

Shillong, Cherrapunji & Mawlynnong Explorer: Cleanest Village & Caves

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Destination
North-East

Duration
5 Nights 6 Days

Starting from
Rs. 16,800 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Shillong · 3N**

↙ **Cherrapunji · 1N**

↙ **Mawlynnong / Dawki · 1N**

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📍 Overview

A 5-night, 6-day North-East tour package crafted for families and nature lovers. Explore the vibrant hill city of Shillong, the misty cliffs and caves of Cherrapunji (Sohra), and the award-winning Mawlynnong – the Cleanest Village in Asia. This North-East Family tour package blends scenic viewpoints, easy nature walks, unique cultural experiences, and relaxing boat rides on the crystal-clear Umngot River at Dawki.

Highlights:

- Shillong: Ward's Lake, Police Bazar, Don Bosco Museum
- Cherrapunji: Mawsmai Cave, Seven Sisters Falls, Nohkalikai Viewpoint
- Mawlynnong: Asia's Cleanest Village, Sky View, Living Root Bridges (nearby)
- Dawki: Umngot River glass-boat ride and border views
- Family-friendly pacing suitable for multi-generational travelers

Tip: Pack a light rain jacket and sturdy walking shoes – weather can change quickly, especially near Cherrapunji.

This 5 and 6 North-East Family tour package emphasizes comfort, shorter transfers, and curated experiences ideal for families seeking a relaxed yet memorable North-East tour package.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights on twin/ family sharing basis as per the itinerary
- ✓ Daily breakfast at hotels
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private, comfortable vehicle (AC/Non-AC as per booking)
- ✓ Local guide for major sightseeing days
- ✓ Glass-boat ride at Dawki (subject to weather and water levels)
- ✓ Applicable permits, parking and tolls
- ✓ Entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Government taxes and service charges
- ✓ Family-friendly amenities on request: baby cot, extra bed, and interconnecting rooms subject to availability.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / train fare to Shillong and return
- ✗ Lunches, dinners and beverages unless specified
- ✗ Tips, laundry, telephone calls and personal expenses
- ✗ Optional activities not listed as included (e.g., extended root-bridge treks)
- ✗ Travel insurance and medical expenses
- ✗ Any entrance fees or activities not explicitly mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Note: Single-room supplement applies for solo travellers. Seasonal surcharge may apply during peak season.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Evening at Leisure

Arrive at Shillong (Umroi/Northeast entry point) and transfer to your hotel. Settle in, relax and enjoy light refreshments. In the evening stroll to Police Bazar for an easy walk and shopping at local stalls. Overnight in Shillong.

Day

2

Explore Shillong — City Sights & Cultural Spots

After breakfast visit the key attractions of Shillong. Start with the panoramic view from Shillong Peak, followed by the peaceful Ward's Lake and the heritage Don Bosco Museum (excellent for family-friendly cultural insight). Later visit Lady Hydari Park and the Cathedral. Evening free for local markets or a cultural café. This day is relaxed to suit families and older travelers.

Day

3

Transfer to Cherrapunji — Misty Waterfalls & Caves

Depart early for Cherrapunji (Sohra) via scenic roads. En route and on arrival explore the spectacular waterfalls and caves: Nohsngithiang (Seven Sisters Falls), Dainthlen Falls, and the limestone wonder Mawmai Cave. Visit the Nohkalikai Viewpoint for stunning cliff views. Carry a small torch for cave exploration and expect damp, slippery paths near falls. Overnight stay in Cherrapunji.

Day

4

Mawlynnong — Asia's Cleanest Village & Sky View

After breakfast check out and drive to Mawlynnong — acclaimed as Asia's Cleanest Village. Walk the village lanes, visit the Sky View Tower for panoramic views, and explore the local craft stalls. If time permits, visit the nearby living root bridge (single-span / easy access) for a short, family-friendly walk. Later proceed to Dawki for an evening by the river. Respect local customs and carry biodegradable waste bags. Overnight stay in/near Mawlynnong/Dawki.

Day

5

Dawki Umngot River — Glass-Boat Ride & Border View

Enjoy a relaxed morning at Dawki with the famous crystal-clear waters of the Umngot River. Take an optional glass-boat ride (seasonal) and visit the Indo-Bangladesh border viewpoint. Return to Shillong in the afternoon with stops for photos and short walks. Evening at leisure in Shillong for last-minute shopping or a family dinner. Boat rides depend on river level and weather. Overnight in Shillong.

Day

6

Departure from Shillong — End of Tour

After breakfast check out from the hotel and transfer to Shillong airport/railway station for your onward journey. If time permits, visit any missed local spots or shop for local handicrafts. Thank you for choosing this North-East Family Retreat package. Safe travels!

🔍 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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