Shantiniketan

A thriving historical past, enlightening cultural heritage and serenity aptly describe Shantiniketan. Situated near Bolpur in West Bengal, this educational abode is a hub of knowledge, ideas and spirituality. The 'Abode of Peace' was established by Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, father of the great Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

The beautiful town of Shantiniketan is a bustling hub of knowledge and culture. Set amidst lush surroundings, the town is a meeting point for Eastern and Western schools of learning. Originally known as Bhubandanga, it is home to a blossoming university. The annual fair, Paush Mela, began with an aim of introducing a new religious faith known as Brahmo Dharmo. The fair is presently one of the most celebrated events in the town and is a major tourist attraction. With a plethora of educational centers, such as Kala Bhavan (college of arts and crafts) and Sangeet bhavan, Shantiniketan is slowly gaining importance as a tourist destination. A refuge for scholars, historians, nature buffs and spiritual seekers, Shantiniketan exudes peace, calm and tranquility.

When To VISIT


Jan
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 22.0°C  Min: 9.5°C  Rain: 6.0mm

Feb
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 25.1°C  Min: 12.5°C  Rain: 21.0mm

Mar
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 29.2°C  Min: 16.1°C  Rain: 30.0mm

Apr
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 32.4°C  Min: 19.8°C  Rain: 27.0mm

May
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 31.3°C  Min: 19.8°C  Rain: 84.0mm

Jun
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 31.1°C  Min: 21.8°C  Rain: 144.0mm

Jul
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 29.9°C  Min: 21.8°C  Rain: 144.0mm

Aug
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 28.1°C  Min: 20.5°C  Rain: 189.0mm

Sep
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 25.5°C  Min: 19.5°C  Rain: 63.0mm

Oct
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 24.8°C  Min: 14.4°C  Rain: 9.0mm

Nov
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 22.7°C  Min: 10.1°C  Rain: 12.0mm

Dec
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 22.7°C  Min: 10.1°C  Rain: 12.0mm

What To SEE

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Famous For: Town, Places To Visit, History & Culture, City
1 Amar Kutir

Amar Kutir Road, Ballavpur, Bolpur, Shantiniketan, West Bengal 731236, India

Established in 1923, Amar Kutir is the centre for rural development situated in a great natural setting. The showroom showcases various handicrafts and has a stock of over 1300 regional handicraft products. It was once a place of refuge for the Indian independence movement. It now functions with the aim of promoting local arts and crafts. It is situated along the banks of Kopai River, some 15 km away from Shantiniketan.

2 Vishvabharti Campus

Vishvabharti Campus is a public central university, especially well known because of its association with the famous Bengali polymath - Rabindranath Tagore (Gurudeb). Tagore founded this university in the year 1901 and named it Vishva Bharati, which means communion with the world. It was later given the status of University post independence, and renamed as Vishva Bharati University. The incredible pull that students worldwide have felt for Tagore and this school needs no explanation. You will find people from all over the world with various interests (realtors, painters, scholars, language enthusiasts etc.) coming here to add to their knowledge and experience. A tour of the campus is a must for those who are looking for an enriching experience. The outside world seems to fade away as the life in the campus encloses you in a different world of its own. Some places not to be missed are Chhatimtala (a tree under which the idea of having such a place blossomed), Shantiniketan Griha (where Tagor spent his childhood), Upasana Griha (an eye catching prayer hall), Amro Kunjo (open-air classrooms with students dressed in canary yellow garbs) and the Chaith (an incredible mud-house structure that attracts tourists in hordes), apart from many others.

3 Siksha Bhavana

Siksha Bhavana Library, Andrews Palli Road-1, Surul, West Bengal 731204, India

Siksha Bhavana is the Institute of Science at Visva Bharati. Initially established as a centre for undergraduate studies, the centre now has eleven constituents in varied fields such as Physics, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Statistics and Computer Systems. Courses offered here include B.Sc, M.Sc and Ph.D. The college has been of immense importance in India’s contribution to the world of science.

4 Vidya Bhavana

Visva Bharati University Complex, Shantiniketan, Bolpur, Birbhum District, West Bengal 731204, India

Rich with the literary and cultural legacy of Gurudeb Rabindranath Tagore, Vidya Bhavana is the Faculty of Higher Studies at Visva Bharati. It was established as a learning centre of Oriental Studies to understand and spread knowledge of the confluences of the East and the West. The centre is located near the Central Library and is marked by its red soil and distinguishable buildings. There are curd and sweetmeat vendors, and handicraft stores here. It is not a place for sightseeing, but to experience the cultural vibe that it is famous for.

5 Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary

An exciting break from the city, the Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary is a great place to spend a day with the family. Established in 1977, this wooded area is also known as Deer Park. You will spot a lot of deer and playful squirrel here. The sanctuary is a haven for many water birds, jackal, fox, black buck and spotted deer. Just outside the gate, there is a small shack selling refreshments. Try the trademark Bengali preparation of Ghugni with a glass of refreshing lemon tea.

Where To Eat

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2 Places

1 Shakuntala

Sonajhuri-Khowai, Shantiniketan, Bolpur, West Bengal 731235, India

Lip-smacking Bengali cuisine, a rustic setting and gracious hosts -- this is what Shakuntala is all about. Apart from the cuisine, what makes this restaurant really special is the use of clay pots and utensils. They cover their plates with banana and use earthen bowls for storing salt and spices. The prices are reasonable and the overall experience is good value-for-money. The place is also a resort with two-storeyed mud huts having cosy rooms and basic amenities. As dusk descends, the place gets lively with the soothing music of the bauls, barbeque and bonfire.

2 Kasahara-The Cafe

Near Sangeet Bhavana, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, Bolpur, West Bengal 731204, India

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Kasahara-The Cafe is a nice and cosy cafe situated in Sangeet Bhavana at the Visva Bharati University Campus. You can hire a toto (a battery operated auto service) that takes you around the campus. The cafe has a rustic charm to it with thatched roof huts and earthenware. The cafe serves lip-smacking Indian and Chinese delicacies. Their thalis are simply the best and remind you of home cooked Bengali food. Overall, the restaurant is a great place to enjoy a hearty meal.
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