

# Transportation in Tripura

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## Air



### [Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport](#)

[Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport](#), located 12 km northwest of Agartala at Singerbhil, is the second busiest airport in northeast India after Guwahati. There are direct flights to [Kolkata](#), [Imphal](#), [Delhi](#), [Shillong](#), [Guwahati](#), [Bangalore](#), [Dibrugarh](#), [Aizawl](#), [Ahmedabad](#), [Bangalore](#) and [Chittagong](#). The major airlines are [flybig](#), [Air India](#), [Akasa Air](#), [Spicejet](#) and [IndiGo](#).<sup>[93]</sup> Passenger helicopter services are available between the capital and major towns (Kailashahar, Dharmanagar) as well as to more remote areas such as Kanchanpur, Belonia and Gandacherra.<sup>[94]</sup>

## Railway



### [Agartala Railway Station](#)

Agartala was connected to India's railway network with the advent of the railways in the [subcontinent](#) in 1853 but the link was broken when India was [partitioned](#) in 1947. Railway services were established in Tripura in 1964 by constructing 1,000 mm (3 ft 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in) [metre gauge](#) track from [Lumding](#) in Assam to [Dharmanagar](#) and [Kailasahar](#) in Tripura but the track did not reach Agartala. Rail transport was absent in the state until 2008–09 when the railway track was extended to the capital Agartala.<sup>[94]</sup> The metre gauge rail track was connected to 5 ft 6 in (1,676 mm) [broad gauge](#) at Lumding. The major railway stations in this line are in Agartala, [Dharmanagar](#), and [Kumarghat](#). This metre gauge track was converted to 1,676 mm (5 ft 6 in) broad gauge in 2016 and now trains run from Agartala to [Kolkata](#) and [Delhi](#). The total length of this railway track in Tripura state is 153 km. It is a single line without electrification. The Agartala sabroom line was coupled and became fully operational from 2019.

A new railway line is being laid westwards from [Agartala](#) to [Akhaura](#) in [Bangladesh](#). This will reduce the distance between [Agartala](#) and [Kolkata](#) by over 1000 km and provide rail access to [Chittagong](#) port.

Some major Express trains that operate from [Agartala](#) are - [Agartala - Anand Vihar Terminal Rajdhani Express](#)

- [Agartala - Firozpur Cantonment Tripura Sundari Express](#)
- [Agartala - Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express](#)
- [Agartala - Deoghar Weekly Express](#)
- [Agartala - Silchar Express](#)
- Agartala - Rani Kamlapati(Bhopal) Weekly Express
- Agartala - Secunderabad Superfast Special
- Agartala - Jiribam Janshatabdi Express

## Road



The border post between Bangladesh and India in [Akhaura](#)

Only one major road, the [National Highway 8](#) (NH-8), connects Tripura to the rest of India.<sup>[94]</sup> Starting at [Sabroom](#) in southern Tripura, it heads north to the capital Agartala, turns east and then north-east to enter the state of Assam. Locally known as "Assam Road", the NH-8 is often called the lifeline of Tripura.<sup>[94]</sup> However, the highway is single lane and of poor quality; often landslides, rains or other disruptions on the highway cut the state off from its neighbours.<sup>[41]:73[82]:8</sup> Another National Highway, [NH 108](#), connects the town of Panisagar in northern Tripura with [Aizawl](#), Mizoram.<sup>[40]</sup> The [Tripura Road Transport Corporation](#) is the government agency overlooking public transport on road. A hilly and land-locked state, Tripura is dependent mostly on roads for transport.<sup>[94]</sup> The total length of roads in the state is 16,931 km (10,520 mi) of which national highways constitute 88 km (55 mi) and state highways 689 km (428 mi). Residents in rural areas frequently use waterways as a mode of transport.

Tripura has an 856 km (532 mi) long international border with Bangladesh, of which 777.4 km (483.1 mi) is fenced. Several locations along the border serve as bilateral trading points between India and Bangladesh, such as Akhaura near Agartala, Raghna, Srimantpur, Belonia, Khowai and Kailasahar. A [bus service](#) exists between Agartala and [Dhaka](#), the capital of Bangladesh. The two countries signed an agreement to establish a 15 km (9.3 mi) railway link between Agartala and [the Akhaura junction](#) of Bangladesh. Citizens of both countries need [visa](#) to legally enter the other country; however, illegal movement and smuggling across the border are widespread.