

Jewels Of North East

Tour Overview

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Itinerary

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

Namaste!!! You will be greeted by our representative who will be waiting for your warm welcome at Guwahati Airport or Station. He will further arrange transfer to your respective hotel in the heart of the city. After reaching check into your hotel and relax.

Guwahati: The bustling metropolis of Guwahati is a gateway to the beautiful region of Northeast India. Located in Assam, it is the largest city in the region and one of the fastest growing cities in India. It is situated between the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra River and the lush foothills of Shillong plateau, which serve as an amazing backdrop. The city is famous for the Kamakhya Temple, also known as Kamrup-Kamakhya. It is the primary deity of the 51 Shaktipeeths of Sati (the wife of Lord Shiva) spread across India, Bangladesh & Pakistan. It is situated atop the holy Nilachal Hill from where one can have a bird's eye view of the city.

After lunch we will proceed to fancy bazar 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 2 Guwahati Local Sightseeing: -

After breakfast, you will visit the holy Kamakhya Temple.

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 Shaivite.

After that, you will also visit the Basistha Ashram Temple situated by the side of a pretty stream at the foothills with semi jungle ambience.

Basistha Temple: -The Basistha Temple is among the interesting religious sites in Guwahati and is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It was constructed by the Ahom king Rajeshwar Singha in the year 1764. The temple is inside an ashram known as Basistha ashram which is a place of great scenic beauty. It is believed that a sage named Basistha once lived here and today the resting place of the sage is also the place where the ashram is. One of the prime attractions here is a cave where the sage is said to have meditated. There is also a beautiful waterfall here. The Garbhanga Reserve Forest is also near the ashram and is home to many wild animals including elephants.

Then we will return back to our hotel and the rest of the evening will be at leisure. Enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at Guwahati.

Day 3 Guwahati to Shillong 100 Kms/ 2.5 to 3 Hrs Appro.& Shillong Sightseeing: -

After an early breakfast, check-out from your Guwahati hotel 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 (Umiam Lake) wrapped in the beauty of an assortment of green Khasi-Pines and surrounded by sylvan hills and blue skies.

Upon reaching Shillong, check into your hotel and relax. Then we will visit some of the famous sightseeing places of Shillong-

Ward's Lake: - Ward's lake is a must-visit place when in this pristine north-eastern city. Also known as Pollock's Lake, this artificial water body is encircled by an extensive lush garden and lies in the middle of the city. Take a walk around this horse-shoe shaped lake on the cobble-stone path or simply admire the colourful floral beds in the garden. It is equally popular amidst locals, family vacationers and honeymooning couples, as a picnic spot. In the middle of the lake is a wooden bridge from where you can enjoy a lovely view of the Lake and you can partake in feeding the fishes too. Visitors can also enjoy boating here on the placid waters of the Lake.

Botanical Garden: - Placed alongside the Ward Lake, amidst the virgin forest of Mawphlang, India Orchidarium and Botanical Garden is one of the most famous attractions in Shillong. This Botanical garden houses an amazing collection of rare orchids and plantations. A visit to view these native exotic plants would be a delight, if you are a nature enthusiast. A myth is also associated with the flora and the forest of this area. It is said that the trees and plants here are sacred and if anyone disturbs them, he calls for misfortune. This area basically lies in the outskirts of the main city. Along with the collection of orchids, there is a small aviary where one can see a colourful collection of rare avifauna species. Take a walk at the well-maintained pavement and treat your eyes to the lovely views here.

Lady Henry Park: - In the Laban area in Shillong is the popular Lady Hydari Park, named after the first lady of the state and wife of the Governor of Assam, Lady Hydari. The first thing that catches your eye when you set foot in this park is that it is built in the form of a Japanese style garden. The vibes get stronger when you catch a glimpse of the round-shaped hedges, willow trees with leaves touching the ground as well as the many scattered small ponds. There is also a small lake where one can find pelicans, ducks and colourful fishes. Tourists of all age groups visit the beautiful Lady Hydari park and stroll on the paved walkways in the evenings, exploring and admiring the beautifully manicured lawns with an alluring collection of orchids and rhododendrons. During winters, one can visit the park during the afternoon and relax in the lawn area. It is an ideal place to visit with children because there is a nice playing area for them. The museum and the mini zoo inside the park premises makes a good learning experience. Lady Hydari Park apart from strolling around provides a lot of photography opportunities as well as boating activities.

Don Bosco Museum: - Hailed as Asia's largest Museum of Indigenous Cultures, the Don Bosco Museum is the house of the beautiful culture and tradition of North East India. With its seven storeys, it rises into the skyline of Shillong and flaunts 16 laid out galleries that showcase artefacts, paintings, figures significant to the North-eastern culture. Not only do these provide a feast for the eyes of the visitors, but also give an insight into the lifestyle of the North-Eastern people.

Cathedral Church: - Also known as Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, it is positioned between Dankhethi and Laitumkhrah. This church is erected on the same site where the first church of Shillong was built. The first construction was destroyed in fire in the year 1936. This cathedral was made a shrine in the year 1980. This church was constructed atop an emerald-coloured hill and has stunning stained-glass installations and tall arches. The grave of the First Archbishop of the city, Hubert D'Rosario, is located near the church's altar. Inside the church, a number of artworks displaying chapters and scenes from Holy Scriptures and the life stories of several Saints, can be seen. There are also 14 terracotta stations on the Cross. There is also an underground grotto church, carved out of a hill, dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. If the day is clear, from the Church's site, one can treat their eyes to the views of Brahmaputra River and snow-clad Himalayan peaks.

Golf Course: - Shillong Golf Course, situated in the East Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya, prides in being one of the oldest, largest and finest natural golf circuits across the world. In the year 1898, it was established as a 9-hole golf course at an altitude of 3200 feet and was converted into 18 Holes in 1924. It is made of an indigenous species of local grass which give a solid effect on the soil thus making it challenging for the golfers. The course is located in a scenic valley surrounded by pine and rhododendron trees, which is also home to many varieties of birds. Owing to its greenery and scenic beauty, the United States Golf Association and Museum has given it the title of 'Gleneagle of the East'. Well known for its scenic views, the Shillong Golf Course holds annual tournaments where golfers from around the country come to display their skills.

Then we will return back to our hotel and relax. Enjoy your dinner and stay overnight in your hotel at Shillong.

Day 4 Shillong to Cherrapunjee via Elephant falls and Shillong peak (60kms/2-3hrs.One way): -

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. The Britishers named this fall so owing to the presence of an elephant-shaped rock on one side of the fall. However, the stone disintegrated and was washed away due to an earthquake in 1897. Elephant Waterfalls 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). The waterfall is located near Cherrapunji, one of the wettest places on Earth. 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.

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

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.

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.

Nohsingthiang Falls (also known as the Seven Sisters Waterfalls or Mawsmai 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. To view the fullness of the waterfall one must travel on the monsoon time as it is the best time to get the flow of it. 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 5 Cherrapunjee to Mawlynnong & Dawki & Back to Shillong: -

After an early breakfast drive to Mawlynnong, Asia's cleanest village. Visit the Living Root Bridge. 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 6 Shillong to Kaziranga 250Kms/ 5 - 6 Hrs Appro: -

After an early breakfast, check-out from your Shillong hotel and proceed towards Kaziranga National Park, it will take around 7 hours to reach there. Upon reaching, check-in to your hotel/ resort and relax.

Kaziranga National Park, a World Heritage Site, boasts the highest number of one-horned rhinoceros in the world. The park has one of the highest density of tigers as well but their sightings are very rare because of the presence of tall elephant grass throughout the park that provide excellent camouflage but their presence can be felt everywhere by way of pug marks, kills and territorial markings. The park is home to large breeding populations of elephants, wild water buffalos and swamp deer. The park area is circumscribed by the Brahmaputra River, which forms the northern and eastern boundaries, and the Mora Diphlu, which forms the southern boundary. Other notable rivers within the park are the Diphlu and Mora Dhanisiri. Kaziranga has flat expanses of fertile, alluvial soil formed by erosion and silt deposition by the Brahmaputra. The landscape consists of exposed sandbars, riverine flood-formed lakes known as 'Beels' and elevated regions known as 'Chapories', which provide retreats and shelter for animals during floods. Ganges River dolphins swim in the park's waters. It's visited by many rare migratory birds, and grey pelicans roost near Kaziranga village. Enjoy your afternoon Jungle Safari inside Kaziranga. Spend your evening at leisure within your hotel/ resort premises only. Enjoy your dinner and stay overnight in your hotel/ resort at Kaziranga.

Day 7 Morning & Afternoon Jungle Safari at Kaziranga National Park: -

Wake up at dawn and get ready for a thrilling morning Jungle Safari inside Kaziranga at your own cost. Afterwards, come back to your hotel/ resort for breakfast and relax. Post lunch, enjoy the afternoon as well as your last Jungle Safari at your own cost inside Kaziranga. Spend your evening at leisure within your hotel / resort premises only. Enjoy your dinner and stay overnight in your hotel / resort at Kaziranga.

Day 8 Morning Jungle Safari at Kaziranga & Back to Guwahati 200 Kms/ 4-5 Hrs Approx:-

Wake up at dawn and get ready for another thrilling morning Jungle Safari inside Kaziranga at your own cost. Post safari, come back to your hotel / resort for breakfast and relax. Afterwards, check-out from your Kaziranga hotel / resort and proceed towards Guwahati. Upon reaching, check-in to your hotel and relax. Spend your evening at leisure after a tiring long journey. Then enjoy your dinner and stay overnight in your hotel at Guwahati.

Day 9 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
- Jungle Safari
- 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.