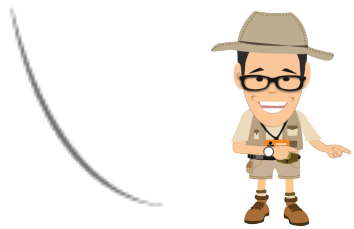


# Tripura

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peaceful, as of 2011.

Tripura lies in a geographically disadvantageous location in India as only one major highway connects it with the rest of the country; this hinders the economic prospects of the state. Poverty and unemployment continue to plague the state that has limited yet improving infrastructural capacity. Most residents of Tripura are involved in agriculture and allied activities, although service sector is the largest contributor to the state's gross domestic product. Forests cover more than half the area, and provide remarkable biodiversity for a small state and also a source of livelihood for many tribes. Scheduled tribes are about 30% of the population in which Kokborok-speaking Tripuri people is the major tribe; Bengali people form the ethno-linguistic majority. The mainstream Indian cultural elements led by Bengali culture coexist with tribal traditional practices.

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Jampui Hills are mountain ranges that run north to south, rising above 1000 m above the sea level, in the eastern border of the state of Tripura. These are a tourist attraction because of the incredible views afforded from the different peaks of the range (especially the sunrise and the sunsets). At the highest peak, there is a watch tower, from which you will get fantastic views of the valley below that contains several small little villages of Mizoram. Apart from that, the orange plantations in this area are a tourist magnet as well.

However if mountain climbing is not your cup of tea, then there are numerous small villages inhabited by the Lushai or Mizo people. You can take a peek around one or two such villages and marvel at the picturesque beauty surrounding you. To encourage more tourism, the government has provided a tourist lodge in the Vanghmun Village. Or, you could also stay as a paying guest in the homes of the Mizo people. The rainy season and the month of November (for the Orange Festival) is the best time to visit this place.

## What To SEE



5 Sights

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### 1 Jampui Hill




North Tripura, Near Vanghmun, Agartala 799005, India

### 2 Bhubaneshwari Temple



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 Bhubaneshwari Temple, Udaipur, Tripura, India


Located right on the banks of the The Gomati river in Tripura, the Bhuvaneshwari temple is a 17th century temple, which was built by Maharaja Govinda Manikya.

'Rajarshi' and 'Bisharjan', two famous plays written by Tagore, was immortalised here. Tagore has used this temple as a backdrop in both his plays.

The temple has a unique architecture and is constructed on a 3 feet high paved terrace. The roof is built in a 4 chaala style, with the stupa on the main chamber adorned with flowery motifs. Located just 55 km from Agartala, this temple is not to be missed.

### 3 Pilak



 Pilak, Belonia, South Tripura, Tripura, India

An archeological site, Pilak contains historical artifacts which dates as far back as the 8th and 9th century. It boasts of a wide

collection of Hindu and Buddhist arts and sculptures. This place has been a cradle for heterodox sects like the Surya, Siva and Vaishnavi in the Hindu culture, and Hinayana, Mahayana and Bajrayana in Buddhism.

The important places are Shyam Sundar Tilla, Thakurani Tilla, Deb Bari, Balir Pathar, Sagar Deba and Basudev Bari. The sculptures and art forms here have a remarkable similarity to that of the Palas and Guptas of Bengal, with influences of the Myanmar and the local cultures. You will find numerous rock cut sculptures and terracotta plaques lying scattered in various places. Today, the site is under the ASI and further excavations are in progress.

### 4 Unakoti



 8 kms from Kailashahar, Agartala, Tripura 799001, India

The name 'Unakoti' is a Bengali word, meaning one less than a crore. It is a

Shaivite pilgrim spot full of ancient rock cut sculptures and stone carvings. Apart from its religious significance, the place is also a tourist magnet because of its surrounding natural beauty with rolling mountains, lush greenery and waterfalls.

There are a number of rock cut and stone sculptures on this hill. A special mention goes to the 30 feet high statue of Shiva, called the Unakotishwara Kal Bhairava. The headdress on the statue alone is 10 feet high. On either side, there are two female figurines, one of Goddess Durga standing on a lion, and other remains unidentified.

There are gigantic sculptures of Lord Ganesha and the Nandi Bull as well. It is said there one less than a crore sculptures of various Gods and Goddesses in the area. Today it is managed by the ASI and is declared as a heritage site. Every year during the month of April, Unakoti plays host to the Ashokashtami Mela, a huge fair visited by thousands of pilgrims every year.

### 5 The Ujjayanta Palace



 Agartala, Tripura, India

This former Royal Palace and current Tripura State Assembly, the Ujjayanta Palace is in the heart of the city of Agartala and the entire hustle bustle of the city is focused around this palace.

Built in 1901, it has magnificent tiled floors, curved wooden ceilings and lovely doors.

Where To Eat





5 Places

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### 1 Ginger Restaurant



 Khejur Bagan, Airport Rd, Agartala, Tripura - 799001, India

 Rs. 300

+91-381-2303333

With lovely a lovely ambiance and mouth watering food, Ginger Restaurant is one of the most popular place for food and drinks in the city.

## 2 Rajarshi Restaurant



Opp. of Governor House, Agartala, India

₹ Rs. 100

+91-381-42201034

Have the best Indian food in the city with a wonderful ambiance. This place will give you an unforgettable experience.

## 3 Bawarchi

6, Mantri Bari Road, Agartala, Tripura- 799001, India

₹ Rs. 200

+91-381-2302717;+91-9862215911

This is the place for you if you want to get the taste of authentic Bengali cuisine. Its a

typical Calcutta style small restaurant with hospitable staff that is sure to satisfy both your stomach and heart.

## 4 Square Meal

Ginger Hotel Agartala, Khejur Bagan, Airport Road, Barjala Mouja,

## 5 Sova Mistanno Bhandar