

# Nagaland & Arunachal Cultural Expedition: Hornbill & Highlands

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Destination  
**North-East**

Duration  
**6 Nights 7 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 27,200 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Dimapur · 1N**

↖ **Kohima · 1N**

↖ **Mokokchung · 1N**

↖ **Pasighat · 1N**

↖ **Ziro Valley · 2N**

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## Overview

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A 6-night, 7-day North-East Family tour package that blends vibrant tribal festivals, living cultures, and misty highland landscapes. This North-East tour package focuses on authentic cultural encounters in Nagaland (Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung) and the serene valleys of Arunachal Pradesh (Pasighat, Ziro). Ideal for families and cultural travelers seeking a compact, activity-rich escape covering the highlights of the Hornbill experience and the highland charm of Ziro Valley.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 6 nights in twin/double rooms (3/4 eco-lodges / boutique hotels)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (and 3 specially arranged cultural dinners)
- ✓ All intercity transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for cultural visits
- ✓ Entry fees and village/community visit contributions
- ✓ Assistance with Inner Line Permits (where required)
- ✓ All applicable government taxes

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Flights or trains to/from the start/end point
- ✗ Personal travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not specified (lunches and some dinners)
- ✗ Tips, gratuities, and personal expenses
- ✗ Camera/video permits where applicable
- ✗ Any costs arising from flight delays, route changes, or unforeseen events
- ✗ Additional excursions marked "optional"

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival at Dimapur & Orientation**

Arrive at Dimapur Airport / Dimapur Railway Station. Meet-and-greet with the tour representative and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon orientation and light sightseeing: visit the Kachari Ruins, local markets, and the Dimapur Museum to get an introduction to Naga culture. Evening at leisure. Ensure you carry a valid ID and confirm Inner Line Permit (ILP) requirements in advance.

Day

2

### **Kohima – Hornbill Festival & Cultural Immersion**

Drive to Kohima (approx. 2–3 hours). Full-day immersion into the famed Hornbill Festival / Kisama Heritage Village (seasonal: usually early December) – enjoy tribal performances, craft stalls, indigenous cuisine, and folk contests. Visit the Kohima War Cemetery and local craft emporiums. Evening cultural shows and traditional dancing. Note: Hornbill festival dates are seasonal – check exact festival dates before booking.

Day

3

### **Mokokchung – Ao Tribe Experience**

Scenic drive to Mokokchung (Ao heartland). Explore Ao tribal villages, witness traditional house architecture, and visit the local markets. Interact with elders to learn about weaving, handicrafts, and Ao customs. Evening free to relax amid rolling hills. Suitable for families – gentle walks and cultural interactions.

Day

4

### **Transfer to Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) – Riverfront & Local Culture**

Drive towards Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) through scenic tea gardens and river valleys. On arrival, visit the Daying Ering Wildlife Sanctuary (if time permits), the riverfront along the Siang (Brahmaputra) and local tribal markets. Evening cultural exchange and short village walk. Carry light waterproof clothing in monsoon season.

Day

5

### **Ziro Valley – Arrival & Evening Stroll**

Drive to Ziro Valley (famous for its lush rice terraces and Apatani culture). En route, enjoy panoramic highland views and stop at viewpoints for photos. On arrival, check into your eco-lodge and take an evening stroll through the paddy-fringed lanes. Ziro sits at higher altitude – nights can be cool, pack layers.

Day

6

### **Ziro – Apatani Cultural Walk & Talley Valley (Optional)**

Full day exploring Apatani villages – learn about unique facial tattoo heritage (historical), traditional bamboo and cane crafts, and the famous paddy fields that form a UNESCO-hopeful cultural landscape. Optional excursion to Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary for nature walks and birdwatching. Evening cultural music or local community interaction. Respect local customs and photography guidelines in tribal villages.

Day

7

## Departure — Transfer to Itanagar / Guwahati

After breakfast, drive to the nearest departure hub (choice of Itanagar or Guwahati depending on onward travel plans). En route, stop for a final viewpoint and local produce shopping. Drop-off at Itanagar Airport / Guwahati Airport / Guwahati Railway Station. Confirm onward flight/train timings when booking the package.

## 🔗 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.

## ❓ **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.

## 🔍 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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