

# Bannabagram Baul Ashram



Situated on 1.13 acre of land, Bannabagram Baul Ashram is located near Ausgram, Bardhaman next to the forest range and offers a peaceful stay. Bannabagram Ashram offers simple stay arrangements with cottages with attached toilet. Tourists can visit Bannabagram starting October 2021.

## What to expect

- Baul music
- Isolation and peace
- Organic farming
- Morning walk trail in forest
- Visit to nearby Kantha village



There are 4 cottages (twin occupancy, attached toilet) for guest(s) to stay.

Cottage : Rs. 2000 / person / day including stay, breakfast, lunch and dinner.



# Tepantar Theatre Village



Tepantar is a sprawling four acres, lush green campus, far from the bustling metropolis. It is the abode of a group of theatre practitioners, Ebong Amra. Tepantar is about 175 km from Kolkata, at Satkahania village of Paschim Bardhaman, near Panagarh. It is a self sustained campus where the theatre artists themselves practice farming, dairy and pisciculture other than running the campus. Tourists can visit Tepantar starting October 2021.

## What to expect

- Theatre performance
- Walking tour in the village, upto Ajay river
- Joydev Kenduli, the cradle of Baul music is 30 minutes away
- Santiniketan is 23 Km away.

There are 7 cottages (Double Occupancy) and 5 dormitories (8 -10 persons) (all with attached bathroom/ toilet).

Cottage : Rs. 1500 / person / day including stay, breakfast and dinner.

Dormitory : Rs. 1000 / person / day including breakfast and dinner.







# Nimdih Gandhi Ashram



Situated on 20 acres of land, Nimdih Gandhi Ashram is located at the foothills of Dalma in between Purulia and Jamshedpur. It offers a picturesque and enchanting view of the region and a peaceful stay. Nimdih offers simple stay arrangements with cottages. Tourists can visit Nimdih between mid-Dec and mid April. Nimdih has big land dedicated for organic farming and guests can experience doing it. Tourists can visit Nimdih starting October 2021.

## What to expect

- Organic farming, fishing
- Isolation and peace
- Walking tour to Dalma foothills
- Chau and Jhumur dance

There are 9 cottages (twin occupancy) & 3 rooms (4 occupancy) (all with attached bathroom/ toilet), and 6 dormitories (8-10 occupancy) (common bathroom/ toilet), for guest(s) to stay.

Cottage : Rs. 1500 / person / day including stay, breakfast and dinner.

Dormitory : Rs. 1000 / person / day including breakfast and dinner.







# Pingla Patachitra Village

Paschim Medinipur



- At Pingla you can experience natural colour making and the strokes of scroll painters
- Nearby places of visit include mat weavers hub at Sabang and Sabai artists & heritage places in Jhargram



Naya village in Pingla is home to 255 Patachitra painters or 'Patuas'. Patachitra has received Geographical Indication (GI) accreditation. West Bengal Khadi and Village Industries Board (WBKVIB) has developed a Patachitra resource centre which has Community Museum where one can learn about different kinds of scrolls, the stories and marvel at the wide range of diversified products.



If you are visiting Naya, you may also visit the nearby mat weavers hub at Sabang and Sabai artists & heritage places in Jhargram.

These are all day trips, thus one can stay on their own and visit these villages during day time. However, simple stay arrangement exists at both Pingla and Sabang. Possible nearby stay at Pingla:

Hazra's Baganbari (Mr. Hazra - 9433239496)  
Jahangir's Guest House (Zulfikar - 9438072926)

## Patachitra artists

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Swarna Chitrakar  | 9732799107 |
| Manu Chitrakar    | 9732731776 |
| Rahim Chitrakar   | 9932851321 |
| Bahadur Chitrakar | 9734536388 |

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| Jaba Chitrakar | 8509477382 |
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## Madur Artists

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|----------------|------------|
| Nishikanta Das | 9800314193 |
| Ashok Jana     | 9733728742 |



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# In and Around Bolpur Birbhum



- Santiniketan
- Nanoor Kantha Hub (Tajkira Begam 9474413141, Lovely Bibi 8642820926, Afroza Khatun 9614517542)
- Baul Akhra(s) - (Rina Das Baulani 9232524600, Rabi Das Baul 9614196848)
- Shola Hub at Surul (Kanchan Malakar 9474009311)
- Raibenshe village at Charkol (near Nanoor) (Rakkhakar Pramanik 8016474415, Sunil Thandar 9609620069)

Birbhum, the land of red soil, is strong in culture and is one of the most prominent destinations within Bengal, due to Rabindranath Tagore and has also strong presence of traditional art and culture like Baul, Kantha stitch, Shola craft and Raibenshe dance.

You can also go on your own and stay at your own choice.

Possible stay : Gulancha home stay (9831056023), Nayanantara (7003159608), Nibhriti (9823616967), Udashibabar Akhra (9830028621), Dancing lights (9836455507), West Bengal Tourism lodges (Rangabitan and Santobitan).



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# Musical Weekend at Gorbhanga



Gorbhanga village of Nadia district is the home of the Fakirs, the makers of soulful, mellifluous music. The village symbolises a quiet celebration of peace and free flowing Baul Fakiri music. Gorbhanga is home of well known Fakir/ Musicians like Arman Fakir, Khaibar Fakir, Golam Fakir, Babu Fakir, Nur Alam, Amirul Fakir and a lot of young & extremely talented young ones like Shah Alam & Ohidul, who are making ripples across the music world. At Gorbhanga you can stay at artists' houses, avail home cooked food, enjoy music throughout. If time permits, any day post lunch, one can also plan a short trip to Chhote Golam's ashram at Jalangi (located 45 minutes away).



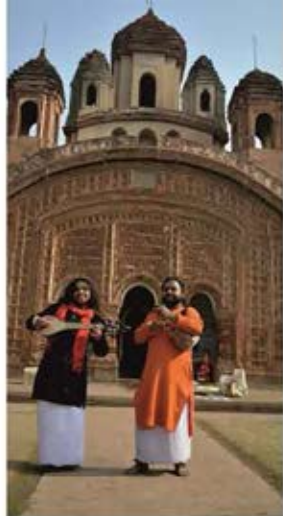
## Home stay accomodation :

- Rs. 1200 / person / day including breakfast, lunch and dinner, or
- Rs. 3000 / person for 2 nights 3 days including breakfast, lunch and dinner. (Jalangi visit with additional cost)

To plan your trip to Gorbhanga for weekend musical celebration, you may contact Babu Fakir at 9733948841



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# Joydev Kenduli Birbhum



## Possible stay :

- Tepantar Theatre Village (9434646982) located on the other side of Ajay.
- Home stays in Santiniketan like Gulancha (9831056023), Nayantara (7003159608), Nibhriti (9823616967), Udashi babar Akhra (9830028621), Dancing lights (9836455507).
- WBTD's properties Rangabitan and Santobitan in Santiniketan are also very popular.

Joydev Kenduli is the cradle of Baul music. There are 10 ashrams in Joydev Kenduli out of which Baul music is practiced throughout the year at 3 akhras. Located on the banks of river Ajoy, the space is known for poet Joydev, the writer of Gita Govinda and court poet of Lakshman Sen. One can also visit Surul Shola hub and Nanoor Kantha hub which are 30 mins and 1.5 hrs drive from Joydev respectively.



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## Maldi Chau Village

### Balarampur, Purulia

Chau dance training: 3 pm - 5 pm at Maldi everyday



Maldi, a beautiful village in Balarampur block in Purulia located next to the Kumari dam is a hub of chau dancers and hosts chau training every day led by the chau masters Jagannath Choudhury and Biren Kalindi. West Bengal Khadi and Village Industries Board (WBKVIB) has developed a chau resource centre also in Maldi, managed by the artists themselves, with provision for guest(s) / chau enthusiast(s) to stay.

#### Contact

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Biren Kalindi

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## Chau Mask Village

### Charida, Purulia

The vibrant, colourful and elaborate masks convey the vigorous intent of the art form that portrays animals or characters from the epics. One can experience mask making process. Chau Mask holds Geographical Indication (GI) status. The hub has a Folk Art Centre and Community Museum. You can go on your own and stay at your own choice. Possible nearby simple stay arrangement at 1) Aangina in Charida Village (Pinaki: 9732057183), 2) Balarampur Chau Resource Centre (Prabir Banerjee: 9647500705), 3) Nimdih Gandhi Ashram. (Moumita: 8420106396).

Other possible visit within Purulia: Deulghata, Garhpanchakot, Telkupi, Baranti, Kashipur Palace, Joychandi hills.



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# Bikna Dokra Village

## Panchmura Terracotta Village

### Bankura



- Dokra rural craft hub at Bikna
- Terracotta hub at Panchmura
- Tangible heritage
- Baluchari village in Bishnupur
- Nearby attractions Susunia Hill, Mukutmanipur.



#### Dokra artists

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|--------------------|------------|
| Somnath Karmakar   | 9932546842 |
| Harendra Nath Rana | 9932601095 |
| Gita Karmakar      | 9933698558 |

#### Terracotta Artists

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Bhutnath Kumbhakar | 9732187161 |
| Kanchan Kumbhakar  | 9732052247 |
| Bauldas Kumbhakar  | 9732108543 |
| Tapash Kumbhakar   | 9641565596 |



Bikna village is close to Bankura town. It is home to approximately 163 artisans practising the primitive Dokra art. Dokra is the art of melting figurines through the extinct metal casting technique. West Bengal Khadi and Village Industries Board (WBKVIB) has developed a Folk Art Centre and Community Museum at Bikna. One can plan a day trip to Bikna for a sneak peek into the lives of the artists and experience the craft making process. Guest can also enjoy Panchmura, the terracotta village which is 1 hour drive from Bikna. Both Bikna Dokra and Panchmura Terracotta have received Geographical Indication (GI) accreditation.

These are all day trips, thus one can stay on their own and visit these villages during day time. However, simple stay arrangement exists at both Bikna and Panchmura and you can contact artists directly for the same.



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# Wooden Doll Village at Natungram

## Purba Bardhaman



- Experience wooden doll making at Natungram
- Nearby attraction: Heritage sites around Kalna, Katwa
- One can visit Nabadwip from Kalna or can also visit Santiniketan

Natungram is the hub of wooden doll makers. Visitors at Natungram can witness the artists at work, explore the Folk Art Centre to learn about the craft and its technique and learn the stories behind it. West Bengal Khadi and Village Industries Board (WBKVIB) has developed a wooden doll resource centre at Natungram, managed by the artists themselves, with provision for guest(s) to stay.



You can go on your own and stay at your own choice.

Possible stay : Resource Centre at Natungram (Gouranga Bhaskar: 7679099205) or Belun eco-stay at Katwa (Samir Saha: 9051212225).



### Wooden Doll artists

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Bijay Sutradhar   | 7872214736 |
| Dilip Sutradhar   | 9333386501 |
| Manik Sutradhar   | 9932469992 |
| Subhash Sutradhar | 6297625701 |
| Uttam Bhaskar     | 9732908249 |



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# Sundarban

## South 24 Parganas



- Experience nature and cultural tourism around Pakhiralay, Satjelia and Bali



Sundarban is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is renowned for its bio-diversity, unique landscape and the iconic mangrove forests. This landscape of the Sundarbans inspires the folk traditions of this land, such as Bonbibr Pala, Bhatiyali songs and Jhumur dance and songs. There are more than 800 artists practicing the tradition of local folk art forms. The land offers visitors an experience of a lifetime. The tourists can visit villages like Gosaba (Pakhiralay, Sonagaon), Satjelia (Rajatjubili, Anpur, Jamespur, Dayapur), Bali and experience culture of the delta region.



You can go on your own and stay at your own choice.



Possible stay : Mainak lodge/ Badabon/ Gulshan at Pakhiralay (Puranjan 9732820530), Sunderban Tiger Safari at Sonagaon (9874459647), Sundarban Mangrove Retreat at Jamespur (Samir 9051212225), Sundarban J D Camp at Bali (9775517654). WBTDTC's Matla Tourism Property at Sajnekhali is quite well known. A lot of home stays are also there at Jharkhali.

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# In and around Murshidabad



- Heritage trail of Lalbagh and Hazarduari
- Palaces in and around Azimganj, Cossimbazar
- BaulFakiri music trail covering Khagra, Jalangi and Gorbhanga
- Raibenshe village at Daulatabad



Murshidabad is situated on the banks of the Bhagirathi river, is famous for its silk. Across Murshidabad in several villages like Khagra, Jalangi, Hariharpara, Kushalpur there are more than 100 Baul Fakirs. Raibenshe – the prominent traditional martial art dance form is prominent in Daulatabad and Burwan. Khagra of Murshidabad is also known for the Shola craft. At the borders of Murshidabad, one can also visit the Fakir's village at Gorbhanga in Karimpur II of Nadia and spend a day with music and melody. Murshidabad and bordering Nadia makes an interesting music trail covering Khagra, Jalangi and Gorbhanga. You can go on your own and stay at your own choice.

WBTD's property Bohor is well known at Baharampur. Bari Kothi heritage hotel is at Azimganj. For musical trail, you can stay at Gorbhanga (Babu Fakir 9733948841) or at Jalangi (Chhote Golam 9732917198).

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**Raibenshe**

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