

Serene Beauty of Meghalaya

Tour Overview

CTH promises you a fun filling and refreshing trip. We come with service assurance packages for exclusive assistance. A mandatory sanitization has been conducted over vehicles and hotels. We always anticipate in the best way possible hence we have deployed smart professionals 24x7 for real time resolution if any required.

Itinerary

Day 1 Pick up from Guwahati Airport/Rly Station and transfer to Shillong: -

Namaste!!! You will be greeted by our representative who will receive you from Guwahati Airport/ Station and then proceed towards Shillong which is also known as the 'Scotland of East'. It takes almost 3 hours to reach.

Shillong, is the capital city of the northeast Indian state of Meghalaya. It is a beautiful hill station, stationed approx. 1525MTR/ 5000FT above sea level. The town is encircled by pine forests and it enjoys light drizzles to moderate showers keeping the climate cool throughout the year.

Enroute we will visit the majestic Barapani (Uiam Lake) wrapped in the beauty of an assortment of green Khasi-Pines and surrounded by sylvan hills and blue skies. It is one of the famous tourist places, the largest man-made lake in Northeast India. Then upon reaching Shillong, check into your hotel and relax. Enjoy your dinner and stay overnight in your hotel at Shillong.

Day 2 Shillong to Cherrapunjee via Elephant falls and Shillong peak 60kms/2-3hrs): -

After an early breakfast check out from hotel and we will proceed to Cherrapunjee. On the way we will visit -

Shillong Peak: The Shillong peak stands massively 1965 mtr above the sea level. It is one of the highest points in the state which offers a breathtaking bird's eye view of the city.

Elephant Falls: Named after an Elephant like stone at its foot, the Elephant Falls are amongst the most popular falls in the North East, situated next to Shillong. It is a tourists' paradise with three layers of the falls accessible to the layman from different vantage points. It is a superb place for spending some time in the midst of nature while capturing the incredible moments for your keepsake.

Then we will visit the following places in Cherrapunjee before entering your hotel-

Nohkalikai Falls: Nohkalikai Falls is the tallest plunge waterfall in India. Its height is 1115 feet (340 metres). Nohkalikai Falls are fed by the rainwater collected on the summit of a comparatively small plateau and decrease in power during the dry season in December - February. Below the falls there has formed a plunge pool with unusual green coloured water.

Mawmai Cave: You can also explore the caves known as Mawmai, Mawmai cave is one of the most popular attractions in Cherrapunji. Mawmai cave boasts of wide & amazing entry with the dark and magical secrecy inside.

Cherrapunjee Eco Park: Designed and maintained by the Government of Meghalaya, Eco Park is one of the popular tourist attractions of Cherrapunjee from where the visitors can enjoy lovely view of the 'Green Canyons' of Cherrapunji along with the waterfalls that are located nearby. The Eco park also has a crystal-clear water stream in its boundaries visit.

Nohsngthiang Falls (also known as the Seven Sisters Waterfalls or Mawmai Falls): The seven sisters fall is a kind of waterfall which symbolizes the seven states in northeast namely Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram and Meghalaya. The fall is separated with seven parts over the cliff of the hills. The view is spectacular and completely engross one individual with the view.

The view of the falls amidst the cloud passing by gives an amazing view. The place is a must visit when one is tripping to Meghalaya and to enjoy the vastness of the panoramic stretch.

Then check into your hotel and relax after a tiring day. Enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at Cherrapunjee.

Day 3 Cherrapunjee to Mawlynnong & Dawki & Back to Shillong: -

After an early breakfast drive to Mawlynnong, Asia's cleanest village. Visit the Living Root Bridge.

Living Root Bridge: The 30 meters long bridge stands 2400 feet high and is the longest known Living Root Bridge, which also means that to reach the bridge one has to make a steep descent of 2400 feet. Holding the proud distinction of being addressed as one of the most picturesque and beautiful places on earth. The Living Root Bridges are made from rubber tree roots also known as Ficus elastica tree.

Then you will be taken Dawki, a small village where the main attraction is the Umngot River that marks the natural separation between the Khasi and the Jaintia Hills and you can enjoy the boat ride on the crystal-clear water of the river at your own expense. Then you will also take a glance of Indo Bangladesh Border. Evening we will proceed to Shillong. After reaching check into your hotel and relax after a tiring day. Enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at Shillong.

Day 4 Shillong to Jowai-Day Excursion 65.7 Kms 2 Hrs 2min Approx:-

After early breakfast start full day excursion to Jowai, headquarters of the Jaintia Hills district is situated 65.7 kms away from Shillong, along the Shillong-Silchar national highway. A picturesque town circled by the majestic Myntdu River. Jowai was the summer capital of the Jaintia Kings, of Sutnga State.

We will visit the following sightseeing places -

Krang Suri Falls: With waterfalls as blue as the sky itself, the Krang Suri falls are one of the most appealing waterfalls of Meghalaya. The colour of the plunge pool is what startles everyone. It is the most gorgeous shade of deep, copper sulphate blue. This trip is cut-out for nature lovers as it takes you through winding roads brimming with greenery. It is located about 30 kms from Jowai in the district of West Jaintia within the mountains, which can also be seen from afar. To reach the waterfall the tourists must walk alongside the border of the mountains, which is a very narrow yet slippery path. This makes the trip to the Krang Suri waterfall even more thrilling as you will be able to see the steep of the mountains and the height of the mountain. A least explored place and perfect offbeat destination and very few tourists venturing here. It is simply breathtaking! Do not miss it, if you are anywhere in the Meghalaya. A moment of silence to acknowledge how beautiful this waterfall is!

Tyrshi Falls: It is compared with the Elephant falls of Shillong. It is located about 5 kms from Jowai. A pretty arch bridge connects across an expanse of green paddy fields, which opens up to the gushing Tyrshi falls thundering down to the Pynthor (paddy-fields) below. A breathtaking panoramic view of the Pynthor Nein is visible from the bridge. A winding footpath offering a breathtaking and panoramic view of the Pynthor Nein, eases your trek down to the bottom of the falls, which glides down like milk over a vertical drop. It's an amazing experience.

Thadlaskein Lake: It is located 8 k.m away from Jowai on National highway. It is a man-made lake at Thadlaskein fed by a Perennial spring. According to tradition, one Chieftain Sajar Nangli had an irreconcilable difference with the King of Jaintiapur. Not wanting to be blamed for an inevitable bloodbath he decided to flee from the Kingdom with his followers. Before his departure, however, they dug the present-day lake with the ends of bows as a memorial. The lake is revered by the people of Raid Mukhia who continue to offer sacrifices near the Lake. A popular picnic spot for locals.

Nartiang: - The Village of Nartiang is significant for its Summer Palace of the Jaintia King whose Capital was Jaintiapur. The remnants of the summer Palace is located on a hillock approximately two kilometres from the Nartiang market. The archway which can be seen to this day shows that they were well versed in the making of red bricks similar to the ones used by the Ahom Kings of Assam. From the cannons found in the Shiv temple it goes to show that they had skills in techniques of fire arms and metallurgy. At present there lies a Hindu temple in this vicinity and the priests who practice, there are direct descendants of the original priests that came from Jaintiapur.

Nartiang Monoliths: - Monoliths exist throughout the length and breadth of the Khasi and Jaintia Hills. However, the biggest collection of monoliths or Megalithic stones in one single area is to be found north of the Nartiang market. These consists of Menhirs (Upright stones) Moo Shynrang and Dolmens (flat stones in the horizontal position) locally known as Moo Kynthai. Within the perimeter of these Megalithic collection stands the tallest Menhir erected by U Mar Phalyngki a trusted lieutenant of the Jaintia King to commemorate his victory in battle. Other monoliths were erected by U Mar Phalyngki, U Luh Lyngkor Lamare and various clans of Nartiang village between 1500A.D. and 1835A.D.

Durga Temple at Nartiang: - Adjacent to the ruins of the Summer Palace of the Jaintia King in front of the arched gateway of red bricks stands the Durga Temple. It is believed that the temple was constructed by the Jaintia King on his conversion to Hinduism. It is said that the temple construction initially was like a typical Khasi house having a Central wooden pillar (dieng Blai) and the roof was in thatch. Later, the thatch was replaced by a corrugated tin roof. Further modification on the roof as we now see has a steeple like a Church. During the rule of the Jaintia Kings, human sacrifices were offered to Goddess Durga. Within the temple there is a tunnel that reaches the river Myntang and it is through this hole that the heads were rolled down to the Myntang River. Human sacrifice was banned during British rule and goats are now sacrificed.

Then we will return back to your hotel in the evening to Shillong and relax after a tiring day. Enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at Shillong.

Day 5 Shillong to Guwahati & :-Mandir Darshan & Sunset Cruise Trip:-

After an early breakfast, check-out from your Shillong hotel and then proceed towards Guwahati. Upon reaching Guwahati, check into your hotel. Then we will visit some of the famous sightseeing places of Guwahati- Kamakhya Temple: - Kamakhya Temple - The temple is dedicated to goddess Kamakhya an incarnation of Sati. It is on Nilachal hill, says the Shiva Purana, that the yoni or creative organ of Sati fell when Vishnu, in a bid to save the world from the Shiva's tandava nritya or dance of destruction, cut her dead body into 51 pieces with his suddarshan chakra.

In the evening, you will thoroughly enjoy a boat ride on the Brahmaputra River while you will be taken to the Umananda Temple within the Peacock Island in the river.

Umananda Mandir: - Umananda Devaloi is a Shiva temple located at the Peacock Island in the middle of river Brahmaputra just opposite the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup or the Kachari Ghat in Guwahati. It was built by the Ahom King Gadadhar Singha, who was a devout Shaivait.

Then we will proceed for boarding a river cruise and enjoy a magnificent sunset over the majestic Brahmaputra River. The cruise will sail on the mighty Brahmaputra around Guwahati, so all you need to do is sit back, relax, enjoy a drink (at your own expense) - and some nibbles and admire the view. Watch the sun going down over the stunning landscape and then the twinkling of stars in the evening sky. Then return to Guwahati city with plenty of time to enjoy your evening, with this relaxing and unforgettable sunset cruise experience. Rest of the evening will be at leisure. You can do your bit of shopping from Fancy Bazaar, the main shopping area of Guwahati. Then return back to your hotel, enjoy your dinner and stay overnight in your hotel at Guwahati.

Day 6 Guwahati Airport / Rly Station Drop, Tour End: -

After morning breakfast check out from hotel and transfer to Guwahati Airport / Rly Station for your onward journey with pleasant memories of the tour and the warmth of our hospitality in your heart.

Trip ends with Happy Memories!!!!

Inclusions

- Welcome drink (Non Alcoholic) on Arrival
- All accommodation in double sharing basis
- Breakfast Only
- All Sightseeing & Transfers by Exclusive Vehicle
- River Sunset Cruise Ticket

Exclusions

- Air/Train Fare
- Any Govt Permit
- Any entry tickets
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, luggage van, porter-age etc.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- All personal expenses, optional tours and Extra meals.
- Medical and Travel insurance.
- Video Camera Permits During Sightseeing..
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client directly).
- Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'
- GST @ 5%.

Terms & Conditions

Please Note :Early check in would be subject to availability and at sole discretion of hotel.

All booking vouchers and tickets will be provided 3 days before departure.

In case of natural calamities\ road blockage\train,flight cancellation or schedule change.Itinerary may change prior information to guest and any additional cost arises guest has to pay in cash as per actual on spot payment basis.**Payment policy:**

At the time of booking confirmation 40% of the total booking amount is required.

15 to 30 days Prior to departure 30% of the total booking amount is required.

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If booking made within 31 days prior to departure, 100% amount is expected at the time of booking.**Cancellation Policy:**

If you want to cancel your booking, you must notify us in writing.

No cancellation or changes are allowed after departure.

Cancellations are subject to the following charges:

30 Days or more before departure: 25% of the Total Cost.

30-15 Days Before departure: 50% of the Total Cost.

15-7 Days before departure 75% of the Total Cost.

Less than 7 days before departure: 100% of the Total Cost.