



## The Ruins

**Khandhar**

India/1983/35mm/Colour/Hindi

**Direction, Screenplay:** Mrinal Sen

**Producer:** Jagdish Chowkhani

**Cinematography:** K K Mahajan

**Music:** Bhaskar Chandavharkar

**Cast:** Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi, Gita Sen, Pankaj Kapoor, Sreela Mazumder, Rajen Tarafdar, Annu Kapoor

### **Awards/Festivals**

Cannes Film Festival 1985, Chicago International Film Festival, Best Film 1985, Filmfare Best Screenplay Award 1985, National Film Award for Best Director, Mrinal Sen 1984, National Film Award for Best Actress, Shabana Azmi 1984

Three friends take a couple of days off from the madness of the city to enjoy themselves in the ruins of a huge erstwhile feudal mansion, which is occupied by a sick, blind mother who lay paralysed and her daughter, heirs to a portion of the dilapidated mansion. The mother survives on the hope that a distant nephew of hers will one day come and, as promised, marry the daughter. But the daughter keeps the secret to herself that the nephew had already married and settled. Having been thrown into a peculiar situation, the visitors and the daughter are forced to act before the blind mother that one among the visitors is the nephew who promised to marry her.