

"Tripura : Where Culture Meets Nature"



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# **NEERMAHAL**

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## NEERMAHAL

eermahal is a former summer palace built in 1930 AD by the King Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur of the erstwhile Kingdom of Tripura. Neermahal literally means 'Water Palace'. The palace is a picturesque fairytale royal mansion which is 53 km South of Agartala. Neer-Mahal was constructed as a summer residence of the king. The palace is situated in the middle of Rudrasagar Lake and assimilates Hindu and Muslim architectural styles. It is a fascinating sight to view the reflection of the palace on the placid waters of the Rudrasagar Lake.

The palace is the largest of its kind in India and the only one in Eastern India. There are only two water palaces in India, the other being the Jal Mahal in Rajasthan.

Neermahal is known as 'Lake Palace' of Tripura. It was Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur's idea to build a palace in the beautiful Rudrasagar lake and in 1921 he accredited the British company Martin and Burns to construct the palace for him. The company took nine years to complete the work. The palace is the embodiment of Maharaja's great taste and his fascinating idea of blending Hindu and Muslim traditions and cultures. The palace is divided into two parts. The western side of the palace is known as Andar Mahal. It was made for the royal family. The eastern side is an open-air theatre where drama, theatre, dance and other cultural events were organized for the enjoyment of Maharajas and their royal families. The palace has 24 rooms in total. The dome-shaped minarets of the palace have attributed a fort-like look to the mansion. The 'Darbar Hall' of the palace even today stands as an epitome of past royal pomp and grandeur. Neermahal has two stairways inside leading down to a landing on the waters of Rudrasagar Lake. Maharajas used to go to the palace by manually rowed boat from Raighat.

Rudrasagar Lake covers an area of about 5.3 sq. km and is home to variety of resident as well as migratory birds. Facilities for boating and water sports are available and boat festival is held every year in Rudrasagar in the month of July/August.

#### **How to Reach**

**Air** - The State Capital, Agartala is well connected by air with Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and Chennai. The M. B. B. Airport at Agartala is 57 km away from Neermahal at Melaghar under Sonamura Sub-Division.

**Rail** - The nearest rail station ia Bisramganj which is about 15 km from Neermahal. Local tourist cabs, auto rickshaw, bus etc. are available at Bisramganj railway station to reach Neermahal.

**Road** - Neermahal is well connected by road with Agartala, the state capital of Tripura. It is 47 km from Agartala and located at Melaghar under Sepahijala District. It takes about an hour to reach Neermahal by road from Nagerjala bus stand of Agartala. Luxury coaches both of private travel agencies and Public Sector Transport Corporation including tourist cabs and small cars ply on this road.

#### **Local Transport**

Tourist cabs and bus services are available to and from Agartala Airport or Nagerjala Bus stand, Agartala to Neermahal. Tourist cabs are also arranged by Tourism Department at Agartala Airport Tourist Information Centre on hire for local transportation.

### **Entry Formalities**

There is no need of entry formalities like Restricted Area Permit (RAP) or Inner Line Permit (ILP) to visit Tripura.

#### **Nearby Attraction**

Jagannath Temple and Chandicheera Lake.

#### **Where to Stay**

Name of Hotel/Guest House	Address	Contact Details
Sagarmahal Tourist Lodge	Rajghat, Melaghar	0381-2524418
Debroy Hotel	Melaghar Bazar	08014253269
Satyanarayan A.C. Hotel and Restaurant	Melaghar Sonamura Road	07005790927

#### Where to Eat

- 1. Sagarmahal Tourist Lodge Canteen.
  - 2. Debroy Hotel.
- 3. Satyanarayan A.C. Hotel and Restaurant.
  - 4. Matri Bhander.

#### **Shopping**

Melaghar Bazar., local contact, Administrator

#### **Administration**

- 1. District Magistrate and Collector, Sepahijala District, Bisramganj, Ph-0381-2867373.
  - 2. Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sonamura, Ph-0381-2750222.

#### **Police:**

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