

# Tawang & Zuluk Expedition: High Passes, Monasteries & Valleys

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Destination  
**North-East**

Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 21,600 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

➤ Gangtok · 2N

➤ Zuluk / Nathang Valley · 1N

➤ Bomdila / Dirang · 1N

➤ Tawang · 1N

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## Overview

A compact, thrilling 5 nights / 6 days North-East tour package designed for travelers who want to experience the best of Arunachal Pradesh and East Sikkim in a single expedition. This North-East Adventure tour package combines high-altitude passes, ancient monasteries, winding mountain loops, and pristine alpine lakes. Ideal as a 5 and 6 North-East Adventure tour package for adventure seekers and culture lovers.

### Highlights:

- Zuluk (Old Silk Route) & Nathang Valley – panoramic sunrise over Himalayan ridgelines
- Gangtok – vibrant markets and monasteries
- Sela Pass & Sangestar Tso (Madhuri Lake) – iconic high-altitude scenery
- Tawang Monastery – one of the largest Buddhist monasteries in India
- Bomdila / Dirang – scenic hill-town stopovers and tribal culture

Note: This itinerary involves long drives across high mountain passes and requires flexible timing and acclimatization. Permits required for Arunachal will be arranged in advance.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights on twin/double sharing (standard / deluxe options available)
- ✓ All ground transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (AC/Non-AC as per season)
- ✓ Experienced driver and fuel charges
- ✓ Local permits for Arunachal Pradesh (Inner Line Permits) and assistance with documentation
- ✓ Daily breakfast (and select meals as specified in the full itinerary)
- ✓ Sightseeing and entry fees as mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Emergency contact and on-trip support
- ✓ This package is marketed as a premium North-East Adventure package that covers key experiences in Sikkim & Arunachal.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Flights / trains to reach the start point and return from the end point
- ✗ GST and government taxes
- ✗ Personal expenses: tips, drinks, laundry, phone calls
- ✗ Travel insurance and evacuation insurance (recommended for high-altitude travel)
- ✗ Any meals not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Charges for camera/video at monuments if applicable
- ✗ Expenses due to road closures, landslides, weather-related delays
- ✗ Important: Permit rules may change; travelers must carry valid ID and passport-size photos for permit processing.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival and Transfer to Gangtok – Settle In & Local Walk**

Arrive at Bagdogra (IXB) / New Jalpaiguri (NJP) or Guwahati (depending on your chosen pick-up). Meet & greet, then drive to Gangtok (approx. 4–6 hours from Bagdogra; longer from Guwahati). Check in at the hotel and rest.

Evening: Leisurely stroll along MG Marg, visit local markets and try local cuisine.

Tip: Keep warm layers handy – temperature can drop significantly after sunset.

Day

2

### **Gangtok to Zuluk – Old Silk Route & Nathang Valley**

Early breakfast and depart toward the iconic Zuluk via the historic Old Silk Route. The drive is scenic with many photo stops – Namchi viewpoint, Rangpo, and the dramatic Zuluk loops.

Arrive at Zuluk / Nathang Valley in the afternoon. Walk the meadowlands, enjoy panoramic views across the eastern Himalayan ridgeline, and capture sunset over the winding mountain loops.

Important: Roads are high-altitude and remote; carry basic snacks and water.

Day

3

### **Sunrise at Zuluk & Return to Gangtok – Rumtek and Tashi Viewpoint**

Witness a spectacular sunrise over the Zuluk loops and the eastern Himalayan range – a photographer’s dream. After breakfast, drive back to Gangtok.

En route/after arrival, visit Rumtek Monastery, Tashi Viewpoint, and shop for handicrafts.

Tip: Sunrise at Zuluk is best experienced early; plan for a pre-dawn start.

Day

4

### **Gangtok to Bomdila/Dirang – Entering Arunachal Highlands**

Depart early for the long scenic drive toward Bomdila / Dirang (gateway towns en route to Tawang). Cross lower Himalayan foothills and enter the scenic valleys of Arunachal.

Visit local viewpoints and small monasteries along the way. Evening check-in at hotel and short walk to explore local markets.

Note: Vehicle travel times vary with mountain traffic and weather – this day is predominantly a drive day.

Day

5

## **Bomdila / Dirang to Tawang via Sela Pass – Lakes & War Memorial**

An epic day crossing the Sela Pass (high-altitude pass) en route to Tawang. Stop at Sela Lake / Sela Pass viewpoints and the emerald Sangestor Tso (Madhuri Lake). Visit Jaswant Garh (historic memorial) on the way.

Arrive in Tawang in the late afternoon. Evening visit to the famous Tawang Monastery for sunset views and peaceful ambience.

Important: Sela Pass can be cold and windy – pack thermal wear and windproof layers.

Day

6

## **Tawang Sightseeing & Departure**

Morning visit to the Tawang Monastery (if not done previous evening) and the Tawang War Memorial.

Explore local markets for antiques, handicrafts and Tibetan-style jewelry. After lunch, begin your return transfer to Tezpur / Guwahati (as per package) for onward departure, or extend your stay.

Note: Departure timings depend on onward travel bookings – flights/rail options require advance coordination.

## **🔗 Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **🔗 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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## 🔍 **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.

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## 🔍 **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.

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## 🔍 **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.

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## ★ **Traveller Reviews**

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**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**

The North-East tour package was well-organized with friendly staff and seamless arrangements. Every detail was taken care of and it made our travel experience delightful!



**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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