



AN EXPEDITION INTO INDIA'S NORTH EAST



GUWAHATI



CHERRAPUNJEE



SHILLONG



KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK



JORHAT

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Guwahati - Cherrapunjee - Shillong - Kaziranga National Park - Jorhat
10 Days / 9 Nights

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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Vivanta Guwahati	Guwahati	B&B	2 Nights
Day 3	Polo Orchid Resort	Cherrapunjee	B&B	2 Nights
Day 5	Vivanta Meghalaya Shillong	Shillong	B&B	1 Night
Day 6	Kaziranga Borgos Resort	Kaziranga National Park	B&B	2 Nights
Day 8	Thengal Manor	Jorhat	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

BLURB:

Discover the jewels of the north-east of India as you travel through Assam and Meghalaya. Vivid, vibrant and full of charm, you will be enchanted by this journey.

INTRODUCTION:

Explore the colourful communities that flourish on the banks of the Brahmaputra river. Head out into Assam's wilderness and tea country. Discover Meghalaya's misty heights and mystical charms.

THE ESSENCE:

Your journey begins in Guwhati, the capital of Assam. A bustling, vibrant city full of life, Guwhati is your gateway to this region. Head over to Cherrapunji and explore its stunning natural beauty. Cascading waterfalls, misty mountains and mystical caves make this an intriguing place to visit. Head over to Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya. Cultural, creative and charismatic, this city will win you over immediately. Plunge into the jungle when you visit Kaziranga, one of India's best-known national parks. This is a natural habitat for the One-Horned Indian Rhino, tigers, elephants and several species of rare birds and reptiles. Visit tea estates in Jorhat, and tribal communities on Majuli Island. This is a fascinating journey into a region that is one of India's best-kept secrets!

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunset cruise on the Brahmaputra River
- A visit to Kamakhya Temple
- Stunning lakes, waterfalls and rock caves in Cherrapunjee & Shillong
- A visit to the Don Bosco Museum in Shillong
- Exhilarating wildlife experiences in Kaziranga National Park
- Assam tea trails in Jorhat
- Interacting with ethnic and tribal communities on Majuli Island

Day 1

Vivanta Guwahati, Guwahati

Guwahati

Situated on the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra River in north-eastern India, the city of Guwahati is not only the commercial, sporting and educational hub of the region, but offers numerous natural wonders for visitors. The 'Gateway to the Seven Sisters' is renowned for its surrounding tea plantations, rolling green hills and diverse wildlife, including rare animals such as Asian elephants, pythons, tigers and Indian bison. Religious centres, historical monuments and archaeological sites add to its magical aura, making it a popular starting point for visitors to this region of India.

Day Itinerary

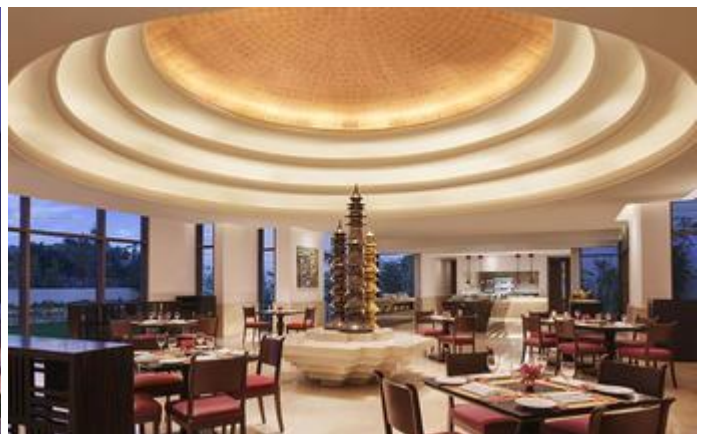
Guwahati – Your gateway to the north-east of India

Upon your arrival at Guwahati airport, meet your Orange representative and driver and proceed to your hotel. Check-in at the hotel, and relax for a few hours. This evening, embark on a breathtaking sunset cruise along the majestic Brahmaputra River (subject to river conditions).

Overnight: Vivanta Guwahati

Located on the Guwahati-Shillong highway in the commercial and cultural heart of the capital of Assam, Vivanta Guwahati is an urban retreat designed for global business travellers and adventurers.

Accommodation features a selection of 150 contemporary rooms and suites. All are equipped with comfortable bedding, complimentary Wi-Fi, an iron and ironing board, and a flat-screen TV. The hotel features an on-site restaurant offering a fresh take on contemporary Chinese and Japanese cuisine. Additional facilities include the Jiva Spa, event spaces and a fitness centre.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2

Vivanta Guwahati, Guwahati

Day Itinerary

Guwahati – Culture and Craft

This morning, visit the ancient Kamakhya Temple atop the Nilachal hill, dedicated to the goddess Kamakhya. Later, explore Sualkuchi, known as the "Manchester of Assam," famous for its cottage industries and handloom weaves. This evening, take a fascinating river cruise on the Brahmaputra (subject to conditions).

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3

Polo Orchid Resort, Cherrapunjee

Cherrapunjee

Cherrapunjee - also known as Sohra - is a small town in the high-lying state of Meghalaya in northeast India. This out-of-the-way destination is a must for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts, allowing visitors to explore some unique outdoor attractions. Chief among these are the staggering Noh- Ka-Likai Waterfalls, the tallest in India. Also on the list is the Mawsmai Caves, where you can explore some spectacular subterranean chambers, Eco Park, which offers spectacular raking views of the plains of Bangladesh, and the amazing Living Root Bridges of Cherrapunjee. These incredible examples of bioengineering - bridges that can last for 500 years built from trained roots - are best viewed in the near-lying villages of Nongriat and Mawlynnong.

Day Itinerary

Guwahati to Cherrapunjee – Mystical and Magical

Check out after breakfast and head to Cherrapunjee. Pause en route to visit scenic Umiam Lake. Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel and evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Polo Orchid Resort

Polo Orchid Resort, Cherrapunjee is located just metres from the Mawsmai Caves beach and is in close proximity to many Cherrapunjee attractions like the Mawsmai Falls, Arwah Caves, and Thangkarang Park. The resort overlooks the Nongsithiang Falls and is ideal for both business and leisure travellers looking for a comfortable accommodation option. The resort offers a selection of accommodation options, including rooms, suites, villas, and cottages. All of the accommodations feature air-conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and free Wi-Fi access. During their stay, guests can enjoy delicious meals at the on-site restaurant. The infinity swimming pool offers breathtaking views and is an ideal spot for guests to relax during their stay.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4**Polo Orchid Resort, Cherrapunjee**

Day Itinerary**Cherrapunjee - A land in the clouds**

After breakfast, explore the stunning natural beauty of Cherrapunjee. Visit the Seven Sisters Waterfalls, Nohkalikai Falls (one of the world's tallest plunge waterfalls), Mwasmai Cave, Kho Ramhah Rock, and Arwah Cave

(Note: during dry seasons, the waterfalls may not flow as heavily).

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5**Vivanta Meghalaya Shillong, Shillong**

Shillong

Located in northeastern India, Shilling serves as the capital of the state of Meghalaya. The hill station offers a milder climate than tropical India and was once the summer capital of Eastern Bengal and Assam during the British Raj. The rolling green hills surrounding the capital gave the city its nickname: 'Scotland of the East'. Nature lovers will enjoy the many waterfalls, walking trails and nearby lake that can be found on the outskirts of town. The enchanting Assam-style houses and pretty tapestry of fields give the city its rural hill-station charm. Take in the city views from Shillong Peak, enjoy boating in Umiam Lake as well as horseriding, fishing, cave exploration, golfing, and rock climbing. Don't miss the chance to explore the nearby Nokrek National Park known for its undulating meadows and spectacularly scenic views.

Day Itinerary

Cherrapunjee – Shillong – Mesmerising Meghalaya

After breakfast, travel to Shillong, stopping at Elephant Falls en route. Upon arrival in Shillong, check in at your hotel. After freshening up, set out to visit the Don Bosco Museum, Wards Lake, and stroll through the local market in the evening.

Overnight: Vivanta Meghalaya Shillong

Vivanta Meghalaya Shillong is located in the heart of the picturesque city. The guest rooms and suites are light, modern and stylishly decorated, equipped with heating/air conditioning, Wi-Fi, TVs, tea/coffee makers and private bathrooms. The suites boast generous floor space, separate living rooms and dining areas. Guests can enjoy dining at the on-site restaurants serving delectable local and international cuisine or relax at the bar with a refreshing drink. Additional amenities and services include a coffee shop, a business centre, event posting, comfortable outdoor sitting areas, a spacious lobby lounge, parking and a reception.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6

Kaziranga Borgos Resort, Kaziranga National Park

Kaziranga National Park

Set within the heart of Assam state in India, Kaziranga National Park is one of the last areas in eastern India undisturbed by human presence and inhabited by the world's largest population of the renowned one-horned Rhinoceros. This world heritage site, bordering the southern banks of the Brahmaputra River, boasts many protected wildlife species, including one of the largest populations of tiger in the world, as well as large breeding populations of elephant, water buffalo, swamp deer and an abundance of birdlife. The extensive grasslands, forested highlands, marshes and flood plains are a wildlife and nature lover's paradise. Don't miss out on an Elephant Safari, as it is the best way to get up close and personal with the park's famous rhinoceros.

Day Itinerary

Shillong – Kaziranga National Park – Wild & Wonderful

Check out after breakfast and transfer to Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for its One-Horned Rhinoceros, wild elephants, felines and diverse birdlife, it's a haven for wildlife lovers and photographers. Check in to your wildlife lodge and evening at your leisure to relax and soak up the beauty of your surroundings.

Overnight: Kaziranga Borgos Resort

Kaziranga Borgos Resort is nestled in the serene surroundings of Kaziranga National Park. The accommodation features comfortably furnished guest rooms that are equipped with modern amenities, including air conditioning, a TV, a safe, a minibar, tea and coffee-making facilities, and a private bathroom. During their stay, guests can enjoy traditional Assamese-style cuisine and multi-cuisine at the on-site restaurants. Additional facilities include a bar, an outdoor swimming pool, a spa, a fitness centre, a 24-hour front desk, and parking amenities.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7

Kaziranga Borgos Resort, Kaziranga National Park

Day Itinerary

Kaziranga – A Walk On The Wild Side

Start the day with an exhilarating elephant ride through the park. After breakfast, explore the Kaziranga Orchid Center. Later in the day, head out into the forest on a jeep safari in the western range, stopping at watchtowers for bird-watching.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8

Thengal Manor, Jorhat

Jorhat

Commonly regarded as the 'Tea Capital of the World' due to its countless tea plantations, Jorhat is a busy commercial and cultural centre in the northeastern Indian state of Assam. The town is set just below the eastern Himalayan foothills and offers spectacularly scenic views of the rolling hills and lush valleys of the surrounding countryside. The main attraction is the nearby Majuli Island, which holds the title of 'largest river-bound island in the world'. The city is an excellent starting point to explore other popular attractions nearby, including the Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary with its impressive range of primates, and the Kakochang Waterfalls, featuring views of the ruins of Numaligarh. Kaziranga National Park lies about 90km from the town and is home to an extraordinary range of wildlife, including tigers and elephants.

Day Itinerary

Kaziranga National Park – Jorhat – On The Tea Trail

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Jorhat, renowned for its lush tea gardens. Check in at a tea bungalow. If you are interested, take a guided walk to learn about the history of Assam Tea.

Overnight: Thengal Manor

Thengal Manor is a hotel located in Jorhat, India. The regal, colonial style mansion was built in 1929 and offers comfortable accommodation in the center of nature. Guests can enjoy exploring the sights, sounds and arts/crafts of the local Assamese village.

The hotel accommodation offers beautifully decorated deluxe rooms with en-suite bathrooms and fireplaces in the bedrooms, drawing rooms and dining rooms. Rooms/laundry service is also available. Guests can enjoy dining at the in-house restaurant which serves traditional Indian cuisine as well as Chinese and continental dishes. Leisure facilities include a pristine outdoor swimming pool, various indoor games, and an open front porch from which one can lounge on cozy leather armchairs.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9

Thengal Manor, Jorhat

Day Itinerary

Majuli – A Cultural Kaleidoscope

Explore Majuli Island after breakfast, known for its cultural depth and communities steeped in traditions dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Visit Anuati and Uttar-Kamalabari Sattras, and interact with monks to learn more about their way of life. Explore life on the island as you pause to visit Mishing tribal villages, pottery kilns, mask-making villages, and a traditional mustard oil mill. Return to Jorhat for an overnight stay.

(Note: To visit Majuli Island, one has to take a public ferry operated by the local government, which runs according to schedule.)

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10

End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Jorhat airport for your onward journey, as you bid farewell to the enchanting landscapes of Assam.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Travel Information



Vast, diverse, deeply spiritual and utterly unforgettable, India is unlike anywhere else on earth – a melting pot of ethnicities and religions, a treasure trove of history and culture, and a curious mixture of chaos and serenity. Stretching across more than three million square kilometres, it encompasses a staggering array of landscapes, vistas and environs, and offers unparalleled travel experiences – from the beautiful beaches of Goa, to the compelling craziness of Kolkata, the sacred Ganges river banks of Varanasi, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in Kashmir and the ancient, exquisitely crafted temples dotted across the entire country. Not to mention the vibrant, friendly people, and the incredible cuisine.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Local currency: Indian Rupee

Symbol: ₹

ISO code: INR

Subunit: The Indian Rupee is divided into 100 paise, but since 2011, only the 50-paise coin is still accepted as valid currency.

Banknotes: ₹5, ₹10, ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, ₹200, ₹500

Coins: ₹0.50 (50 paise), ₹1, ₹2, ₹5, ₹10, ₹20

₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes of Mahatma Gandhi series issued up to November 08, 2016, have ceased to be Legal Tender with effect from the midnight of November 8, 2016.

Banking

Card Transactions: Yes

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Limited acceptance

Diner's club: Limited acceptance

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Weekends: Limited hours or closed, check with local banks.

Public Holidays: Yes (Varies, typically reduced hours)

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around**Air:**

Main airlines: Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Vistara

International Airports: Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL), Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM), Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), and others

Domestic Airports: Numerous, including Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, and Patna.

Road:

Driving on the: Left

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Limited

Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

E-hailing services: Yes

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: Yes

Local city bus networks: Yes

Rail:

Railway system: Extensive

Subway System: Limited (in select cities)

Water:

Ferries: Limited

Water taxis: Limited

Leisure cruises: Limited

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice**Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: No

Fresh fruit and veg: Wash thoroughly or peel

Ice: Use commercially produced ice

Meat: Ensure it's well-cooked

Street food: Yes

Local cuisine: Indian cuisine is diverse and varies greatly by region. Highlights include dishes like biryani, curry, dosa, chaat, and tandoori specialties. Vegetarian options are plentiful.

Drinks: Chai, lassi, sugarcane juice, and various regional beverages like coconut water. Alcoholic beverages are available, with beer and whiskey being popular choices.

Tipping: Generally 5-10% in restaurants; tipping for other services is discretionary.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: Varies greatly by region, 500 mm-4,000 mm

Average temperature: Varies greatly by region, 15°C-30°C

Summer:

Average highs: 25-45°C

Average lows: 20-30°C

Winter:

Average highs: 10-25°C

Average lows: 5-15°C

Best time to visit: The best time to visit India depends on the region and your preferences. Generally, the winter months from October to March offer milder temperatures and are ideal for exploring most parts of the country.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Spring and Summer

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

Winter and Autumn

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

General

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Limited, mobile data or Wi-Fi in accommodations and cafes available.

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Limited

Libraries: Limited

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: Type C, Type D, Type M

Voltage (V): 230

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50

*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.
