

Chalsa (West Bengal)

Chalsa is a small town situated just on the foot of the Himalayas in the Duars in Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal. This small town is surrounded by hills, tea gardens, rivers and forests. One part of the town is surrounded by Gorumara National Park and other part with Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary. This small town was known as Queen of Duars in British India. Nearby forests are residence of a good collection of elephants and rhinos. It is situated on the way towards Birpara or Alipurduar from Siliguri via Malbazar. It takes around 1.5 hours from Siliguri both on road and railways. It is 60 km from Bagdogra airport.



Coronation Bridge

Chalsa is located at 26.88°N 88.78°E.

It has an average elevation of 163 metres (535 feet).

It is the headquarters of the Matiali community development block under the Malbazar subdivision of the Jalpaiguri district.

Siliguri is the best starting point. Siliguri is connected by air (Bagdogra) from New Delhi, Guwahati, Chennai and Kolkata and by rail (New Jalpaiguri) from Delhi, Guwahati, Kolkata. Siliguri is about 10 hours by road from Kolkata. From Siliguri, Chapramari Sanctuary and Gorumara National Park are an hour and half away. And Chalsa is surrounded by these two forests. Road and rail transport are available choices. The National Highway is in very good condition and driving is comfortable. Chalsa is on the New Jalpaiguri-Alipurduar-Samuktala Road Line.



The famous one horned rhino in the Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary.



A view of the tea garden adjacent to the Resort.

The town itself is a typical trading centre and not very attractive from tourist perspective. However if you walk half a kilometre in any direction from Chalsa, you will come across beautiful undulating terrain including rivers, hillocks and forests. There is a small viewpoint on the Chalsa Meteli road which offers great view of Chalsa as well as the Gorumara forest area. The Neora river bed is an attractive spot for picnickers. Close proximity of Chalsa to a number of tourist destinations makes it an ideal place for tourists to make a base upon. From Chalsa, Samsing is just 15 km and so is Lataguri albeit they are in opposite directions. Murti is about 7 kilometers, The Chapramari forest is about 5 km. Even the Bindu Jhalong area is between 25 to 30 km away.