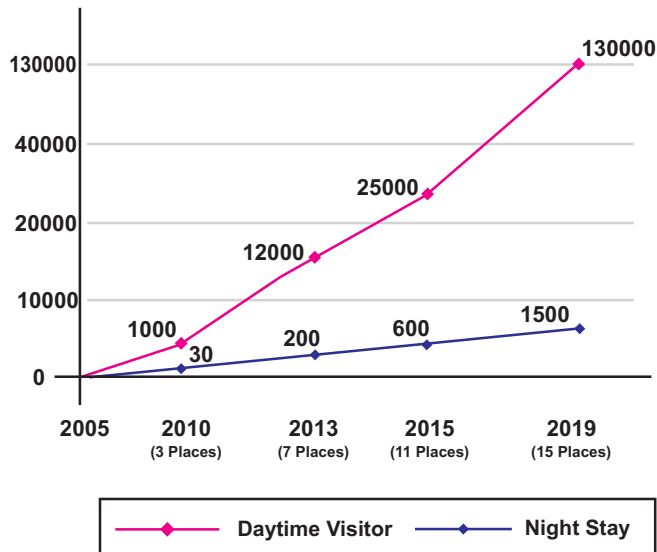
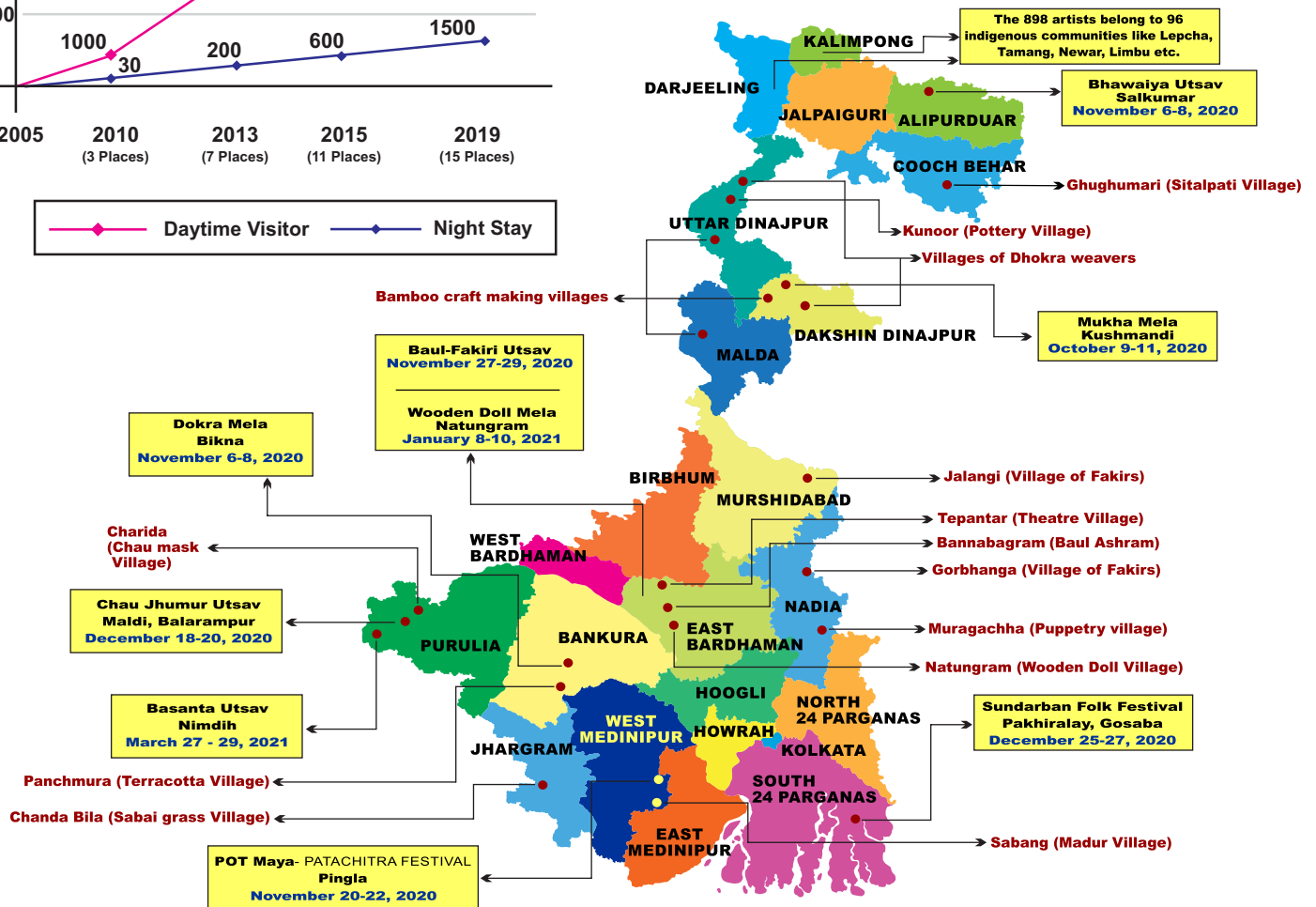


Intangible Cultural Heritage based Village Tourism




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Back to the roots



Fabulous Folks: South Bengal

West Bengal has many Cultural traditions, but Patachitra may be one of the most interesting ones. Just about 3 hours away, the village Naya in Pingla, Paschim Medinipur is home of about 250 Patachitra artists (also called, Patuas), where one can experience the art of natural colour making and interact with the artists to learn about Scroll painting, storytelling through singing and also look at the diversified products.

After Pingla, a visit to Sabang is desirable, which is a Madur (reed mats) artists' village, located an hour away. One can plan a day visit from Kolkata or, plan an overnight stay.

Pingla to Bishnupur in Bankura is a 3.5 hours drive. Bishnupur is famous for its Terracotta temples. An hour's drive from Bishnupur is the Dokra metal craft artists' village of Bikna. A 1.5 hour drive from Bikna will take you to Tepantar, a theatre village with a 4-acre eco-campus in Panagarh, Purba Bardhaman, where accommodations including cottages are available.

Exploring the neighbourhood of the Tepantar theatre village is an experience by itself. One can go on a 30-minute drive to Joydev Kenduli, where one can interact with the Baul artists. Baul music can be termed as soul of Bengal and is all about self searching. Move on from Kenduli to Santiniketan, the abode of Rabindranath Tagore and the cultural cradle of modern Bengal. After Tepantar, you can take a 3-hour drive to Purulia, the land of Chau dance and visit the villages of Chau dancers (Maldi, Balarampur) and Chau mask makers (Charida) and make a tour of the local 8th century temples with their intricate architecture. From Purulia, drive off to the Gandhi Ashram at Nimdih, located at the foothills of Dalma range of hills, where accommodations including cottages are available.

This is good for a 5-7 days tour and we are happy to customize the package for guests, depending on their duration of stay and interest areas.

Dear Delta: Sunderbans

Sunderbans, the largest delta in the world, is only 2.5 hours drive from Kolkata, then you take a boat from Gadkhali to reach Pakhiralay. Sunderbans is the largest mangrove delta, enjoy the forest here, visit the villages, interact with the local creative communities and have a glance of their culture. *We recommend a 2 nights stay in the Sunderbans.*

Dancing Hills : Darjeeling

There are 16 local communities in Darjeeling and Kalimpong and there are about 900 practicing artists with traditional song and dance. Our tour to Darjeeling and Kalimpong is all about visiting the villages where one gets an opportunity of knowing various communities, interacting with them and experience the local culture of the cloud-kissed hills of Bengal. Stay at hotels/ home stay in Darjeeling/ Kalimpong. *We recommend a 2-4 nights stay in Darjeeling-Kalimpong region.*

Experience Cultural Tourism in Western Rajasthan

	Manganiyar		Durrie		Applique work
	Langa		Handloom		Kalbelia
	Pottery		Jutti		Usta Art
	Puppetry				
	Miniature Painting				
	Block Printing				



Sheo tehsil includes Manganiyar villages like Siyani, Dedariyar, Taloka Gaon, Kotra, Harwa, Bisu Kalla, Jhampli Kala



Rajasthan has the best of traditional handicraft and performing arts. UNESCO and Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of Rajasthan have partnered in strengthening Intangible Cultural Heritage based rural tourism benefitting 1500 rural artists families across 4 Western Districts - Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Barmer & Bikaner. Tourists visiting Rajasthan may explore these places to experience traditional culture.

Responsible Tourism In Goa

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Gorgeous Goa

We work with communities and also with social enterprises working on Responsible Tourism. One can stay at simple beachside place or at high end hotels. We recommend you to visit Museum of Goa in Saligao and take cruise through mangroves on Chapora river in Morjim. Home stay at Divar island or exploring forest in the hills of Goa is also worth a try. Music lovers can certainly visit live music spaces in Anjuna or Benaulim. Visiting art-culture villages like Avedem or Gullem in South Goa or Ibrampur in North Goa can also be interesting to explore other side of Goa. A drive to Old Goa to relish the architectural charms of the Old Goa church is a must. If you have few more days in hand, we can help you in planning further, including a trip to Maxem, the southern-most village in Goa and/or, you may like to stay at a budget/ luxurious beach side hotel on Agonda/ Sernabatim beach.



This is good for a 7-10 days tour and we are happy to customize the package for guests, depending on their duration of stay and interest areas.

Cultural Tourism



Celebrating Peace with Music : Sur Jahan & Baul Fakiri Music Festival

If you are a music lover, you may like to visit Baul Fakiri festival in Purba Bardhaman in November or Sur Jahan in Kolkata and Goa in February. Baul Fakiri festival will give you the opportunity to be with Baul musicians and understand their philosophy of brotherhood and peace, 11th edition to be held on Nov 27-29, 2020. Sur Jahan, the World Peace Music Festival celebrating Cultural Diversity and Pluralism will take you through a journey of togetherness while enjoying the best of World Music and interacting with the world's top musicians throughout the journey. 11th edition of Sur Jahan will be held on Feb 5 - 7 in Nimdih Gandhi Ashram, Feb 9 in Kolkata and Feb 11 - 13 in Jaipur. *Music Tours are for 10-15 days and we are happy to customize the package for guests, depending on their duration of stay and interest areas.*

