

Complete Northeast Adventure: Ziro, Dzukou & Goecha La Intro

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Destination

North-East



Duration

6 Nights 7 Days



Starting from

Rs. 25,900 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Ziro · 2N**

↙ **Kohima / Dzukou base · 2N**

↙ **Yuksom / Pelling · 2N**

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Overview

A compact, action-packed 6 nights / 7 days North-East tour package that links three of Northeast India's most iconic natural experiences: the verdant rolling hills and Apatani culture of Ziro Valley (Arunachal), the floral meadows and dramatic ridgelines of Dzukou Valley (Nagaland/Manipur border), and a short, scenic Goecha La Intro in Sikkim offering first-time vistas of Mount Kanchenjunga. This North-East Adventure tour package is perfect for travelers who want a concentrated taste of the region's biodiversity, tribal culture, and Himalayan panoramas in one trip.

Highlights:

- Ziro Valley: Apatani villages, pine forests, and emerald paddy landscapes
- Dzukou Valley: World-famous seasonal blooms and valley treks
- Goecha La Intro (Sikkim): Introductory trek/ viewpoint for Kanchenjunga views
- Cultural encounters with the Apatani community and local markets
- Scenic drives, short-medium treks, and mountain hospitality

Note: This itinerary includes long drives and early transfers to maximize time at each destination. The Goecha La section is an introductory visit – the full Goecha La trek requires additional days.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 6 nights in comfortable guesthouses / eco-lodges (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Meals as per itinerary (breakfast daily + selected lunches/dinners)
- ✓ All ground transfers & inter-state transfers mentioned in the itinerary (ac vehicle as per group size)
- ✓ Experienced local guides for Ziro, Dzukou and Goecha intro activities
- ✓ Trekking support for Dzukou (porters/guide as per local regulations)
- ✓ Permits and entry fees where standard and included by operator
- ✓ Emergency ground support and basic first-aid kit
- ✓ Note: Specifics (room type, single supplement) can be tailored on request.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare/train fare to/from the tour start/end points
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary and personal snacks
- ✗ Travel insurance, emergency evacuation, and medical expenses
- ✗ Mandatory permits that require individual online applications (if applicable)
- ✗ Entrance fees for optional activities not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Tips, personal expenses, alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Any additional nights due to flight schedule changes, weather delays, or personal requests
- ✗ Important: For Goecha La (full trek) additional days, guides, and permits are required and are not covered in this 7-day package.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival to Guwahati – Transfer to Ziro

Arrive at Guwahati (Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Airport) in the morning. Meet your tour representative and begin the scenic drive to Ziro Valley (approx 8–9 hours by road depending on traffic). The route offers changing landscapes from Brahmaputra plains to the rolling hills of Arunachal. Check into your guesthouse or eco-lodge in Ziro.

Evening: Short orientation walk around the local market and a relaxed dinner featuring local cuisine.

Tip: Start early to make the most of daylight; the drive includes a few stops for photos and refreshments.

Day

2

Explore Ziro Valley & Apatani Cultural Visit

Full day exploring the Ziro Valley – famous for its rice fields, pine forests, and the unique Apatani tribal culture. Visit Hapoli local market, Apatani tribal villages (such as Hong and Hija), and vantage points for panoramic valley views. Option to visit the nearby Talley Valley (subject to time and permits).

Activities: Guided village walk, cultural interaction with Apatani hosts, photography at rice terraces, sunset at a valley viewpoint.

Important: Respect local customs and always ask before photographing individuals.

Day

3

Drive to Kohima / Dzukou Base (via Dimapur)

Early breakfast and depart Ziro for the Northeast plains and onward to Dimapur / Kohima region (long travel day – expect 9–11 hours including border/stops). Transfer to accommodation near Kohima or the common Dzukou base villages (e.g., Viswema/Nagaland side) and rest after arrival.

Evening: Brief briefing for the Dzukou trek the next day and gear check.

Note: Travel times vary; this day is primarily transit to position you for the Dzukou Valley trek.

Day

4

Dzukou Valley Trek – Full Day

Early morning transfer to the trek trailhead. Trek into Dzukou Valley, often called the 'Valley of Flowers' of the Northeast. Enjoy lush meadows, seasonal wildflowers (best in monsoon/post-monsoon), and panoramic ridgelines. Picnic lunch in the valley.

Trek Level: Moderate – 4–6 hours round trip depending on the chosen route and group pace. Return to Kohima/nearby base by evening.

Tip: Carry a light daypack, water, sun protection, and layered clothing; mountain weather changes quickly.

Day

5

Transfer to Bagdogra / NJP – Drive to Yuksom / Pelling (Sikkim)

After breakfast, transfer to Dimapur/Guwahati to catch onward transport (flight or private transfer) to Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri (NJP). From NJP/Bagdogra, drive across scenic roads towards Yuksom / Pelling in West Sikkim (approx 5–7 hours by road depending on route).

Evening: Check into your mountain lodge. Short walk around town and cultural sights such as Pemayangtse Monastery or local markets.

Important: Travel on this day involves inter-state transfers and possible flight/train connections; schedule will be planned to minimize stress.

Day

6

Goecha La Intro – Short Guided Trek & Kanchenjunga Viewpoints

This day focuses on a Goecha La Intro – a carefully curated, short trek and viewpoint experience to introduce you to the Goecha La region and spectacular views of Mount Kanchenjunga. Options include:

- A guided short trek to a local vantage point/foothill that offers impressive views of Kanchenjunga and surrounding peaks.
- Cultural visit to Yuksom: the historic coronation site of the first Chogyal and local monasteries.

Duration: Half-day to a full-day activity depending on chosen route. Evening at leisure in Yuksom/Pelling.

Note: This package provides an introductory experience. The full Goecha La trek (to high camps and Samiti Lake) requires 8–10+ days and higher acclimatization.

Day

7

Departure — Transfer to NJP/Bagdogra / End of Tour

After breakfast, prepare for the return transfer to Bagdogra Airport or NJP Railway Station (allow 5–7 hours). Depending on your onward travel plans, connect to flights/trains to your next destination.

End of the Complete Northeast Adventure. Guests are dropped at the transit hub with memories and photo highlights of Ziro, Dzukou and a peak into the Goecha La region.

Tip: Allow buffer time for mountain traffic; we recommend booking onward travel for late afternoon/evening to avoid rushed connections.

? 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

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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

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Sourabh Yadav

★★★★★ 5/5

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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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