

Way to Kalimpong

Lava

Loleygaon

This is a small town that is located at a distance of 12 km from Lava at an altitude of 5,500 feet. Kafer, which is about 4 km away from the town, offers a panoramic view of the Kanchenjunga. You can also witness a spectacular sunrise from Jhandi Dara.

Getting there:

Kalimpong is a 3-hour drive away from Darjeeling and a 2-hour-and-30-minute drive away from Siliguri.

Accommodation:

Morgan House and Hill Top are run by West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

Hill Top phone: 03552-255654.

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There are lodges run by West Bengal Forest Development Corporation & Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council and several private hotels available in the area.



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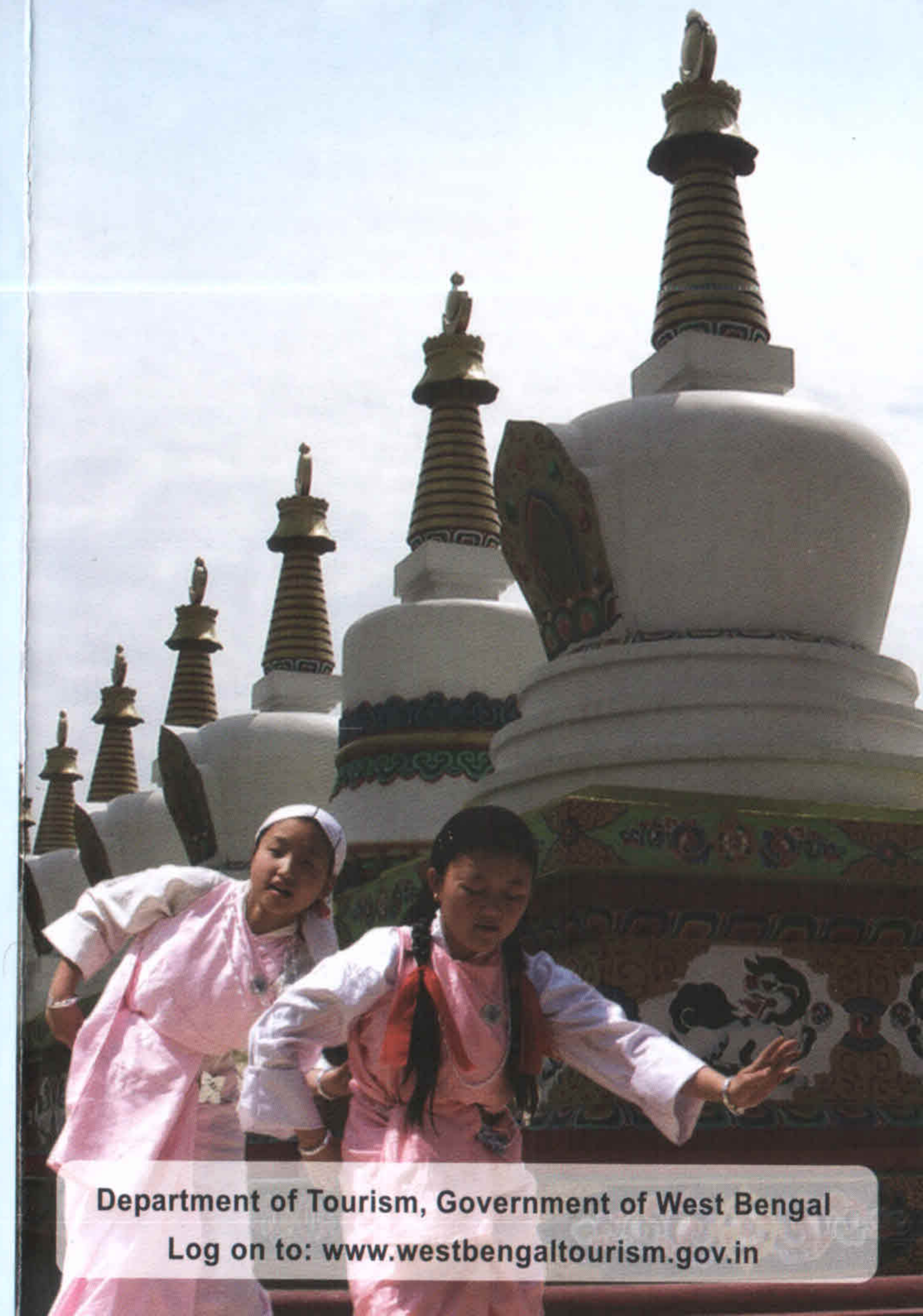
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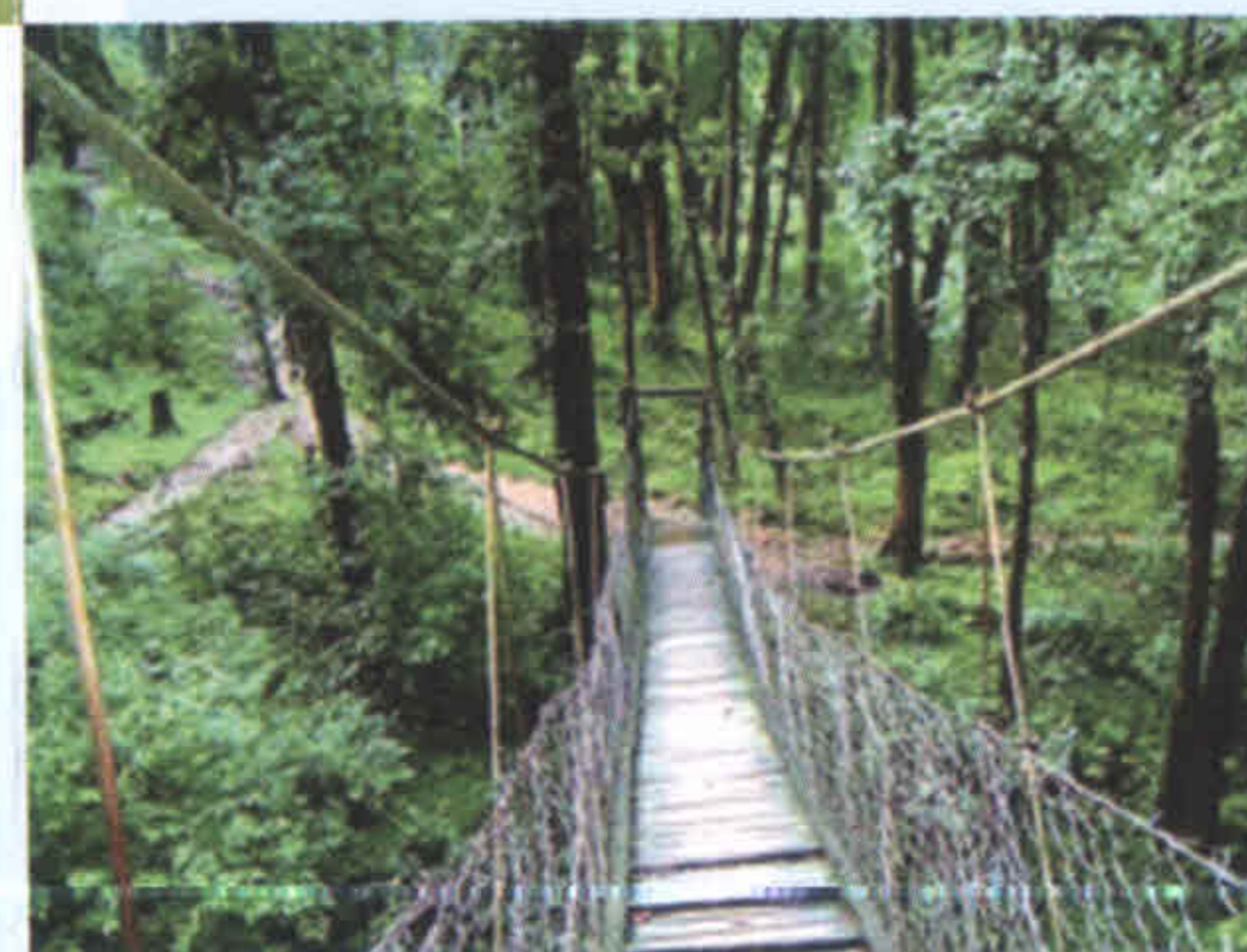
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On the way near Kalimpong



Loleygaon Canopy



Lava Lake



Morgan House Tourist Lodge



Teesta

The monasteries of Kalimpong date back to 1836 and tell a rich story not only of past events but also of local art and culture. You could visit the Pedong, Thongsa and Tharpa Choling monasteries, among the others here. When you mingle with the boy monks and gyalong-blowing lamas, you will want to forget the rest of the world for you will be making a tryst with eternity.

Places to visit:

Kalimpong Arts and Crafts Centre—for handicrafts.

Tharpa Choling Monastery—a repository of old scriptures and documents.

Around Kalimpong:

Lava (30 km), Loleygaon (54 km), Pedong (20 km). Reshav, Kafer.

Lava

This is a small town that is situated 34 km east of Kalimpong at an altitude of 7,016 feet. It is one of the few places in West Bengal that receive snow in winter. The idyllic green forests around Lava are ideal for picnics, trekking and birdwatching. The road to Lava is untouched by modern life and tourists will find rustic hamlets whose inhabitants lead lives that have not changed for centuries. Wild animals such as the Himalayan black bear and the barking deer are found in these parts. A Buddhist monastery is also located on one of the hills of Lava. Neora Valley National Park is located here which is famous for the 'Red Panda'

Kalimpong is a sleepy little town that is situated at an altitude of 1,200 m and at a distance of 50-odd km to the east of Darjeeling. It was once the hub of the trans-Himalayan trade between India and Tibet—merchants used to ferry goods by mule caravans over the Jelepla Pass on the Sikkim-Tibet border.

The name of this town has historic significance. Kalimpong was once the headquarters of a Bhutanese Governor. The word "kalim" means "the King's minister" and the word "pong" means "stronghold"; hence "Kalimpong" means "the stronghold of the King's minister."

The dense forests of golden oak trees that are offset by the rich undergrowth of moss and lichen are an ideal setting for balmy walks on the thick cushions of russet leaves. One comes to Kalimpong to slow down and be pampered amid nature's bounties.

Thongsa Monastery—the oldest in the area.

Dharmodaya Vihar—a Nepalese Buddhist temple.

Parnami Mandir and Mangal Dham

Durpin Danda—the mountain ranges of Sikkim, including Jelepla and Tiger Hill, and the confluence of the Relli, Riangan and Teesta rivers can be viewed from here.

Zong Dog Palri Fo Brang Monastery at Durpin Danda.

Delo View Point—for magnificent views.

Kalimpong's famous flower nurseries.