

# Sikkim & Arunachal Luxury Expedition: Private Guides & Scenic Routes

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Destination  
**North-East**

Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 38,400 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Gangtok · 2N**

↖ **Bomdila / Dirang · 1N**

↖ **Tawang · 2N**

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## Overview

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### Sikkim & Arunachal Luxury Expedition: Private Guides & Scenic Routes

Experience a premium North-East tour package designed for comfort, culture and high-altitude panoramas. This 5-night / 6-day North-East Adventure tour package blends luxury stays, private guides, and scenic drives across Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Ideal for travelers seeking an exclusive North-East Adventure package with curated experiences — from serene mountain lakes to historic monasteries and the majestic landscapes of Tawang.

#### Highlights:

- Gangtok: Luxury hotel stay, city & monastery sightseeing
- Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir: High-altitude glacial lake and pilgrimage site
- Bomdila / Dirang: Gateway to Arunachal with apple orchards and gompas
- Tawang: Iconic Tawang Monastery, scenic valleys, and panoramic passes
- Private guides & vehicles: Local expert guides, private transfers and scenic routes

This package caters to travelers who prefer relaxed pacing, premium accommodation, and private guiding. Permits for Arunachal and some restricted areas will be arranged— carry valid ID and expect variable high-altitude weather.

#### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights luxury accommodation (2 nights Gangtok, 1 night Bomdila/Dirang, 2 nights Tawang)
- ✓ Private transfers and scenic drives in comfortable SUV with experienced driver
- ✓ Domestic airport transfers (Bagdogra/NJP " Gangtok and Tezpur/Guwahati "Arunachal transfers as per itinerary)
- ✓ Experienced local private guides in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh
- ✓ Daily breakfast and select meals as specified by the operator (see booking details)
- ✓ All permit assistance and documentation for Arunachal entry
- ✓ Bottle water during drives, first-aid kit and basic travel support

#### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International or domestic flights (unless specified as add-on)
- ✗ Travel insurance and emergency evacuation
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, portage and minibar charges
- ✗ Meals not included in the itinerary and any special dietary requests
- ✗ Entry fees to special restricted zones beyond standard permits
- ✗ Optional activities (e.g., pony rides, yak rides, special guided treks) not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Important: Any extra nights, flight changes or bespoke requests will incur additional charges.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival, Transfer to Gangtok and Luxury Check-in**

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri (NJP). Meet your private driver and transfer to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours) via scenic hill roads. Enjoy panoramic views of the eastern Himalaya en route. Check in to your luxury hotel and unwind. Evening at leisure to explore MG Marg — boutique shops, cafes and local eateries.

Important: Relax and acclimatize after travel. Night temperatures can be chilly.

Day

2

### **Gangtok: Monasteries, Viewpoints & Tsomgo Lake Excursion**

Full day private sightseeing with certified local guide. Visit Rumtek Monastery and Enchey Monastery for cultural immersion. Proceed to the high-altitude Tsomgo Lake and Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir — enjoy the serene alpine scenery and photo opportunities. Return to Gangtok for a leisurely evening at your luxury resort.

Note: Access to Tsomgo can be weather-dependent; alternate local attractions will be offered if necessary.

Day

3

### **Transfer to Arunachal: Fly/Drive to Tezpur/Guwahati and Drive to Bomdila/Dirang**

After breakfast, transfer to Bagdogra/NJP for onward domestic flight to Tezpur/Guwahati (flight recommended; airport pick-up included). From there enjoy a scenic drive to Bomdila / Dirang — gateway to western Arunachal. En route, soak in tea gardens, river valleys and tribal landscapes. Check in to a premium heritage-style or luxury mountain lodge.

Tip: Flight schedules vary; we tailor transfers to match your flight. Keep permits and ID handy for Arunachal entry processing.

Day

4

### **Bomdila / Dirang: Local Culture, Orchards & Viewpoints**

Private guided exploration of Bomdila and Dirang. Visit Bomdila Monastery and local craft centers; stroll through apple orchards (seasonal) and visit viewpoint overlooks for sweeping valley views. Interact with local communities and learn about Monpa culture. Afternoon at leisure for spa or lodge facilities.

Special: A short nature walk or birdwatching can be arranged depending on season.

Day

5

### **Drive to Tawang via Sela Pass — Scenic High-Altitude Journey**

Early departure for a dramatic drive to Tawang via the iconic Sela Pass (altitude ~13,700 ft) with stops for photography, acclimatization and short walks. Visit Jang Valley and the picturesque landscapes approaching Tawang. Arrive in Tawang and check in to a luxury mountain resort. Evening at leisure; optional short visit to the town market.

Altitude alert: Carry warm clothing and hydrate. Sela Pass may be cold and windy.

Day

6

### **Tawang: Tawang Monastery, War Memorials & Departure**

Full day private sightseeing in Tawang: visit the majestic Tawang Monastery (one of the largest in India), the Tawang War Memorial, and local viewpoints offering expansive Himalayan vistas. Enjoy curated cultural interactions with local monks and artisans. After sightseeing, transfer to Tezpur / Guwahati for onward flights (schedule-dependent) or continue your journey from Tawang.

Note: Departure options vary — we provide transfer timings based on your outbound flight. Permit checks may occur at transit points.

## **? 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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