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Beaches

Romance with Sun & Sand



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Digha, located 187 km southwest of Kolkata is West Bengal's most popular beach resort. The place has a low gradient with a shallow sand beach drenched by gentle waves extending up to 7 km in length.

The scenic beauty of Digha is charming and alluring. Casuarina plantations along the coastline have not only added to its grace but also help to reduce the erosion of the dunes.

One can view both sunrise and sunset at Digha sea beach, The sunset and sunrise reflecting off the salty waters of the Bay of Bengal is something straight off an artist's canvas.

The sea at Digha is calm and shallow for about a mile from the beach making it quite safe for swimming.

Digha, originally known as Beerkul during Warren Hastings' time was discovered in the late 18th century by the British. It is mentioned as the 'Brighton of the East' in one of Warren Hastings' letters (1780 AD) to his wife.

In 1923, an English tourist name John Frank Smith was charmed by the beauty of Digha and started living here. His writings about Digha slowly gave exposure to this place. After independence, he convinced West Bengal's Chief Minister Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy to develop Digha as a beach resort. The main attraction of Digha is the flat hard beach, which stretches for miles. It is one of the widest beaches in the world.



RAILWAY STATION, DIGHA



Places to visit:

New Digha

New Digha is the newer section of the town with a charming beach. The latest attraction of new Digha is the Science Centre established by National Council of Science Museums. It showcases a wide variety of mechanisms to make science an enjoyable learning experience.

Marine Aquarium

Beautifully maintained by the Zoological Survey of India can be visited to have a glimpse on the marine animals of different species.

Amravati Lake

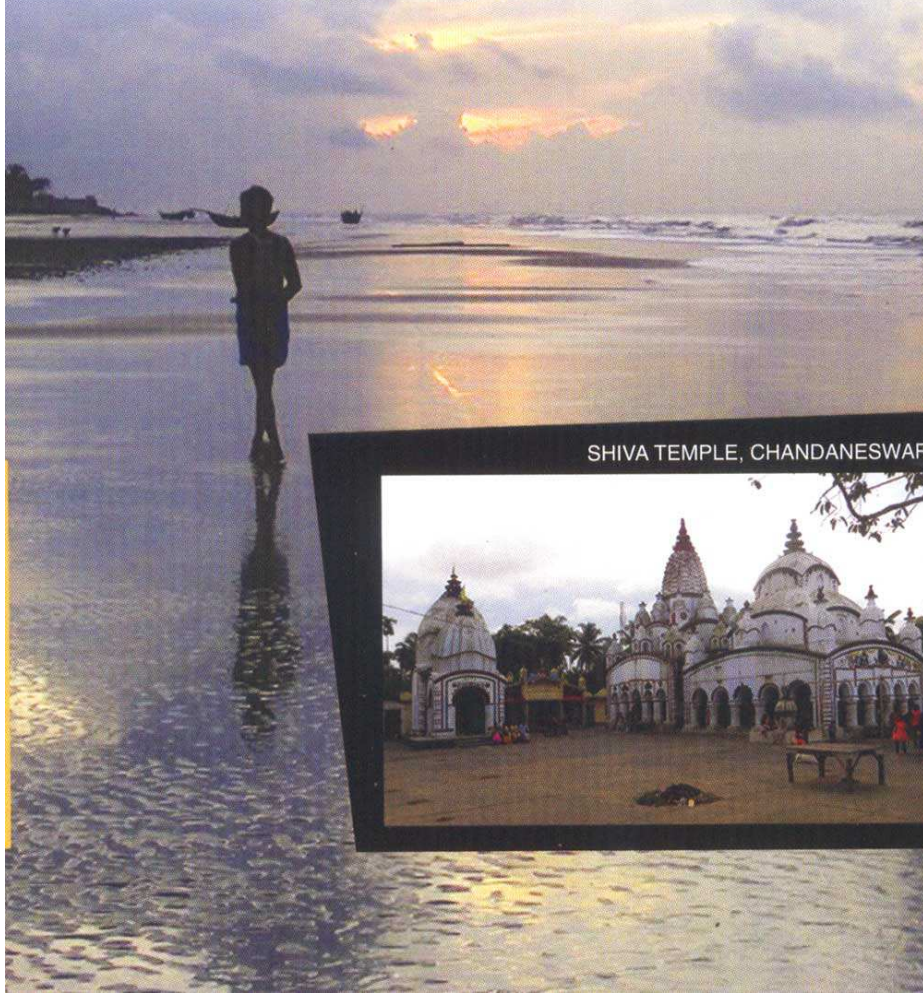
There is a small park with a lake called Amravati, where you can enjoy a boat ride. Near the lake is a Shanke Farm, which is an added attraction.

Shiva Temple, Chandaneswar

Just 6 km west Digha of is Chandaneswar, which is famous for a Shiva Temple.

Shankarpur

Shankarpur, a virgin beach as yet, is a recent discovery. It is the twin beach of Digha, around 14 km from Digha, along the Digha-Contai Road. It is now being developed as a sea resort. Apart from the long, tree-lined beach, the main attraction is the Shankarpur Fishing Harbour Project.



SHIVA TEMPLE, CHANDANESWAR





TAJPUR

Tajpur

Tajpur is the latest addition in the tourist map of West Bengal. Its prime attraction is the pristine sea beach fringed with a dense forest. The beach appears like crimson red due to the presence of the red crabs. Tajpur has been developed as Bengal's latest adventure sports hub. Tajpur is 170 km from Kolkata.

Mandarmoni

12 kms from Kanthi, this spectacular beach is named after the thousand of red crabs that crawl on the sands resembling the 'Mandar' flower. It is emerging as a very popular tourist destination.

Junput

Junput is yet another beach resort of West Bengal, although the beach here is usually exposed only when the tide ebbs. The casuarina trees, kissed by the gentle breeze at Junput, are a soothing sight. The beach is un-spoilt. Fish cultivation and research center is run by the State Government Fisheries Department and can be visited by the tourists. Junput is 40 km. from Digha and regular bus services are available.



MARINE AQUARIUM

SUNRISE AT MANDARMONI



This is a spectacular beach situated on the West Bengal - Orissa border, just 2 km. west to Digha.

A hard wide beach, with sprawling casuarina plantation along its coast line is still virgin and therefore a perfect habitat of the red crabs. The activities of the local fishermen provides an added attraction to the tourists. One such activity is Naukapuja, in which fishermen's wives make offerings to the God of the seas, seeking their blessings to protect their boats, especially, when a boat moves out to sea for fishing.

The estuary of Subarnarekha into the Bay of Bengal, a nearby place can be an additional attraction to the tourists visiting Udaipur.

RIVER SUBARNAREKHA



Getting there :

Digha is about 187 km from Kolkata and conveniently connected via train and road networks .

Rail : Train services to Digha are available from Kolkata.

Road : Frequent bus services to Digha are available, every half an hour from Kolkata. Buses leave from Maidan and Howrah bus terminus. The average travel time on direct bus services from Kolkata to Digha is five hours.

Local Transport : Un-metered taxis, auto-rickshaws and rickshaws are easily available for local transport.

DIGHA TOURIST LODGE



Accommodation :

Digha Toursit Lodge (03220 -266255) run by West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. Excellent private accommodations are also available.

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