurisdiction for redress.

Please feel free to contact us more details.