

# Complete Meghalaya: Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki & Living Roots

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Destination

**North-East**



Duration

**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from

**Rs. 17,950 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Shillong · 3N**

↙ **Cherrapunji · 1N**

↙ **Dawki / Mawlynnong area · 1N**

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## Overview

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Complete Meghalaya: Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki & Living Roots is a thoughtfully crafted 5 nights / 6 days North-East tour package ideal for families and nature lovers. This North-East Family tour package covers the best of Meghalaya – from the bustling charm of Shillong to the misty cliffs of Cherrapunji (Sohra), the crystal-clear waters of Dawki (Umngot River) and the famed Living Root Bridges and picturesque Mawlynnong Village.

### Highlights:

- Shillong: Ward's Lake, Police Bazaar, Don Bosco Museum
- Cherrapunji (Sohra): Nohkalikai Falls, Seven Sisters Falls, Mawsmai Cave
- Mawlynnong & Living Root Bridge: Asia's cleanest village & traditional living root structures
- Dawki (Umngot River): Crystal-clear boat ride & border viewpoint

This itinerary is optimized for a North-East Family package and can be adapted to family needs or extended for 6-night stays. Perfect for searches like "North-East tour package", "North-East Family tour package" and "5 and 6 North-East Family tour package".

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation in 3/4 hotels (family rooms or twin/double rooms)
- ✓ Daily breakfast at the hotel
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for sightseeing days
- ✓ Dawki Umngot River boat ride (shared/private as per package)
- ✓ All applicable parking, tolls and driver allowances
- ✓ Permits and village entry fees (where required)
- ✓ GST and government taxes
- ✓ Note: Room upgrades, extra meals and optional activities are not included by default but can be added.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Guwahati / Shillong
- ✗ Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, tips)
- ✗ Meals other than specified (lunch and dinner unless mentioned)
- ✗ Travel insurance and medical expenses
- ✗ Any extra sightseeing or activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- ✗ Entrance fees where explicitly listed as extra (special treks, private guides for living root bridges if required)
- ✗ Tip: Carry comfortable walking shoes, waterproof jackets, basic medicines, and a small first-aid kit.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival & Leisurely Shillong Orientation**

Arrive at Shillong (Shillong Airport / Guwahati transfer) and meet your representative. Transfer to your hotel and relax. Later enjoy a short orientation and an evening stroll in Police Bazaar — experience local markets, street food and shopping. Keep early arrival flexible in case of flight delays.

Day

2

### **Shillong Sightseeing: Peaks, Falls & Culture**

After breakfast, explore the highlights of Shillong. Visit Shillong Peak for panoramic views, Elephant Falls, and the acclaimed Don Bosco Museum for a deep dive into North-East culture and tribal history. Evening at leisure or optional local cultural performance. Carry light rain gear—Meghalaya's weather is unpredictable.

Day

3

### **Cherrapunji (Sohra): Waterfalls & Caves**

Drive to Cherrapunji (Sohra) — one of the wettest places on Earth. Visit Nohkalikai Falls, Seven Sisters Falls, explore Mawsmai Cave and wander through the living landscapes at the Eco Park. Capture breathtaking viewpoints at hanging bridges and viewpoints. Overnight stay in Cherrapunji.

Day

4

### **Mawlynnong (Living Root Bridges) & Travel to Dawki**

Check out from Cherrapunji and head to Mawlynnong Village — famed as "Asia's Cleanest Village". Walk to the Living Root Bridge and enjoy the bamboo skywalk for panoramic views. Continue to Dawki in the afternoon; enjoy sunset views along the Umngot River. Overnight in Dawki or nearby.

Day

5

### **Dawki Boat Ride & Return towards Shillong**

Start early for the famous boat ride on the Umngot River — known for its crystal clear waters where boats appear to float. Visit the Dawki Border viewpoint and local fishing hamlets. En route back to Shillong, optional stop at Krang Suri Falls or local viewpoints. Arrive Shillong for overnight stay.

Day

6

### **Departure: Transfer to Airport / Railway Station**

After breakfast, enjoy some final local shopping in Police Bazaar or visit any missed attractions in Shillong. Check out and transfer to Shillong Airport / Guwahati (as per your onward travel). Ensure you keep all travel documents and account for travel time to Guwahati if using the airport there.

## 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.

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## ❓ **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.

## ★ 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

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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