



RIVERSIDE RETREAT

quick trip

Those looking for a retreat closer home, Raichak on Ganges could be a good option. Located on the east bank of river Hooghly, a breezy hour and half drive from Kolkata, this versatile leisure destination offers everything a family can dream of. A great wellness getaway, a conference venue and an ideal destination for weddings, CEOs of Kolkata need not look any further for it offers a heady mix of work and pleasure.

Enveloped in tranquillity, the winter day package at Ffort Raichak, a landmark hotel would include: a traditional welcome drink, followed by rejuvenation with a half hour massage at the Anaya Spa.

THE WINTER DAY PACKAGE AT FFORT RAICHAK IS GREAT FOR AN IDYLIC EXPERIENCE

The spirit rejuvenated, you could then tantalise your taste buds at the 24-hour dining restaurant, Reflections. The refurbished restaurant/coffee shop at Ffort Raichak comes with a garden terrace, al fresco dining, island buffet, live counters with chefs recipe demonstrations and private dining enclosure. It serves a classic continental mix with a section of Indian, Italian and even a touch of fusion with home grown local organic vegetables and river fishes. The Calcutta Street Food section stands out with its mouth-watering fare. The covers, overlooking the pool, are bound to cheer you up.

The live counter manned by executive chef Snehasis Sinha and team match up to the demand of the hour of the day, serving live eggs of choice during breakfast or to complement the day's buffet lunch and dinner with Italian pastas, risottos and Mongolian specialties. The breakfast buffet is served between 7 am and 10 am and comes at ₹ 350 plus taxes. Whereas the delectable lunch (12 noon to 3pm) and dinner (7pm – 11pm) buffet comes at ₹ 550 plus taxes.

Post lunch, you could just take a stroll around the landscaped greenery, taking a dip in the azure swimming pool, or simply laze in Footloose, the Sports Bar cum discotheque. Those keen on an idyllic experience can opt for a boat ride on the river complete with folklore and music. Piping hot tea and cookies will follow soon after. Divided into three zones, the indoor space, the reflective pool deck and the al fresco area with a private entertainment zone, it promises to be the ultimate break from the frenzied pace of city life. All this for ₹ 1,599 per person. With minimalistic, crisp décor, mosaic inlay floor on white base, Jaisalmer fluid graphics, golden brown tones of timber, Jaisalmer and wicker and rattan seating — it is sure to bring back the old world charm.