

# Arunachal & Assam Discovery: Cultural Villages & Wildlife

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Destination  
**North-East**

Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 20,400 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Guwahati · 1N

↗ Kaziranga · 2N

↗ Majuli · 1N

↗ Dirang / Bhalukpong · 1N

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## Overview

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Arunachal & Assam Discovery: Cultural Villages & Wildlife is a thoughtfully crafted 5 nights / 6 days North-East tour package that combines iconic wildlife experiences with immersive cultural encounters. Ideal as a North-East Family tour package, this itinerary blends the best of Assam's wild Kaziranga and the living river culture of Majuli with a gateway exploration into Arunachal Pradesh (Dirang/Bhalukpong). Perfect for families, wildlife lovers and culture seekers who want a compact yet rich North-East Family package.

### Highlights:

- Kaziranga National Park – Jeep & elephant safaris to spot the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros
- Majuli River Island – Satras, tribal arts, mask-making & village life
- Dirang / Bhalukpong (Arunachal gateway) – Scenic mountain valley, riverside villages and local markets
- Guwahati – Kamakhya Temple and Brahmaputra riverfront

This 5 and 6 North-East Family tour package is paced for families and includes wildlife safaris, cultural village visits, comfortable stays and guided transfers.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights in twin/double rooms at chosen hotels and river-island homestays.
- ✓ Daily breakfasts and select meals (3 lunches, 4 dinners) as per itinerary.
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle with a professional driver.
- ✓ Ferry transfers to/from Majuli.
- ✓ 1 Elephant safari and 1 Jeep safari at Kaziranga National Park (subject to park availability).
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for major sightseeing and cultural visits.
- ✓ All applicable permits for entry into listed areas and assistance with park permits.
- ✓ 24/7 emergency assistance and local support.
- ✓ This package is promoted as a North-East Family Retreat tour package and is family-friendly; please request child-specific bedding and meals at booking.

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare to/from Guwahati and internal flights (unless specified).
- ✗ Monument/park entry fees payable at counters (unless park safaris are pre-booked in the package).
- ✗ Personal expenses such as tips, laundry, phone calls, and minibar charges.
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended).
- ✗ Elephant safari/jeep safari charges if disallowed by park during certain seasons or when seats are booked separately.
- ✗ Any additional sightseeing or meals not specified in the itinerary.
- ✗ Note: Seasonal changes (monsoon, flood or park closures) can affect activities. The operator will offer alternate options where possible.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival in Guwahati — Assam's Gateway**

Arrive at Guwahati Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon city & riverfront orientation: visit Kamakhya Temple (one of the most important Shakti peethas) and enjoy a leisurely walk along the Brahmaputra Riverfront. Evening briefing about the 5 nights / 6 days itinerary.

Tip: Keep light layers—Guwahati evenings can be breezy. Early arrivals can opt for a short river cruise (seasonal).

Day

2

### **Drive to Kaziranga — Evening Village Walk**

After breakfast, drive to Kaziranga National Park (approx. 4–5 hours). Check into your resort located near the park. In the late afternoon enjoy a guided village walk to meet local villagers and learn about Assamese rural life and crafts.

Highlight: Watch a vivid sunset over the grasslands—perfect for family photos.

Day

3

### **Kaziranga Wildlife Safaris — Jeep & Elephant**

Early morning elephant safari (subject to availability) into the park to seek the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros, wild water buffalo, swamp deer and numerous bird species. Return for breakfast and relax. Afternoon jeep safari in a different zone of the park, guided by an experienced naturalist. Evening cultural program at the resort showcasing Assamese folk music and dance.

Important: Elephant safaris have limited seats—book in advance. Safari timings are subject to park regulations and seasonal schedules.

Day

4

### **Journey to Majuli — River Island Culture**

Drive to Jorhat and transfer by ferry to Majuli, the world's largest river island and an epicenter of Assamese neo-Vaishnavite culture. Afternoon guided visit to prominent Satras (monasteries), local mask-makers and handloom workshops. Explore village lanes and interact with artisans who keep centuries-old traditions alive.

Note: Ferry schedules depend on river conditions; timings will be coordinated by your local guide.

Day

5

## Majuli Immersion & Transfer to Arunachal Gateway

Spend the morning in Majuli visiting village homes, a pottery or mask-making demonstration, and a short nature walk along the island's wetlands. After lunch take the ferry back to the mainland and drive toward Dirang / Bhalukpong – the scenic gateway into Arunachal Pradesh. Evening at leisure to explore the local market and sample tribal cuisine.

Tip: Carry mosquito repellent for Majuli and light rain protection during monsoon months.

Day

6

## Return to Guwahati & Departure

After breakfast, drive back to Guwahati (approx. 5–6 hours depending on traffic and stops). En route stop for photos and short visits to local viewpoints. Arrive in Guwahati for drop at the airport or railway station for your onward journey. End of the Arunachal & Assam Discovery 5 nights / 6 days experience.

Important: Flight/train timings may require an early departure—confirm transfers while booking.

## ? 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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