

Diamond Harbour: Riverside story

IF you want to put yourself in a self-imposed isolation for few hours then no other place is better than Diamond Harbour hardly 48 kms away from Calcutta.

Here, the Hooghly, just a kissing distance away from the Bay of Bengal, is as good as the sea. When the sun travels towards the west, a riot of colours occurs in sky. The blue river and the golden sky together make a magical fusion that you are bound to remember for ever.

Going to Diamond Harbour is easy. Various local trains from

Sealdaha and public buses from Esplanade will take you there within two and a half hours.

Take a cycle rickshaw from the station or bus terminus to reach Sagarika, the best located hotel owned by WBTDC. This river-facing, well equipped hotel is furnished with all modern amenities, delicious foods and a well-stocked bar.

Whether you spend the night or not you can enter Sagarika by paying Rs 2 and use the massive balcony, restroom and dining room. Food and drinks from outside, however, are not allowed.

If you decide to come by car then

spend one night at Diamond Harbour and then continue towards Kakdwip, Frasergunj and Bakkhali. And you can always take a steamer to Haldia just across the river.

Though notorious for being the favourite haunt of lovers, it is equally attractive to families wishing to spend some idle days by the river.

One can spend the whole day sitting by the riverside and watching big cargo ships and country boats pass by. The sunset is the main attraction of Diamond Harbour. So don't forget to bring your camera.

Are we seeing you at Diamond Harbour on one of these days?



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