

MEANDERING S.O.U.L.S –

Seekers of Unexplored Lands & Sojourns

BACKPACKING TRIPS, DAY TRIPS, ECO TRIPS, PHOTOGRAPHY TRIPS, BIRDWATCHING TRIPS, TREKKING / CAMPING TRIPS, JUNGLE WALK, CYCLING / MOTORBIKING ADVENTURES, RIVER FRONT CAMPING, BORDER TREKS – CUSTOMISED / TAILORED FOR OFFBEAT PLACES, LESSER KNOWN DESTINATIONS ...

Offbeat Locations on the offering:-

NORTH BENGAL

- Lataguri
 - o Activities: Tour of Gorumara WLS
 - o Activities: Tour of Chapramari WLS
 - o Activities: Stroll around the Tea Gardens
- Sittong (Orange Orchards)
 - o Ahaldara (Sittong 3)
 - o Shelpu Bazar (Sittong 3)
 - o Ghalaytar (Sittong 2)
 - o Latpanchar (Sittong 2)
 - o Khasmahal (Sittong 1)
 - o Jogihat (Sittong 1)
- - o **Highlights:**
 - Birdwatching (Mahananda WLS)
 - Whole day trip can be arranged on request
 - View of the Mountains & Sunrise & Stars below your Feet at Ahaldara
 - Namthing Pokhri (famous for the rare Himalayan Salamander reptiles)
 - Jogihat bridges (Hanging Bridge in disrepair / Iron Bridge)
 - Waterfalls at Jogihat
 - Orange Orchards during season
- Gajaldoba
 - o **Highlights:**
 - Teesta Barrage
 - Boat Trip & Bird watching in the Spillover Lake
 - Full Day Birdwatching Trips can be arranged separately for enthusiasts
- Chatakpur
 - o **Highlights:**
 - Unparalleled View of Kanchenjunga (highest village around this area)
- Alipurduar / Buxa-Jayanti
 - o **Highlights:**
 - Buxa WLS – Core Forest Tour (Wildlife Sighting)
 - Buxa WLS – Pokhri Lake (giant Catfish)
 - Buxa WLS – Chunia Forest Tour (Wildlife Sighting)
 - Buxa WLS – Mahakal (Shiva Temples in Bhutan Hillside)
 - Buxa Fort
 - Lepchakha – Small Lepcha (Bhutanese) settlement
 - Bhutia Basti - Small Bhutia (Bhutanese) settlement

- **Jhalong**
 - **Highlights:**
 - Bindu Barrage
 - Jaldhaka Hydel Project
 - Jaldhaka River (forming the Border between India & Bhutan)
 - Jhalong River
- **Paren**
 - **Highlights:**
 - Walk along the Jhalong River
 - Paren Forest
- **Rongo**
 - **Highlights:**
 - Rustic and Serene Village barely consists of 20 odd houses
 - Jhalong River Stream, Recreation area along the stream
 - Rongo View Points – of the Surrounding areas from atop the mountain top, Jaldhaka River stream, Murti River Stream
 - Rongo Monastery
 - Trekking in Neora Valley National Park / Paren Forest
- **Todey – Tangta**
 - Tangta is the last motorable village along the Todey Tangta route
 - **Highlights:**
 - Monastery Visit
 - Riverside Camping
 - Trekking
 - Hilltop Camping
- **Suntalekhola**
 - **Highlights:**
 - Rocky Island (Picnic Spot)
 - Murti River
 - Samsing Tea Garden
 - Lalliguras (Picnic Spot)
 - Walk thru the Samsing Forest
- **Lepchajagat / Mane Bhanjan**
 - Stop-over point for Tourists seeking to visit Sandakphu
 - Lepchajagat is Lepcha (Nepalese) Settlement enroute to Mane Bhanjan and Sandakphu and offers interesting homestay options and interaction opportunity with these local tribesmen and their culture
 - Mane Bhanjan is uniquely placed such that the village is divided over between the Indo Nepal Border
 - **Highlights:**
 - Sandakphu (Nepal) - a small village @ 12,024 ft. Awesome Views over 4 of the world's 5 highest peaks.
- **Jalpaiguri**
 - It's a laid back small town in the state of West Bengal. It's also the district headquarters. It's also the home town for the Meandering S.o.u.l.s
 - Two Rivers – Teesta & Karala flow side by side at the east end of the Town and confluence of these two rivers is about 11 kms away from the town centre
 - **Highlights:**
 - Joyee Bridge – it's the Longest river bridge in India spanning 3.5kms over Teesta river joining the towns of Mekhliganj and Haldibari.

- Tin Bigha Corridor – it's a strip of land admeasuring 3-Bighas belonging to India on the West Bengal–Bangladesh border which was leased to Bangladesh so that the country could access its Dahagram–Angarpota enclave from the mainland. The enclave remains the only one still in existence after the 2015 resolution of the India-Bangladesh enclaves issue.

SIKKIM

- Zuluk / Padamchen

- Last settlements along the Silk Route on the Indian Side
- **Highlights:**
 - Baba Mandir
 - Changu (TSOMGO) Lake
 - Yak Ride at Changu Lake
 - Changu Lake Ropeway

- Lachen

- **Highlights:**
 - Gateway to Gurudongmar Lake

(p.s.:- For Sikkim I have a limited location as we are still scouring the state for want of truly offbeat places.

If you have any specific place in mind in Sikkim, do let me know. Will arrange for the same thru mutual contact points in the state)

(p.s.:- By end of August we will be adding locations from the state of Assam & Meghalaya also to the list of Offbeat places) (Tentative depending upon the Covid Situation)

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