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# **MEGHALAYA - ARUNACHAL**

SHILLONG – KAZIRANGA – BOMDILA – TAWANG – DIARANG BHALUKPONG - GUWAHATI 11 Nights 12 Days

# **TOUR SUMMARY**

DAY	OVERNIGHT	PARTICULAR
DAY 1	SHILLONG	GUWAHATI ARRIVAL TRANSFER GUWAHATI TO SHILLONG (100KM/3HRS)
DAY 2	SHILLONG	DAY EXCURSION CHERAPUNJI
DAY 3	SHILLONG	DAY EXCURSION MAWLINNONG - DAWKI
DAY 4	KAZIRANGA	TRANSFER SHILLONG - KAZIRANGA ( 252KM / 6 HRS )
DAY 5	KAZIRANGA	KAZIRANGA
DAY 6	BOMDILA	TRANSFER KAZIRANGA TO BOMDILA ( 204 KM / 6 HRS 15 MNT )
DAY 7	TAWANG	TRANSFER BOMDILA TO TAWANG (172 KM / 5 HRS 40 MNT )
DAY 8	TAWANG	TAWANG
DAY 9	DIARANG	TRANSFER TAWANG - DIRANG ( 130 KM / 4HRS 30MNT )
DAY 10	BHALUKPONG	TRANSFER DIARANG TO BHALUKPONG (140 KM / 4 HRS 40MNT )
DAY 11	GUWAHATI	TRANSFER BHALUKPONG TO GUWAHATI ( 241KM / 5 HRS )
DAY 12	DEPARTURE	AIRPORT DROP

## **DETAIL ITINERARY**

DAY 1 FLIGHT TO GUWAHATI THEN TRANSFER TO SHILLONG ( 100KM / 3HRS )







### **OVERNIGHT: SHILLONG (MEGHALAYA)**

Breakfast at Hotel. After check out proceed for Kolkata airport to take a flight to Guwahati On arrival at **Guwahati**, our team will meet and greet, transfer to **Shillong**. Roads in Meghalaya are smooth, fast and flowing with good sight lines and proper signage. There are a number of S-bends too, in the right hands, will be a delight in these sections. Along the way, the sights are spectacular, with the lush green mountains of Meghalaya forming the perfect backdrop.

En route witness the **Umiam Lake or Barapani** - is the biggest artificial lake in Meghalaya in midst of sylvan hills adorned by Khasi pines and peerless beauty

Distance of approx 100km from Guwahati to Shillong will be covered in 4 hours.

**Shillong**: The romantic city of Shillong is one of the important tourist destinations in the northeast. It is often referred to as the "Scotland of the East" due to its striking similarity with the Scottish highlands. The city derives its name from "Leishyllong"-the Superpower or God who is believed to reside on the Shillong peak, overlooking the city. Lying in the cradle of the tall pine conifers and pineapple shrubs, Shillong's undulating terrain is a constant source of attraction for tourists from both home and abroad. The Khasi, Jaintia and Garo tribes add color to this hilly city.

Evening free at leisure to explore the region on own. You may take a walk to the famous Police Bazaar for shopping. Overnight in Shillong.

# DAY 2 CHERAPUNJI DAY EXCURSION

On arrival check in to Hotel







# **OVERNIGHT: SHILLONG (MEGHALAYA)**

After breakfast drive to Cherrapunjee, the wettest place on the earth, for an awesome day trip. The day tour starts as you depart from Shillong at around 8:00Hrs in the morning and drive down to Cherrapunjee. The drive passes through beautiful scenery and takes you to visit **Shillong peak** It offers a sweeping view of the Shillong town. **Elephant Falls** A few kilometres beyond the Laitkor Peak is Elephant Falls is very beautiful, and is on the way and will take just about 30-45 minutes more. A very short detour will take you there. Do make an effort to climb down and see it in its full glory. Now you are set to enjoy the rest of the drive to Cherrapunjee.

On the way experience the hills that are unending, undulating, with a thick cover of pine trees; the road flanked by the hills on one side and a deep gorge on the other. Stop again, this time at

**Mawdok Valley:** This is bang on the way....a beautiful view of the rolling hills and the valley down there. The drive through Mawdok valley is always through blinding fog for about 15-20 minutes. Finall reached the land of waterfalls – here you will see that famous **Mawsmai Falls**, or the **Seven Sisters falls**. And then there are the **Nohkalikai Falls** and **Dain Thlen Falls**. After you have photographed yourself against the falls, walk a yard or two ahead and look to your front. Thereafter, you will be taken to appreciate the stunning **Mawsmai Caves**, Thangkharang Park and Khon Ramhah, which is a beautiful pillar shaped rock.

Eveing drive back to Shillong

Overnight in Shillong

# DAY 3 MAWLYNNONG - DAWKI DAY EXCURSION





### OVERNIGHT: SHILLONG (MEGHALAYA)

After breakfast drive to Mwallynong, the cleanest village in Asia (100 kms / 3 hrs drive approx), also known as 'God's own Garden'. With over 80 households, the village gives the ambiance of walking in a well maintained park! Climb the 80 ft Sky Walk at Mawlynnong village for a bird's eye view of the Village, the plantations and faraway plains of Bangladesh. You will also be acquainted to the Khasi lifestyle, their culture and economy.

A trek to the nearby Rewai Village is another interesting activity. Walk down a flight of almost 100 steps to witness nature's wonder, living-root bridge. The bridges are tangles of massive thick roots, which the local people inter-twine to form a bridge that can hold severalpeople at a time. The root bridges, may be up to over a hundred feet long and take ten to fifteen years to become fully functional, but they become very strong in the process. The bridges live and keep growing and strengthen over time. The useful lifespan of the bridges is thought to be 500-600 years.

After lunch proceed for **Dawki**: A small border town in the Jaintia Hills, Dawki and its famed river Umngot is a must visit if in Meghalaya. Sandwiched between India and Bangladesh. The small city, besides being a trade hub is also famous for its tourism scene, with many people flocking to the city in order experience a boat ride in its famed Umngot River and enjoy the nearby sights and sounds. You might have even come across a picture of a boat on transparent water? That is the ravishing Umngot River. It is not wrong to say that Umngot river in Dawki is one the cleanest rivers in India. When we look at the boats sailing in the river from a distance, it looks like the water is transparent

Note: Boating charges to be paid directly

Evening back to Shillong. Overnight in Shillong

# DAY 4

TRANSFER: SHILLONG TO KAZIRANGA (255KM/5HRS 30MNT)



#### **OVERNIGHT: KAZIRANGA**

Today get up early in the morning, have your breakfast & check out from the hotel and start journey towards Kaziranga National Park.

The Kaziranga National Park is among the prime wildlife tourist spots in India. The natural habitat of the big wild animals like One-horned Rhino, Royal Bengal Tiger, Indian Elephant, Water Buffalo and Swamp Deer along with many other wild animals. Kaziranga National Park represents one of the last unmodified natural areas in the north-eastern region of India. Covering 42,996 ha, and located in the State of Assam it is the single largest undisturbed and representative area in the Brahmaputra Valley floodplain. Kaziranga National Park – a world heritage site, the park hosts twothirds of the world's Great One-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga also boasts the highest density of tigers among the protected areas in the world and was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006 Distance of 255km will be covered in 6 hrs. Reach wild life resort by evening. In the evening, go for

the nearby sightseeing or village tour. Get back to the resort, Have Dinner and stay overnight.

DAY 5 SAFARI KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK





#### **OVERNIGHT: KAZIRANGA**

Get up early in the morning and freshen up. Get ready for the elephant safari in the Kaziranga National Park. It is a one-hour long safari which starts early in the morning @ 06.00 am. Start elephant safari in the tropical semi-evergreen forests, rocky landscapes and tall thickets grass of Kaziranga National Park. Elephant safari in Kaziranga is the best way to observe the breathtaking view of the mysterious wild jungle, world famous one-horned Rhinos and numerous variety of flora and fauna. There is no alternative way to relish the fascinating wildlife tour than taking ride on a majestic elephant.

After the amazing elephant safari deep inside the forest, get back to the resort and have your breakfast. After the Lunch, get ready for the evening Jeep safari in the park. The Jeep Safari is allowed for two hours in a shift and evening safari starts at 01.00 pm. Jungle Safari by open Jeep in search of one-horned rhinos, tigers, elephants, jackal, languor, monkeys and the different species of deer as well as numerous domestic and migratory bird species. Watching these many wildlife species in the wild will be your most cherished memory of Kaziranga National Park After the Jeep safari, get back to the resorts and relax and enjoy the evening.

Stay overnight at the resort.

### TRANSFER KAZIRANGA TO BOMDILA ( 204 KM / 6 HRS 15 MNT )





OVERNIGHT: BOMDILA (ARUNACHAL)

**MEALS: BREAKFAST & DINNER** 

After Breakfast transfer proceed for **Bomdila**. The small town of **Bomdila** is perched amongst the panoramic settings of the lofty ranges of the eastern Himalayas. It is a remote destination and like few other Indian towns, it has escaped the virtual tourist invasion in recent times. Bomdila is known for its scenic environs along with its Buddhist monasteries and apple orchids. It also attracts the adventure seeker with its numerous trekking trails.

Check in the hotel on arrival. After lunch visit **Gontse Rabgyaling Monastery (Upper Gonpa)**, The Gontse Gaden Rabgyel Lling monastery, also famous as the GRL Monastery, which houses Buddhist Lamas and monks at Bomdila. It is also recognized as one of the major centers of the Lamaistic faith of Mahayana Buddhism. The GRL monastery was built by the 12th reincarnate of Tsona Gontse Rinpoche in 1965–66. Also visit Bomdila View Point. Bomdila offers wonderfully panoramic view of Himalayan landscapes and snow clad ranges. Evening you can visit the local market.

Overnight stay in Bomdila.

# DAY 7 TRANSFER BOMDILA TO TAWANG (172 KM / 5 HRS 40 MNT)





OVERNIGHT: TAWANG (ARUNACHAL)

After breakfast transfer to Tawang. On the way visit war cemetery. A great pit stop reroute to Tawang would be the Jaswantgarh war memorial located at Nuranang, about 25 kms from Tawang. This war memorial stands in memory of rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, Mahavir Chakra Awardee (Posthumous) of the 4th Battalion of Garhwal Rifles Infantry Regiment. Jaswant showed his valor by fighting and holding the invading Chinese back for 72 hours all alone during the 1962 India-China war and remained at his post at an altitude of about 10,000 feet before succumbing to an enemy bullet during that bloody winter war.

Continue with the drive till you reach **Sela Pass** at an altitude of 4114m / 13494 ft. The pass has hardly any vegetation and is usually snow-covered to some extent all through the year. During winter temperature in the pass can go down to -10 degrees. This place is snowed in most of the year and offers excellent and heavenly views all year round. This part of the Eastern Himalayan range is pretty special for the Buddhists as it is believed that about 101 lakes exist in and around Sela pass and each of these lakes has a huge religious significance for the Buddhist community. Very close to the Pass is the beautiful Sela Lake (sometimes called Paradise Lake because of its beauty), which could be fully or partially frozen in winter. Some small rivers also flow out of the lake and during grazing season, yaks grazing around the lake. While Sela Pass does get heavy snow in

winters, it is usually open throughout the year unless landslides or snow require the pass to be shut down temporarily. Sela Pass is the main route to access Tawang town, and given the proximity of Tawang District with Tibet. Check in the hotel on arrival.

Overnight stay in Tawang

### DAY 8 TAWANG







OVERNIGHT: TAWANG (ARUNACHAL)

After breakfast proceed to explore **Tawang**. Located at a height of about 3048m, is known for many important and beautiful monasteries and is famous as the birth place of Dalai Lama.

The beautiful town of Tawang, also pronounced as Dawang has many sceneries to make your trip a picturesque one. However, what begins to define the area is its significance for Buddhist monks. Tawang is the place to go for monasteries, with the Tawang Monastery being the most popular one and extremely sacred for the Buddhists. Tawang is a place which will flatter you with its natural beauty wrapped in the scent of spirituality. The beautiful orchid sanctuary and the Tipi Orchid Sanctuary is also an ideal place for your list of places to visit

First to visit **Tawang Monstery**, Located amidst the picturesque surroundings, the Tawang Monastery also known as the Golden Namgyal Lhatse is one of the gems in Arunachal Pradesh. Perched at the height of 3,000 metres above sea level, it has been recognised as the second largest monastery in the world, the first one being Lhasa. The monastery is believed to be 400 years old and has control over 17 gompas in the region. Built as a large mansion, it is an abode for over 300 monks. Lying amidst the Himalayan ranges, it offers a breathtaking view of the Tawang-Chu valley. One of the most prominent attractions in the monastery houses is the massive statue of Lord Buddha which is 8 meters in height.

**Pangateng PT Tso Lake**, Located almost 25km from Tawang town, this immensely picturesque locale is a perfect tourist site. Excellent for picnic, depending on the weather. The serene atmosphere and mesmerizing surroundings leave tourists spellbound.

Also visit Gorsham Chorten, Gonts<mark>e Garden, Singar Ani</mark> Gompa. Evening return back to hotel. Overnight stay in Tawang Hotel .

# DAY 9 TRANSFER TAWANG TO DIRANG (130 KM / 4 HRS 30 MNT)



OVERNIGHT: DIARANG (ARUNACHAL)

Start early in the morning for Dirang. On the way visit Tippi On the banks of the river **Bharali** at an elevation of 190 mtrs is Tipi, an orchidarium with over 7500 orchids. On display are some of the finest species with names like the Dainty Lady's Slipper or the more formal sounding Dendrobium.

Arunachal has the largest range of orchids in the country. Continue your drive and do not forget to keep your cameras handy as you cross beautiful waterfalls and get some spectacular views. Check in to your hotel.

**Dirang:** Situated at an altitude of 4910 ft above the sea level, Dirang a beautiful hill station comprises of Tribal Mahayana Monapas sharing their traditions and heritage which are similar to Western Bhutan. Dirang is located on a picturesque valley in between Bomdilla and Tawang and due to its lower altitude than Bomdila the weather is much milder & comfortable, a constant wind blows along the river valley making it a very pleasant place to stay. The spectacular natural view of Dirang surely makes the visitors spell bound. The visitors find numerous beautiful natural objects of nature to pick from. Tourists are always free to squeeze the abundant beauty of nature. The high peaks and mountains of Dirang are irresistible for mountaineers and trekkers. They give maximum pleasure to the adventurous tourists.

After lunch visit the regional apple Nursery, Kiwi farm, **Dzong** (fort) Dirang Dzong, which is an innate territory, is on the shores of Dirang River. The design of the ancestral state is dazzling. A portion of the houses are more than 500 years of age. The houses were worked to manage the antagonistic climate in the area. The establishment of these houses is of stone and the dividers and rooftop are worked of wood. Dzong, as the fortification is alluded to involves this settlement and it rouses you with its engineering, which is an impact of Buddhist kingdoms. Despite the fact that the stronghold is presently in ruins, the vestiges are verification of design greatness of the long time past days. Perspectives from Dirang Dzong are astounding. **Hot water Spring.** The warm sulfur rich water in this hot springs cures numerous skin sicknesses. It lies on the Tawang Jang street. Hot spring was washed away by a noteworthy surge in 2009. Despite the fact that repair works have been finished; there has not been an official initiation.

Overnight stay in Dirang Hotel.

# DAY 10 TRANSFER DIRANG TO BHALUKPONG (140 KM / 4 HRS 40MNT )





#### **OVERNIGHT: BHALUKPONG**

Have early morning breakfast and proceed for Bhalukpong. **Bhalukpong** can provide you a complete experience with wildlife and a host of activities complimenting its natural beauty and the environment of a place lesser known. The Kameng River running in the forest surrounding it makes the town even more attractive. In Bhalukpong you'll find yourself making the most of hiking, trekking, camping and fishing. The Pakhui game sanctuary can be visited to see birds as exotic as the place itself, along with tigers, elephants, barking dear and more.

Check in the hotel on arrival. After lunch proceed for **Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary**, This royal sanctuary plays home to the royal bengal tiger and many more varieties of flora and fauna. At least 40 mammal species occur in Pakke Tiger Reserve.

Tiger, leopard, clouded Leopard, jungle cat, wild dog Jackal, Himalayan Black Bear, Binturong, Elephant, Gaur, Samber, Hog deer, Barking Deer, Wilboar, Yellow throated martin and so so many more animal species can be found here. Nearly 300 species of birds call this reserve their home too. It is aslso known as the Pakke Tiger Reserve as the sanctuary aims at preserving and protecting the Royal Bengal Tiger

Overnight stay in Bhalukpong

# DAY 11 TRANSFER BHALUKPONG TO GUWAHATI (241KM / 5 HRS)





**OVERNIGHT: GUWAHATI** 

After Breakfast transfer to Guwahati. Check in to your hotel. If time permit evening visit **Kamakhya Temple.** Kamakhya Temple is one of the most revered shrines of Goddess Shakti in India. According to the Hindu scriptures, there are four important Shakti Peethas (Temples with highest powers of divinity) in the country and Kamakhya Temple is one of them. Kamakhya Temple celebrates the power of the woman to give birth and is regarded as extremely auspicious among the followers of the Tantrik sect of Hinduism. It was built and reconstructed multiple times between the 8th and 17th Centuries and is a spectacle in itself.

The main entrance of the Kamakhya temple is beautifully designed with simple yet elegant carvings that are decorated with colourful flowers. The temple has a massive dome which overlooks the quaint Nilanchal Hills in the background.

Overnight stay in Guwahati.

# DAY 12 DEPARTURE

After breakfast checkout from hotel and transfer to Imphal Airport for your next destination

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