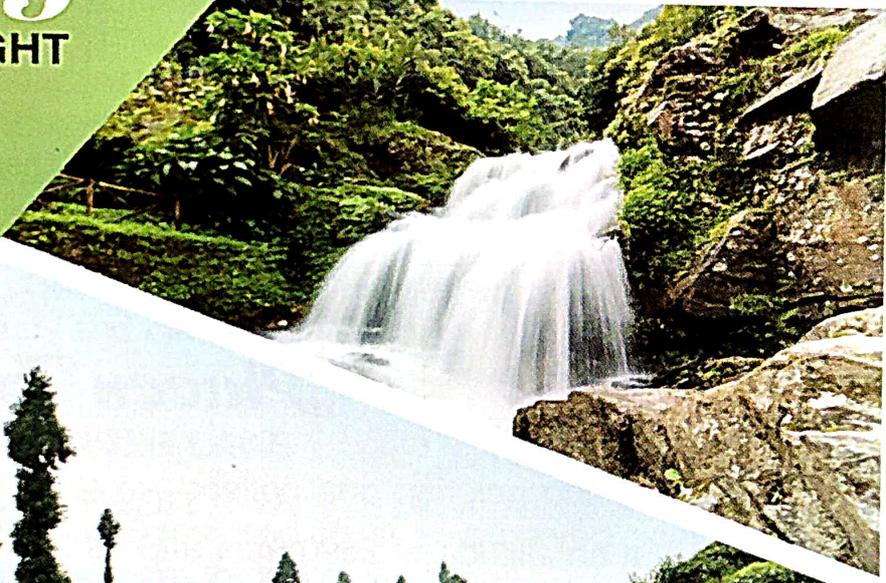
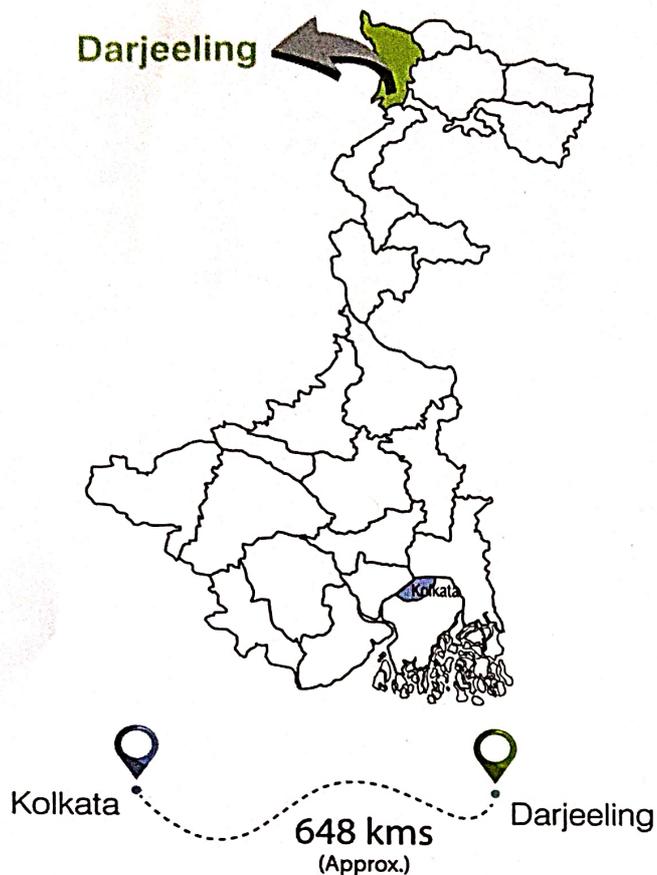


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Located in the lesser Himalayas at an elevation of 2000 mtrs, Darjeeling opens up to the majestic views of the Kangchenjunga and is home to the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO Heritage site not to mention its famous link with the world's favourite cup of tea. Popular among tourists and movie aficionados alike as the 'Queen of the Hills', Darjeeling conjures visions of the serenity of ice peaks and vibrant green hills steeped in splendour, bathing itself in hues of every shade – flaming red rhododendrons, sparkling white magnolias, exotic forests of silver fir, miles of undulating hillsides covered with emerald green tea bushes – all under the blanket of a brilliant azure sky draped with specks of clouds, the tempting smells of thukpa, winding trips to Ghoom, Batasia Loop and Tiger Hill; adrenaline rush of river rafting or camping in nature's lap ...you will keep coming back for more!

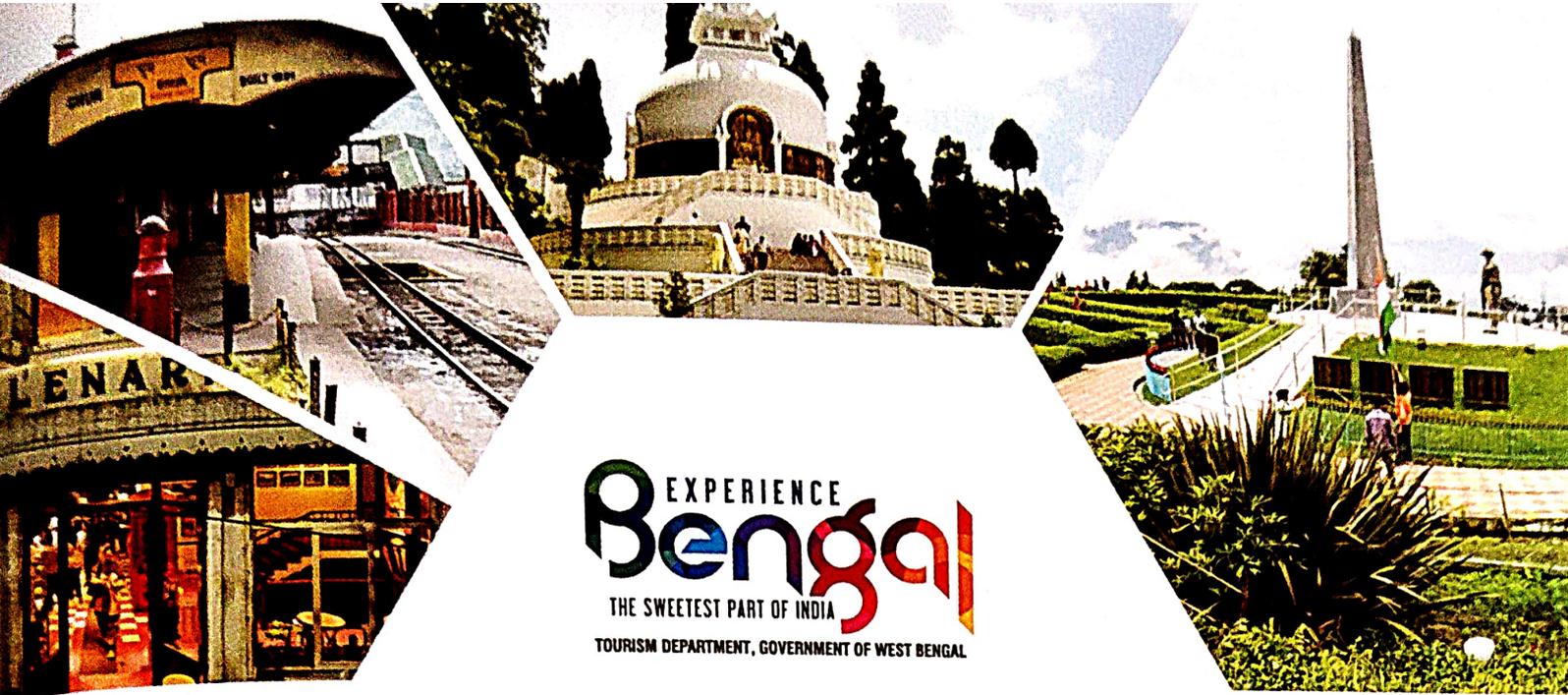
— Places To See —

TIGER HILL

Situated at an altitude of 2590 mtrs and 13 kms from the town, Tiger Hill has earned international fame for the breathtaking view of the sunrise over the Kangchenjunga.

DARJEELING HIMALAYAN RAILWAY

The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, also known as the DHR or the Toy Train is a World Heritage Site and has featured in popular Hindi movies from Aradhana to Parineeta to Barfi. The 2 ft gauge railway plies between New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling with daily tourist trips from Darjeeling to Ghum and from Darjeeling to Kurseong.



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BATASIA LOOP

Besides being a spiral loop to lower the gradient of ascent of the Toy Train, the loop opens up to majestic views of the surroundings and also features a memorial for the Gorkha soldiers of the Indian Army.

SHANTI STUPA

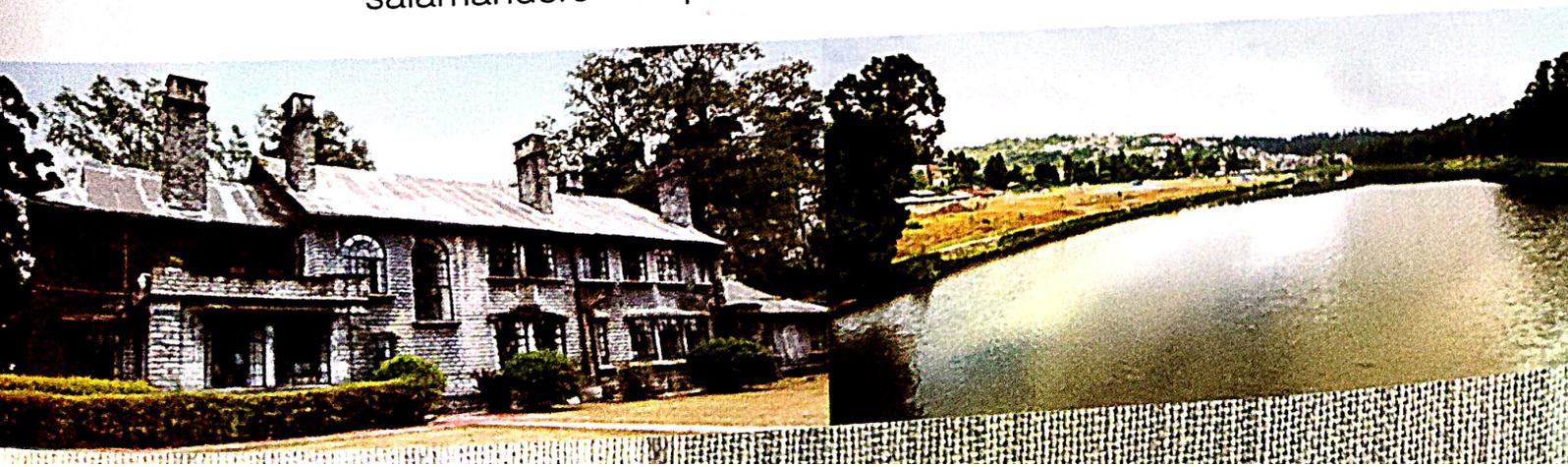
The Peace Pagoda, Darjeeling or Darjeeling Peace Pagoda is designed to provide a focus for people of all races and creeds to help unite them in their search for world peace. Situated on the slopes of the Jalapahar hills in the town of Darjeeling, it houses the four avatars of Buddha, including Maitreya Buddha.

GHOOM

Situated at an altitude of 2,258 mtrs, Ghum is a sleepy hamlet which boasts of the Ghoom Monastery and the Batasia Loop.

SALAMANDER LAKE

Once a favourite haunt of the British rulers for boating and hanging out, the pristine green-tinged lake in Kurseong shelters the rarest and most endangered species of salamanders – a species under threat of extinction.



DOWHILL ECO PARK

Surrounded by dense pine forests laden with mosses and dotted with beautiful cottages from the British era, the Dow Hill Eco Park in Kurseong is a major tourist attraction. Home to a water fountain, a flower house and a number of rare species of animals, the park calls for a visit at least once when you are here. You will also love to have long walks on the secluded stretches, while you enjoy the scenic views of the adjoining surroundings.

SUMENDU LAKE

Considered to be the centre of attraction for Mirik, Sumendu Lake, situated at an altitude of 1495 mtrs, is surrounded by a garden on one side and pine trees on the other, linked together by an arching footbridge. A 3.5 kms long road encircles the lake and is popular for relaxing strolls. If you are lucky you might be able to see the Kangchenjunga against a clear azure sky. Also do visit the tea gardens that dot Mirik and take in a sip of the world's favourite drink.

BOKAR NGDEON CHOKHOR LING MONASTERY

The monastery is home to around 500 monks who participate in practising and sustaining the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha. It also serves as a school teaching the principles of Buddhism.

RAMITEY DARA

Ramitey Dara is a hill that offers beautiful views of the snow covered mountains, the plains of Mirik and the meandering Teesta.

RIMBIK

A small town in the Singalila National Park area of Darjeeling district, Rimbik is a tourist hub for trekkers travelling to this stunning destination.

SANDAKPHU

Situated at an altitude of 3636 mtrs above sea level, Sandakphu is a true paradise for all nature lovers as it offers the best views of the Kangchenjunga.



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