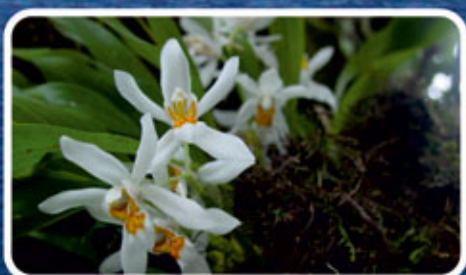
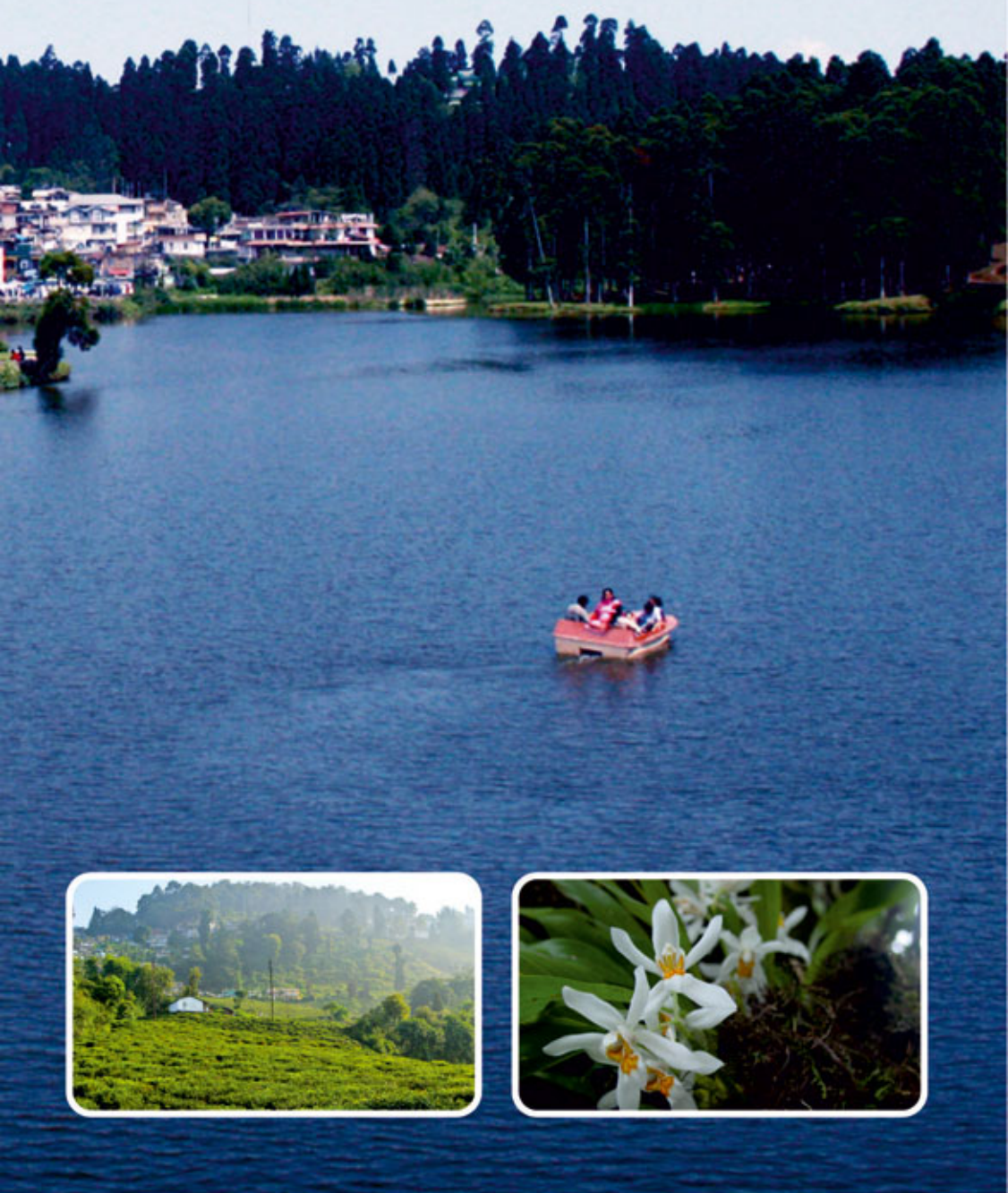


# Discover MIRIK





# Minik

Minik is the region's latest hill resort which came into being with the completion of the Sumendhu Lake in the early 1970s. Situated at an attitude of 1767 metres, 49 kms from Darjeeling and 52 kms from Siliguri, this destination has its own special charm. The word 'Minik' comes from the Lepcha word meaning 'place burnt by fire'.

The 1.25 kms long lake is fed by perennial streams and on a clear day one can get a fascinating view of the reflection of the majestic kanchenjunga on the lake waters. A rich forest of thousands of Cryptomaria-Japanica trees surrounds the lake.

A 3.5 kms cobbled foot-walk circumvents the lake and a quaint foot-bridge called 'Indreni Pul' connects the garden on the eastern side with the woods on the west.

Boating is a favourite pastime of the countless picnickers thronging this destination.

Minik is also known for its luscious oranges and cardamom.

## Fact File

Area	335 acres (Tourism Project Area)
Population	9197 (2001 census)
Altitude	5800ft. (1700 mts.)
Location	26° 32" N 88° 07" E
Climate	
Temperate	Summer : Max.29°C.Min.7°C Winter : Max. 13° Min. 1°C
Rainfall	279.4 cms annually
Best Season	March to Mid-June & September to December
Clothing	Light woollens and tropical in summer and heavy woollens in winter
Languages spoken	Nepali, English, Hindi, Bengali and Tibetan





## *How to Reach*

Mirik is connected to all the major cities of India by Air, Rail and Road.

**AIR:** The nearest airport Bagdogra, is 55 kms from Mirik.

**RAIL:** The nearest major railway station is New Jalpaiguri Railway station. From here there are direct railway connections to most of the major cities of India.

**ROAD:** Mirik is connected to Darjeeling (49 kms), Siliguri (52 kms) and from there on to the rest of the country by road.

**Routes:** Darjeeling - Ghoom - Sukhiapokhari - Simana - Fatak - Pashupati - Hillay - Bhanjang - Mirik.

Siliguri - Khaprail - Garidhura - Dudhia - Gayabari - Singbuli - Phuguri - Soureni - Mirik. Kurseong - Makaibari - Longview - Garidhura - Mirik.



## Okaity Tea Estate



# *Places of Interest*

## **The Sumendhu Lake:**

The waters of the lake vary from 3 to 26 feet and has a gentle promenade running right across the perimeter of the lake. An 80 feet arch-type bridge soars over the waters.

## **Rameetay Dara:**

This view point offers a magnificent view of the mountains and the plains. The sunrise as well as the sunset from this location provides an indelible experience.

## **Deosi Dara:**

This is another popular observation point.

## **Rai Dhap:**

A perfect picnic spot.

## **Devi Sthan:**

The fabled Hindu temple, the Singha Devi Mandir is situated on the western bank of the lake.

## **Tea Estates:**

The eight tea gardens in close vicinity to Mirik provide a picture perfect view. Thurbo Tea Estate, one of the best known gardens, is only 2 kms from the lake.

## **Orange Orchards:**

On a spur 2 kms from Mirik there are a number of orange orchards. In fact, Mirik forms the largest producer of oranges in West Bengal.

## **Cardamom Groves:**

Spicy cardamom groves can be seen in the marshes in and around Mirik region.



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