

Shillong & Dawki Adventure Weekend: River, Caves & Kayaking

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Destination

North-East



Duration

4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from

Rs. 12,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Shillong · 2N**

↖ **Cherrapunjee · 1N**

↖ **Dawki · 1N**

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Overview

a compact, activity-packed 4 nights / 5 days North-East tour package designed for nature lovers and adventure seekers. This North-East Adventure tour package covers crystal-clear rivers, limestone caves, living root bridges, and scenic viewpoints across Shillong, Cherrapunjee (Sohra) and Dawki. Ideal as a weekend escape, this North-East Adventure package is also optimized for travelers searching for 4 and 5 North-East Adventure tour package options.

Highlights:

- Kayaking on the Umngot (Dawki) River
- Mawlynnong Village (cleanest village) & Living Root Bridges
- Mawsmai Caves and Nohkalikai Falls in Cherrapunjee
- Shillong city attractions: Police Bazar, Shillong Peak, Elephant Falls

Note: This itinerary balances adventure activities with relaxed sightseeing and includes local experiences. Best traveled between October and May for clearer skies and calmer rivers.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights (as per the package category)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (4) and 2 dinners (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Guided kayaking session in Dawki (Umngot River) with equipment and life jackets
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for selected excursions
- ✓ Entry fees to listed attractions (as per group package)
- ✓ All applicable taxes

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare or train fare to and from Guwahati/Shillong
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and portorage
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Adventure activities other than the listed kayaking (optional activities available at extra cost)
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Any cost arising due to natural calamities, strikes, or other unforeseen events

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Shillong & Local Orientation

Arrive at Shillong (Guwahati to Shillong transfer if required). Check in and relax. Afternoon city orientation visiting Police Bazar for local shopping, Ward's Lake for a relaxed walk, and Don Bosco Museum (optional) to learn about North-East cultures. Evening at leisure with a recommended stroll and local cuisine sampling.

Tip: Keep light layers—Shillong evenings can be cool.

Day

2

Cherrapunjee (Sohra) Excursion — Waterfalls & Caves

After an early breakfast, drive to Cherrapunjee (Sohra) — one of the wettest places on Earth. Full day exploring: Nohkalikai Falls, Seven Sisters Falls viewpoint, Mawsmai Caves (easy spelunking), and Dainthlen Falls. Visit viewpoints like Arwah Cave and the panoramic Eco Park. Return to Cherrapunjee for the night.

Important: Wear comfortable shoes and carry a light rain jacket — paths can be slippery.

Day

3

Mawlynnong (Clean Village) & Transfer to Dawki — River Evening

Check out and head to Mawlynnong Village — famed as the cleanest village in Asia. Explore the village, the Living Root Bridges (short walks), and the skywalk for panoramic views. Post-lunch, proceed to Dawki, check in, and enjoy an evening near the Umngot River (famous for its glass-like waters and the wooden Dawki Bridge).

Tip: Carry cash and respect local customs; Mawlynnong has limited ATMs.

Day

4

Dawki Kayaking & Border Viewpoint, Return to Shillong

Morning dedicated to water-based adventure: guided kayaking on the Umngot River — paddle over crystal-clear waters and observe freshwater fish beneath you. After the kayaking session, visit the India-Bangladesh border viewpoint and local markets. Post-lunch, drive back to Shillong and check in for the final night. Evening free for shopping at Police Bazar or relaxing at a café.

Safety Note: Kayaking will be guided; participants should follow instructor instructions and wear life jackets at all times.

Day

5

Departure from Shillong

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning with optional visits to Elephant Falls and Shillong Peak if time allows (depending on flight/train schedule). Transfer to Guwahati or Shillong transport hub for onward journey.

Tip: Confirm pick-up time with the operator and allow extra time for road travel due to hilly routes.

🔗 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

Journey of a Lifetime

This North-East tour was indeed a journey of a lifetime! Beautiful landscapes, thrilling adventures, and rich culture made it all worth it. Will cherish these memories forever!



Nandita Roy

★★★★★ 5/5

Well-Organized North-East Package

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Sourabh Yadav

★★★★★ 5/5

Beautiful North-East Awaits You

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Akanksha Mehta

★★★★☆ 4/5

Adventure Awaits in North-East

Adventure awaits in the North-East! This tour gave us thrilling experiences while also allowing us to soak in the serene beauty around us. Great trip overall!

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