

Samsing, situated at an altitude of 3000 feet, is an ideal place for nature lovers. The journey to Samsing is a memorable one as you slowly ride uphill through the most picturesque Dooars tea garden on the rolling hill slopes.



Suntalekhola is where many tourists stay overnight. The road ends here close to a small stream named Suntale Khola ('Suntaley' meaning 'orange' and 'Khola' meaning 'stream'). There are WBFDC cottages and a bicameral bungalow here.



Murli Tourist Lodge

GETTING THERE

- **Road:** Siliguri is the gateway to Dooars. Coochbehar is well-connected by long-distance bus routes to Siliguri, Kolkata and Jalpaiguri.
- **Rail:** NJP, the disembarking point for entry to Dooars, is connected to Kolkata, Delhi, Guwahati, Alipurduar and Coochbehar.
- **Air:** The nearest airport is Bagdogra, connected to Kolkata, Delhi and Guwahati.



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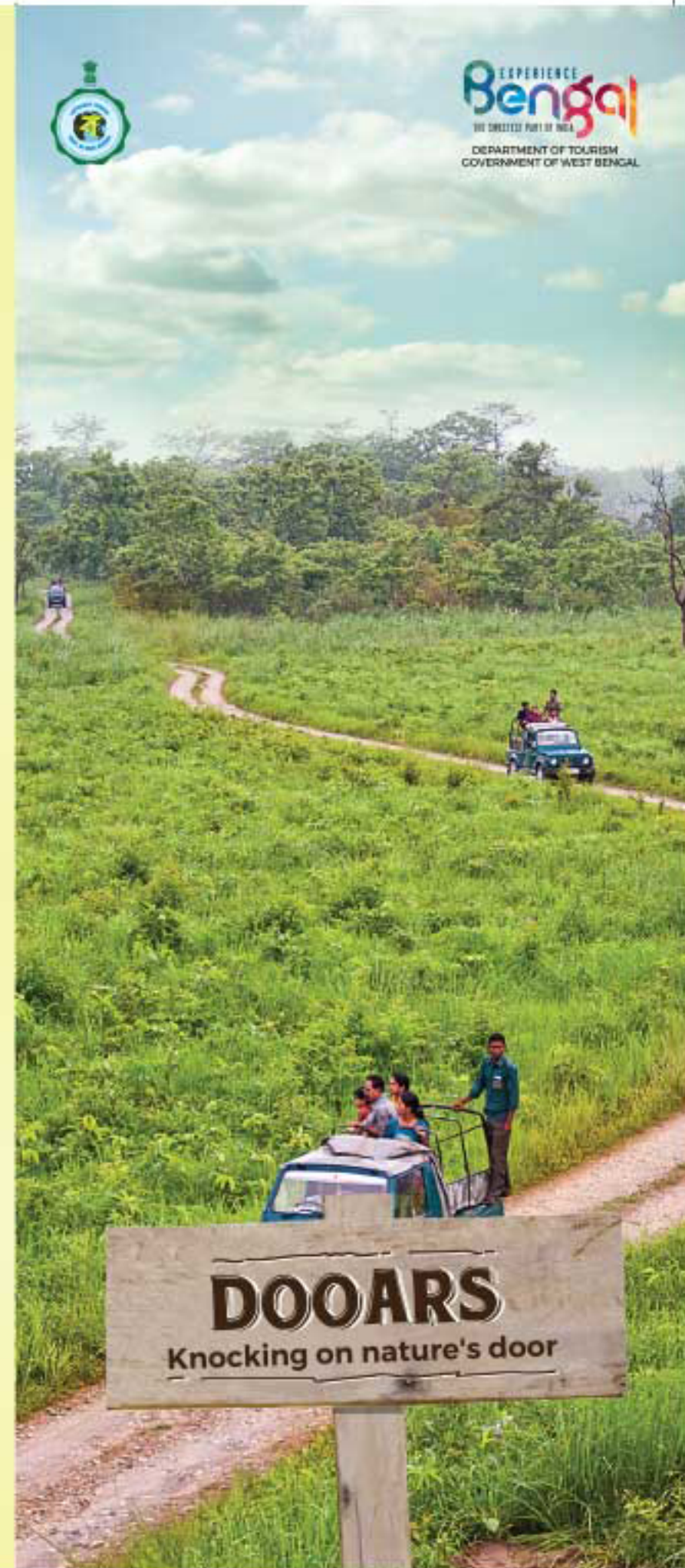
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DOOARS



tea gardens, Teesta, Raidak, Torsha, Jaldhaka, Kaljani and other rivers, with their innumerable tributaries, flow down from the hills and through these gardens. This place is also home to a large number of ethnic communities. The colourful rituals and unique lifestyles of tribes like Toto, Rava, Mech, Turi and Drukpa, make it a veritable paradise for those seeking to discover new cultures.

With a name that literally means '**doors**', the Dooars is truly a doorway to the Himalayas. In this entire region, there are eighteen doors or gateways between India and Bhutan.

Vast, dense forests teeming with wildlife, enormous tea gardens, meandering rivers, interspersed with both quiet and chaotic settlements, constitute this fascinating tourist destination.

The Dooars valley is specially famous for its wildlife sanctuaries and parks. The most notable forests in this area are Gorumara National Park, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary, Buxa Tiger Reserve and Jaldapara National Park. The dense natural forests are interwoven with lush green



EXPERIENCE DOOARS

Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary, Gorumara National Park, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary are habitats of the rare one-horned rhinoceros, gaur (Indian bison), leopard, spotted deer, sambar deer, hog deer, reptiles, wild

boars and the rarest varieties of animals and birds, including peacocks. Other places of attraction in and around the region include Jayanti, the Leopard Rehabilitation Centre and Nature Park at Khayrabati.

Chalsa is famous for its scenic beauty.

Malbazar is a must-visit place for its tea gardens and picturesque spots.

Rocky Island is a new tourist destination in Dooars. Situated on the bank of River Murti, it is about 2 km away from Samsing and is a popular camping site. The views of the river and the surrounding forests from here are absolutely breathtaking.



Buxa Fort is renowned for the ruins of the detention camp used by the British Government for detaining freedom fighters.

Bhutanghat is famous for its panoramic view on the bank of river Raidak that borders Bhutan.

Murti River flows down from the Neora Valley National Park. Murti is situated beside the same river between the Chapramari Forest and Gorumara National Park. This place is famous in Dooars especially for its mesmerizing scenic beauty.

