



**Panchet Hills** on the southern side of the Damodar River is the site for the Panchet Dam, another must visit site in the district.

**Charida or Chirda** village near Bagmundi is famous for Chhau artists and Chhau masks.

**Kuilapal** for its lush green natural forest.

**Khairabera & Murguma** are two beautiful villages in Purulia. The deep forests and lakes around make them a nature lovers' delight.

**Ayodhya Hill**, known as the nursery of the rock climbing is about 700 m in height.

A Ramayana myth recounts that while living in exile here, Sita requested Rama for water to drink. Rama shot a mighty arrow into the earth's crust and water gushed out. In memory of this, the place is known as Sita Kunda.

**Pakbirrah** is the largest centre for Jain art, with an archaeological museum maintained by the Government of West Bengal.

**Deulghat**, as its name suggest, is the land of temples. The ruins of 15 temples can be found near the Kansai River. The use of stucco decorations is a notable feature of the style of these temples.

### Best Time to Visit

October to February

### Getting There

Purulia can be accessed by bus as well as by train from Kolkata. Purulia town is about six hour's journey from Kolkata.



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Of Rocks, Ruins and Melody

Purulia is a land of natural beauty. The lush green landscape, verdant hills and dense forests make it a perfect tourist destination that gives a rustic ambience and peaceful surroundings to weary city dwellers. This westernmost district of West Bengal reveals her untapped mystery and wondrous beauty.

The tourist life of Purulia centres round its hills, forests as well as its archeological excavations and the relics of ancient buildings and temples.

The village of Banda is famous for a temple built in the Rekhi Style. Cheliana Village boasts bewitching terracotta figurines and exclusive carvings around its temples. There are masks and wood carvings and dances to rejoice in. Song and dance are an intrinsic part in the lives of the tribal people.

Tribal ethos enriches the mystic charm and natural beauty of this land of red soil and red Palash flowers. The region is home to different tribal communities like Santhals, Kurmis, Kherias-Sabars - to name a few.

## Places of Interest

**Garpanchkot** was the seat of the Panchkot Raj during the eighteenth century. The palace, now in ruins, was destroyed by the roving Maratha army under Bhaskar Pandit.

**Jai Chandi Pahar** is a hill near Raghunathpur. From the hill top one can enjoy the panoramic view.

