

Types of River Cruise

It is clear from aforesaid analysis, that the following types of river cruises are currently being undertaken on the Ganga, Brahmaputra and West Coast Canal:

- I. City Cruise
- II. Day Cruise
- III. Long distance River Cruise

City Cruise

City Cruise can be understood as movement of tourists in an inland vessel on a river or lake within the city limits. This movement may not be of more than four hour duration.



Day Cruise

Day Cruise can be understood as movement of tourists in an inland vessel on a river or lake which is undertaken in day light. This movement may commence with outbreak of dawn and is generally over by sunset. This may cover a distance of more than 50 km and may be for duration of four hours to sixteen hours. It does not involve night stay of tourists on board the vessel.



Long Distance River Cruise

Long Distance River Cruise can be understood as movement of tourists in an inland vessel on a river or lake wherein the duration is of more than twelve hours and the distance covered is more than 100 kms. It also envisages night stay of tourists on board the vessel.

Trained Manpower

IWAI has set up a National Inland Navigation Training Institute (NINI) at Patna with a view to meet the requirement of trained manpower for deployment on inland water transport vessels. The Institute is being managed by M/s Applied Research International Pvt. Ltd. (ARI Consortium), a premier organization approved by Director General (Shipping) for imparting training in shipping related fields. Cadets trained at NINI have recently been selected by various operators, including M/s Pandaw Cruises India Pvt. Ltd., for deployment on their vessels.

Keeping in view the demand from existing River Cruise Operators, it is proposed to introduce new courses like Diploma in Catering and Hospitality on Inland Vessels from 2010-11 to meet the demand of the industry.

