

Tawang Express: Tawang Monastery & Scenic Highlands

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Destination

North-East



Duration

3 Nights 4 Days



Starting from

Rs. 12,400 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE



Bomdila · 1N



Tawang · 2N

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Overview

A compact, immersive 3 nights / 4 days North-East tour package designed for travelers seeking the highlights of Arunachal Pradesh. This North-East Adventure tour package blends high-altitude drives, pristine mountain lakes, roaring waterfalls, and the spiritual calm of one of Asia's largest Buddhist monasteries. Ideal for those searching for a 3 and 4 North-East Adventure tour package that maximizes experiences in a short timeframe.

Highlights:

- Tawang Monastery (Ganden Namgyal Lhatse) – the spiritual heart of Tawang
- Sela Pass & Sela Lake (Madhuri Lake) – high-altitude vistas and stunning blue lakes
- Nuranang (Jang) Falls – scenic waterfall and the nearby Jaswantgarh War Memorial
- Bomdila viewpoint & local Monastery – panoramic Himalayan outlooks
- Tawang War Memorial & Local Markets – culture, history, and handicrafts

Note: This itinerary involves high-altitude travel (Sela Pass ~13,700 ft). Acclimatize properly, carry warm layers, and consult your doctor if you have health concerns.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 3 nights (1 night in Bomdila, 2 nights in Tawang) on twin/double sharing basis
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 2-3 dinners (as per package)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing in a comfortable vehicle (as per group size)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for Tawang sightseeing
- ✓ Permit assistance for Arunachal Pradesh entry (Inner Line Permit where required)
- ✓ Monument/parking charges as per itinerary
- ✓ Emergency assistance and first-aid kit

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare/rail fare to/from Tezpur / Guwahati
- ✗ Lunches, personal meals, and beverages unless specified
- ✗ Adventure activities, entry fees where payable on spot (unless listed)
- ✗ Travel insurance, tips, and personal expenses
- ✗ Any cost arising due to landslides, roadblocks, or other natural causes
- ✗ Permits or documents not arranged through the operator

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival and Drive to Bomdila — Scenic Highland Entry

Arrive early at Tezpur / Guwahati (recommended: Tezpur for shorter drive) and begin the picturesque drive into the highlands of Arunachal. Cross the Brahmaputra plains and ascend through terraced hills, riverside valleys, and charming villages en route to Bomdila. Visit the Bomdila Monastery and viewpoint before checking into your hotel. Evening at leisure to explore the local market and enjoy clear mountain skies.

Tip: Start early to make the most of stops and acclimatize gradually.

Day

2

Bomdila to Tawang via Sela Pass, Nuranang Falls & Jaswantgarh

A dramatic high-altitude day as you ascend to the iconic Sela Pass and pass by the azure Sela Lake (Madhuri Lake). Stop for panoramic photos at the pass. Continue to the stunning Nuranang (Jang) Falls and visit the Jaswantgarh War Memorial — a poignant tribute with expansive valley views. Arrive in Tawang by late afternoon. Evening: brief stroll or rest.

Important: Roads can be winding; travel time is long but scenically rewarding. Carry warm clothing and hydration.

Day

3

Tawang Local Sightseeing — Monastery, Culture & Views

Full day dedicated to exploring Tawang. Visit the majestic Tawang Monastery (Ganden Namgyal Lhatse) — spend time in the prayer halls and soak up the spiritual ambiance. Explore the Tawang War Memorial for panoramic valley views and pay a visit to local markets for handloom shawls, Tibetan artifacts, and souvenirs. Optional short treks to nearby lookout points or visits to small local monasteries like Urgeling.

Tip: Respect local customs inside monasteries — photography may be restricted.

Day

4

Return Journey to Plain — Departure

After breakfast, begin the return drive down from Tawang toward Tezpur / Guwahati. Retrace the spectacular mountain route, with optional stops at favorite photo points along Sela Pass or at scenic valleys. Arrive at your drop-off point by evening for onward travel.

Note: Depending on flight/rail schedules, plan buffer time for transfers. Road conditions may affect travel time.

Frequently Asked Questions

❓ **What is the best time to visit Northeast India?**

The ideal time to visit Northeast India is October to April when the weather is pleasant and dry. October–November offers post-monsoon freshness with clear skies, perfect for sightseeing and outdoor activities. December–February brings cool, crisp weather ideal for exploring hill stations like Gangtok, Shillong, and Tawang. March–April features blooming rhododendrons and comfortable temperatures. Avoid June–September monsoon season as heavy rainfall can disrupt travel plans, cause landslides, and make roads inaccessible. However, if you're interested in experiencing lush green landscapes and don't mind occasional showers, post-monsoon September can be beautiful. For specific festivals like Hornbill Festival in Nagaland (December) or cherry blossoms in Shillong (November), plan accordingly. Winter temperatures range from 5–20°C in hills and 10–25°C in plains.

❓ **How can I reach Northeast India from major Indian cities?**

Air travel is the most convenient option with Guwahati (Assam) serving as the main gateway, connected to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bangalore. Other airports include Bagdogra (for Sikkim), Imphal, Agartala, Dibrugarh, and Dimapur. From Guwahati, you can reach other states by road or connecting flights. Train connectivity exists to Guwahati, New Jalpaiguri (for Sikkim), and Agartala via broad gauge lines. The Rajdhani Express connects Guwahati to Delhi. Road access is possible via NH27 through West Bengal and NH37. For Sikkim, fly to Bagdogra then drive 4 hours to Gangtok. Many tourists prefer flying to Guwahati and then taking domestic flights or hiring vehicles for interstate travel. Book flights in advance as options are limited and prices can be higher than other destinations.

❓ **Do I need special permits to visit Northeast states?**

Permit requirements vary by state and visitor nationality. Indian citizens need Inner Line Permits (ILP) for Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland, obtainable online or at checkpoints. Manipur requires ILP for certain areas. No permits needed for Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Sikkim for Indians. Foreign nationals need Protected Area Permits (PAP) for Arunachal Pradesh, obtained through registered tour operators with 30-day advance application. Sikkim requires permits for certain areas like Nathula Pass and North Sikkim. For group travel, tour operators usually handle permit procedures. Apply online through official state websites or at designated counters in Delhi, Kolkata, and Guwahati. Carry multiple passport-size photos and ID proofs. Permits are usually processed within 2–7 days. Some border areas may have additional restrictions, so check current regulations before travel.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within Northeast states?**

Shared taxis and sumos are the most common intercity transport, especially in hilly regions like Sikkim and Meghalaya. State transport buses connect major towns but can be crowded and slow. Private buses offer better comfort for longer routes. In cities, auto-rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws, and local taxis are available. App-based cabs operate in Guwahati, Shillong, and Gangtok. For sightseeing, hiring a private car with driver is recommended, costing ₹2,500–4,000 per day depending on the vehicle and distance. Motorcycle rentals are popular in Sikkim and Meghalaya among adventure travelers. River transport exists in Assam via ferries across Brahmaputra. Helicopter services operate in Sikkim for scenic tours. Book vehicles in advance during peak season. Mountain roads can be challenging, so experienced local drivers are advisable. Fuel stations may be sparse in remote areas.

❓ **What types of accommodation are available and where should I stay?**

Northeast India offers diverse accommodation from luxury resorts to budget homestays. Government tourism properties provide good value with basic amenities. Luxury options include Taj Tashi (Thimphu), Mayfair Hotels (Gangtok, Shillong), and heritage properties. Mid-range hotels are abundant in major towns. Homestays are popular, especially in Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh, offering authentic cultural experiences at ₹1,000–3,000 per night. Stay in Gangtok for Sikkim exploration, Shillong for Meghalaya, Guwahati for Assam, Itanagar for Arunachal Pradesh. In remote areas, government guest houses and forest rest houses are available but require advance booking. Eco-lodges near national parks offer nature experiences. During festivals, book well in advance as accommodation fills quickly. Many properties offer package deals including meals and local sightseeing. Check for hot water availability in hill stations during winter months.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Northeast India?**

Top attractions include Kaziranga National Park (Assam) for one-horned rhinos, Tawang Monastery (Arunachal Pradesh) – India's largest monastery, and Nathula Pass (Sikkim) on the Indo-China border. Shillong, the 'Scotland of East,' offers colonial charm and living root bridges in Cherrapunji. Majuli Island (Assam) is the world's largest river island with unique culture. Hornbill Festival (Nagaland) showcases tribal heritage. Loktak Lake (Manipur) features floating islands. Unakoti (Tripura) has ancient rock carvings. Adventure seekers enjoy river rafting in Arunachal Pradesh, trekking in Sikkim's Goecha La, and caving in Meghalaya's Mawsmai Caves. Tea gardens in Assam and Sikkim offer scenic beauty. Sikkim's Rumtek Monastery and Gangtok's MG Marg are cultural highlights. Each state offers unique experiences – from wildlife safaris to monastery visits and tribal village interactions.

🔍 What local foods and cuisines should I try in Northeast India?

Northeast cuisine is unique, featuring rice as staple with minimal spices and extensive use of herbs, bamboo shoots, and fermented ingredients. Must-try dishes include Assam's fish curry with khar (alkaline preparation), Sikkim's momos and thukpa, Nagaland's smoked pork with black sesame, and Manipur's Eromba (vegetable curry). Meghalaya's Jadoh (rice with meat) and Mizoram's Bai (vegetable stew) are local favorites. Fermented fish, bamboo shoot pickles, and bhut jolokia (ghost pepper) add distinctive flavors. Sikkimese cuisine shows Tibetan influence with gundruk (fermented leafy greens) and chhurpi (yak cheese). Try local rice beer, particularly Sikkim's chang and Assam's rice wine. Street food includes Assam's pitha (rice cakes) and various tribal preparations. Many dishes might be unfamiliar to outsiders, so start with milder options. Vegetarian options are available but limited in tribal areas. Local restaurants and homestays offer authentic experiences.

★ Traveller Reviews



Gunjan Tiwari

★★★★☆ 4/5

North-East Travels - An Enriching Experience

Traveling to the North-East was an enriching experience for me. The diverse ecosystems and cultures made the trip memorable. Highly recommend exploring this region!



Ranbir Choudhury

★★★★★ 5/5

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Nandita Roy

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Sourabh Yadav

★★★★★ 5/5

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Akanksha Mehta

★★★★☆ 4/5

Adventure Awaits in North-East

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