

Best Time to Visit

Between October to February, when the temperatures aren't soaring.

Getting There

Digha is at a distance of 183kms from Kolkata. You can take a train from Howrah Station and reach Digha in about 4 hours and by car, it will take about 5 hours.

Places of Interest

- Science Centre, New Digha
- Amarabati Park, Digha
- Shankarpur Fishing Harbour Project

Accommodation

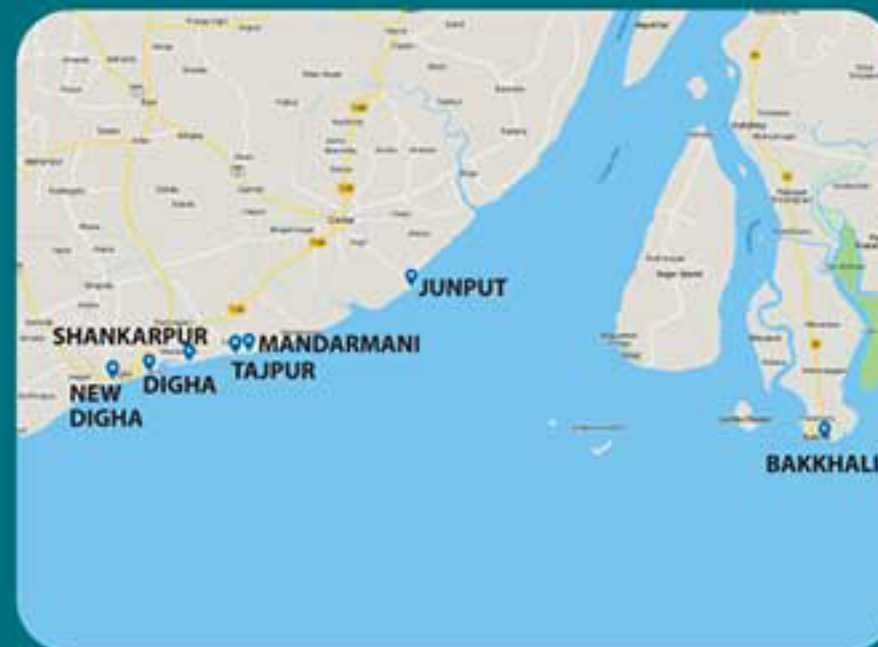
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Beaches



DIGHA

Digha is West Bengal's most popular sea resort and tourist spot located south-west of Kolkata. It lies 187kms from Kolkata and has been described as the "Brighton of the East". The beach has a low gradient with a shallow sandy beach with gentle waves, which extends for 7kms.

The sea at Digha is calm and shallow for about a mile from the beach making it quite safe for swimming. While the sands are girdled with casuarina plantations along the coast enhancing the beauty of this place. Apart from their scenic value these trees also help to reduce erosion on the dunes.

Digha was discovered in the late 18th century by the British. Warren Hastings gave it the name "Brighton of the East" in one of his letters (1780 AD) to his wife. Otherwise it was referred to as Beerkul. In 1923, an English tourist John Frank Smith was charmed by the beauty of Digha and took up residence there. His writings about Digha slowly gave exposure to the location. After independence, he convinced West Bengal's Chief Minister Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy to develop Digha as a beach resort.

Sunrises and sunsets are equally magnificent from Digha sea beach. Reflecting off the salty waters of the Bay of Bengal as if they came fresh from an artist's palette.

Other Beaches**MANDARMANI**

Mandarmani is a seaside resort village in East Midnapore district and at the northern end of the Bay of Bengal. It is one of the largest and fastest developing seaside resort villages of West Bengal. It is almost 180kms from Kolkata Airport on the Kolkata - Digha route. Red crabs crawling around the 13kms long beach is a special attraction of Mandarmani - which is arguably the longest drivable beach in India.

SHANKARPUR

Shankarpur is a virgin beach town located 14kms east of Digha. It is also a regular fishing harbour. The mornings are cool, when fishermen can be seen hauling their huge nets out of the sea. The morning sun reflecting on the sea waves in the east, and the local fishing boats on the coast, offer excellent photographic opportunities. The beach is a twin of Digha.

TAJPUR

Tajpur is one of the most secluded beaches in India. Tajpur beach lies in the Purba Medinipur district of South Bengal, one of the southern districts of West Bengal. It lies on the Kolkata - Digha route and just 16kms before Digha.

BAKKHALI

Bakkhali is located on one of the many deltaic islands spread across southern Bengal. Most of the islands are part of the Sundarbans, barring a few at the fringes. Some of these are joined together with bridges over narrow creeks. This small island juts out into the vast expanse of the Bay of Bengal. The south facing crescent shaped beach of Bakkhali is one of the rare ones in the world that offer great views of both sunrise and sunset.

Bengal Beaches

Where the waves wash the shore

