

Assam Tea Trails & River Cruise: Jorhat, Sivasagar & Culture

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Destination
North-East

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 14,100 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Jorhat · 2N**

↖ **Majuli · 1N**

↖ **Sivasagar · 1N**

Overview

Assam Tea Trails & River Cruise: Jorhat, Sivasagar & Culture is a carefully curated 4 nights / 5 days North-East tour package ideal for families and culture lovers. This North-East Family tour package blends immersive tea-estate experiences, traditional Majuli river island culture, and the glorious Ahom-era monuments of Sivasagar. Perfect for those searching for a North-East tour package, North-East Family package, or a 4 and 5 North-East Family tour package.

Highlights:

- Jorhat: gateway town, tea plantations & local markets
- Majuli: river cruise, Vaishnavite Satras & traditional villages
- Sivasagar: historic Ahom monuments – Rang Ghar, Sivadol, Talatal Ghar
- Brahmaputra River Cruise at sunset
- Authentic homestay experience and tea garden walks

This itinerary is family-friendly, moderate in activity, and can be customized for households with young children or seniors.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation on twin/double sharing (2 nights in Jorhat, 1 night in Majuli homestay/eco-hut, 1 night in Sivasagar)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 specially curated Assamese meals (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers by private vehicle (as per itinerary) and boat transfers to/from Majuli
- ✓ Guided sightseeing tours and local English-speaking guide for scheduled visits
- ✓ Entry fees to monuments & cultural shows (as mentioned)
- ✓ One Brahmaputra Sunset Cruise (subject to river conditions)
- ✓ Tea estate visit with tasting session
- ✓ Applicable taxes
- ✓ Inclusions tailored for family bookings on request.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Air / train fare to Jorhat and return
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, laundry, phone calls
- ✗ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- ✗ Any meals not specified in itinerary
- ✗ Optional activities or last-minute changes due to weather or river conditions
- ✗ Peak-season surcharges, festival-date surcharges (if applicable)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Jorhat Welcome & Tea Estate Walk

Arrive at Jorhat (air/rail) and transfer to your hotel. After check-in, enjoy a relaxed tea estate walk to learn about Assam tea cultivation and processing. Visit a local tea factory for a short demonstration and tasting session. Evening free for a heritage walk around Jorhat town and an optional cultural performance showcasing Assamese music and dance.

Pro tip: Carry sun protection for the estate walk; mornings are best for photos.

Day

2

Majuli River Cruise, Satras & Village Immersion

Early morning transfer to the river jetty and board a boat to Majuli, the world's largest river island on the Brahmaputra. Spend the day visiting prominent Vaishnavite Satras (monastic centers) such as Auniati and Kamalabari, witness traditional mask-making and pottery, and meet local artisan families. Enjoy a cultural exchange with a Satra performance in the evening. Overnight stay in a comfortable homestay or eco-hut on Majuli.

Note: Boat timings vary with river conditions; schedule is flexible.

Day

3

Sivasagar: Ahom Monuments & Local Cuisine

After breakfast, cruise/drive to Sivasagar — the historic capital of the Ahom kingdom. Explore the iconic Rang Ghar (ancient amphitheatre), the majestic Sivadol (Shiva temple complex), and the intriguing Talatal Ghar (palace & secret tunnels). Sample authentic Assamese cuisine at a recommended local eatery. Evening at leisure and overnight in Sivasagar.

Tip: Wear comfortable shoes for exploring monuments and bring a hat for daytime visits.

Day

4

Return to Jorhat: Tea Estate Experience & Brahmaputra Sunset Cruise

Depart Sivasagar after breakfast and head back toward Jorhat. En route visit a renowned tea estate for an in-depth tour, tea plucking demonstration, and curated tea-tasting session. In the evening, enjoy a serene Brahmaputra River Sunset Cruise — an unforgettable family experience with views of the riverbanks and village life. Return to Jorhat for overnight stay.

Important: Sunset cruises depend on river levels; alternative activities include a riverside picnic or local cultural show.

Day

5

Departure from Jorhat

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Jorhat airport/railway station for your onward journey. Optionally, extend your trip to Guwahati or Kaziranga for wildlife experiences.

Reminder: Confirm return transfers and allow extra time for travel during peak season.

? 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

The beautiful North-East awaits everyone! This tour package was filled with exciting activities and places that offered picturesque views. I can't recommend it enough!



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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