

# North East Family Special: Wildlife, Culture & Easy Treks

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Destination

**North-East**



Duration

**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from

**Rs. 18,650 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE



**Guwahati · 1N**



**Kaziranga National Park · 2N**



**Shillong · 2N**

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## Overview

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A carefully curated 5-night, 6-day North-East Family tour package that blends wildlife encounters, living-root bridges, scenic easy treks and cultural experiences across Assam and Meghalaya. Perfect for families seeking a relaxed pace with child-friendly activities, this North-East tour package covers iconic spots like Kaziranga National Park, Shillong, and Cherrapunji, with comfortable stays and guided safaris. Ideal for families looking for a mix of nature, culture and gentle adventure.

### Highlights:

- Elephant & Jeep Safaris at Kaziranga National Park
- Living Root Bridges & Nohkalikai Falls in Cherrapunji
- Scenic Umiam Lake & Shillong city walk
- Cultural interaction with local Khasi traditions
- Easy family-friendly treks and nature walks

This 5 and 6 North-East Family tour package is designed to be child- and senior-friendly while still offering memorable wildlife and natural experiences.

#### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation on twin/double sharing basis (1 night in Guwahati, 2 nights in Kaziranga, 2 nights in Shillong)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (hot & continental options)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ 1 Elephant Safari (shared) and 1 Jeep Safari at Kaziranga National Park (as per park regulations and availability)
- ✓ Guided sightseeing in Shillong and Cherrapunji with local guides
- ✓ Permit and park fees included (as applicable at time of booking)
- ✓ Representative assistance on arrival and throughout the tour
- ✓ Taxes and service charges

#### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Guwahati and return
- ✗ Meals not mentioned (lunch & dinner unless specified)
- ✗ Camera/video charges inside parks (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance, personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- ✗ Any additional activities not mentioned in the itinerary (boat rides, adventure activities)
- ✗ Peak season surcharges (if applicable)
- ✗ Anything not specifically mentioned under inclusions

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival in Guwahati — Welcome to the Northeast**

Arrive at Guwahati Airport/Railway Station. Meet and greet by your representative and transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time, visit the Kamakhya Temple (one of the holiest Shakti peeths) and take a relaxing evening Brahmaputra river viewpoint visit or an optional short river cruise.

Evening: Overnight stay in Guwahati. Tip: Carry light woolens for the evening by the river.

Day

2

### **Guwahati to Kaziranga — Enter the Realm of Rhinos**

Drive to Kaziranga National Park (approx. 4-5 hours). Check into the resort and enjoy lunch. In the late afternoon, opt for a local village walk or leisure time at the resort. Brief orientation about safari timings and wildlife etiquette.

Evening: Rest at the resort. Note: Safari slots are allotted early morning or late afternoon; timings vary by season.

Day

3

### **Kaziranga — Elephant Safari & Jeep Safari**

Early morning elephant safari (subject to availability) to get a close view of the eastern one-horned rhinoceros — a highlight for families. Return to the resort for breakfast and rest. Post-lunch, enjoy a jeep safari across the park's varied zones, maximize wildlife sightings (wild boar, deer, water buffalo, many bird species) and capture the sunset landscape.

Evening: Traditional Assamese cultural performance at the resort (if available). Tip: Carry binoculars and a sunhat for safaris.

Day

4

### **Transfer to Shillong — Umiam Lake & Shillong City Walk**

Drive to Shillong via Guwahati (approx. 4-5 hours). En route, stop by Umiam Lake for scenic photos and a short lakeside stroll. Arrive Shillong and check into the hotel. Later, explore Ward's Lake, Police Bazar (shopping & local snacks) and visit Shillong Peak for panoramic views.

Evening: Leisure time in Shillong. Note: Shillong's markets are lively in the evening — great for souvenirs and local delicacies.

Day

5

## Day Excursion to Cherrapunji – Waterfalls & Living Roots

Day trip to Cherrapunji (Sohra) – one of the wettest places on earth. Visit the Nohkalikai Falls, Mawsmai Cave, and the famed Living Root Bridges (short, easy treks suitable for families). Explore viewpoints and take in the misty landscapes. Return to Shillong in the evening.

Evening: Overnight in Shillong. Important: Carry rainproof jackets and comfortable trekking shoes for short walks.

Day

6

## Departure – Transfer to Guwahati & Journey Home

After breakfast, drive back to Guwahati (approx. 3-4 hours) for your onward flight/train. If time permits, quick stop at Hajo (ancient pilgrimage site) or a last-minute local market visit in Guwahati.

End of the North East Family Special: Wildlife, Culture & Easy Treks package. Tip: Confirm your flight timings and plan a buffer for hill-road travel.

## 🔍 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!

## **Why Choose TourGrids?**

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