

# DIGHA



Digha is West Bengal's most popular sea resort. Originally known as Beerkul, it is mentioned as the "Brighton of the East" in one of Warren Hasting's letters (1780 AD) to his wife. In 1923, an English tourist John Frank Smith was charmed by the beauty of Digha and started living here. His writings about Digha slowly gave exposure to this place. After independence, he convinced West Bengal's chief minister Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy to develop Digha as a beach resort.

A small town, Digha is crowded with hotels generally around one main road. Its proximity to Calcutta (187 km) attracts tourists throughout the year. Digha is a hard beach where one can drive during low tide. The beach is however facing the problem of sea-erosion.

Bathing is advisable only during the low tide. One can view both sunrise and sunset at Digha sea beach. Digha is one of the most popular tourist sports in West Bengal.

The sea at Digha is calm and shallow for about a mile from the beach making it quite safe for swimming.

The seven km long flat, hard beach, dotted with casuarina plantations, is close to the border with Orissa and a 4 ½ hour run by train from Kolkata. Here the river Hooghly becomes indistinguishable from the Bay of Bengal.



## Connectivity

Direct Express train from SHM. 8027 Up in the morning for going to Digha. The same train returns back in the evening (8028). In addition, a DMU train plies between Mecheda and Digha.

To Digha	SHM	MCA	TMZ	KANTHI	DIGHA
8027	7.45	8.48	9.35	11.18	12.10
DMU	-	19.00	19.48	21.45	22.45
From Digha	DIGHA	KANTHI	TMZ	MCA	SHM
8028	14.30	15.20	16.58	17.42	19.00
DMU	4.45	5.44	7.40	8.30	-

## Connectivity between MCA and HWH by EMU locals :

From Howrah	HWH	MCA
MEMU 3	17.55	18.53
M 43	17.20	18.50
To Howrah	MCA	HWH
MEMU 4	8.50	10.00
K112	8.40	9.50
P 30	8.36	10.10