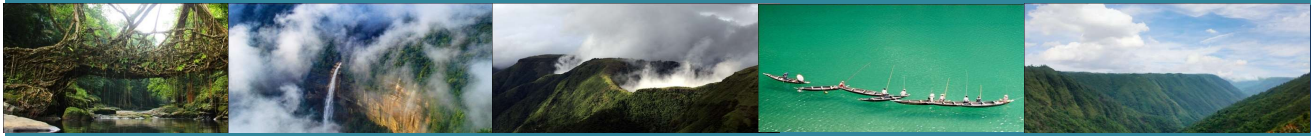


Your North East India Trip

Dates: Start from Guwahati airport and end at Guwahati Airport

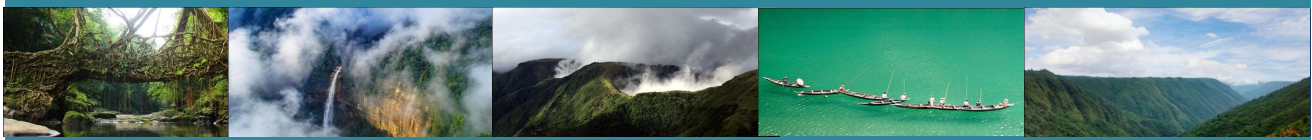
Duration: 05 days and 04 nights

Covering: Meghalaya - Shillong, Cherrapunji, Living Root Bridge, Mawlynnong, Dawki, Barapani/ Umiam Lake



Programme Highlights

| Date | Programme | Your cost includes | Comments |
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| July 01, 2016 Friday Day 1 | <p>Arrive in Guwahati and head up to Shillong</p> <p>Arrive in Guwahati Airport by 6 pm [ideally].</p> <p>The group assembles at the airport and our vehicle takes you to Shillong town. Check in to your accommodation.</p> <p>The drive to Shillong will take about 3 hours.</p> | <p><i>Includes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport from the airport to the accommodation 2. Accommodation cost - twin sharing <p><i>Doesn't include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and extra orders | <p><i>You may have to wait for a few hours for all guests to arrive at the airport. If the delay exceeds two hours, we will take you to a restaurant close by to wait there instead of the airport.</i></p> <p><i>You must aim to arrive at 6 pm. If you are unable to match this time, we can organise a separate taxi for you at a nominal extra charge.</i></p> <p><i>The drive up to Shillong is hilly - this is for your information in case you are prone to car sickness.</i></p> |
| July 02, 2016 Saturday Day 2 | <p>Day trip to Cherrapunji and the Double Decker Living Root Bridge Walk</p> <p>Early start today. Leave the accommodation after a heavy breakfast. There are two programmes that go on simultaneously - <i>only possible if the group size is big enough for more than one car</i>.</p> <p>Programme 1: Double Decker Living Root Bridge walk Not for the unfit - this walk covers 7 km of steps. 3.5 km and about 3500 steps each way. The end result - a bridge built by the local Khasis, over 200 years ago, using the living roots of a tree. A truly marvellous sight and worth all the effort in the steps you have just climbed down [and the 3500 steps up that await you on the way back!]. There is also a water pool for you to take a short dip if you'd like to cool off.</p> <p><i>You can read more about this walk on our blog - link in the body of this email</i></p> <p>Programme 2: A tour of Cherrapunji Cherrapunji, once the wettest area in the world is a geographic wonder - cliffs, caves, hills, lush greenery, water falls and clouds that will just thrill you. Spend the day exploring all these wonders.</p> <p><i>You can read more about things to do in Cherrapunji on our blog</i></p> <p>Both groups meet up in the evening to exchange notes of their experiences. Don't worry - if you can't do the whole 7,000 steps but you still want to see a living root bridge, you can do that day after in a much shorter walk.</p> | <p><i>Includes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport from the accommodation to the living root bridge start point and back, and transport from accommodation to Cherrapunji and back 2. Accommodation cost - twin sharing 3. Breakfast at the accommodation 4. Guide for the walk and another for Cherrapunji <p><i>Doesn't include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lunch, dinner, snacks and extra orders 2. Entrance fees and tickets to the various places that you visit - usually very nominal costs | <p><i>We recommend the folks doing the root bridge walk carry some salty and sweet snacks and water for the walk. Don't bother carrying too much - there are a few small shops towards the halfway point that will give you tea, maggi, chips and biscuits - more than enough to energise you for the walk back. The more you carry, the harder it gets.</i></p> <p><i>For the folks going to Cherrapunji, the guide will meet you right after breakfast and brief you on the route and then your trip begins. You will be able to go to a restaurant for lunch along the way</i></p> |
| July 03, 2016 Sunday Day 3 | <p>Explore Shillong</p> <p>After a hectic day, you get to have a relaxed start this morning. Have breakfast at the accommodation and then we head to the Don Bosco Museum which is an incredible way to learn about the entire north east in one building - a seven floor museum. There's something there for everyone, including a cafe to have some coffee at for the ones who hate museums.</p> <p>We then take you Shillong peak to get a marvellous view of Shillong.</p> <p>Alternatively - some of you could head off for a trek - the David Scott's trek - arguably the best trek in Meghalaya - but you must be ready for a wet trek! The trek is 15 km long, so this isn't an easy one. <i>[again - multiple options are only possible if the group size is large enough to have more than one car]</i></p> <p>You can use the rest of the day to walk around the shopping areas of the town. This is your last day to do any shopping</p> | <p><i>Includes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport from the accommodation to the museum and then to Shillong Peak and to the David Scott trail point for those interested and then the car gets you back to the accommodation. For your shopping needs, it is best to use local taxis and they can take you to the right places faster than our big cabs will. 2. Accommodation cost - twin sharing 3. Breakfast at the accommodation 4. Guide for the David Scott trail <p><i>Doesn't include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lunch, dinner, snacks and extra orders 2. Entrance fees and tickets to the various places that you visit - usually very nominal costs | <p><i>Read more about Shillong on our website. Do not miss the Don Bosco Museum - it is really the best way to get a lot of information about the North East - Anthropology, History, Textiles, Tools, Music, Culture etc.</i></p> |



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| July 04, 2016 Monday Day 4 | <p>Day trip to Dawki and Mawlynnong</p> <p>Today will be a long day. You start early - at 7:30 am and head to Dawki. At Dawki, you get to visit the India - Bangladesh border, meet the border guards, and then jump on to a boat on the clear waters of the Umngot river.</p> <p>Head to Mawlynnong, Asia's cleanest village, for lunch and then a short walk around the village.</p> <p>On your way out, we take you to one of the Living Root Bridges that the local folk are famous for. This is a 30 minute walk each way and involves walking down a fair number of steps. If you can do it, the end result is really worth each step.</p> | <p><i>Includes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport from the accommodation to Dawki, Mawlynnong and back to the accommodation 2. Accommodation cost - twin sharing 3. Breakfast at the accommodation 4. Guide for the day <p><i>Doesn't include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lunch, dinner, snacks and extra orders 2. Entrance fees and tickets to the various places that you visit - usually very nominal costs - we haven't included this because we aren't sure who will go where | <p>Today will be a long day, so be keep snacking and drinking water along the way.</p> |
| July 05, 2016 Tuesday Day 5 | <p>Head back home - from Guwahati Airport</p> <p>Head down to Guwahati after breakfast. You should try to be on the flight that leaves in the evening to optimise the day. The drive time to the airport from Shillong town is approximately 3-4 hours depending on traffic.</p> <p>On the way down to Guwahati - we stop at a view point where you get the see the amazing Barapani lake and then straight down to the airport.</p> | <p><i>Includes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport from Shillong to the airport 2. Breakfast at the accommodation <p><i>Doesn't include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lunch, dinner, snacks and extra orders | <p>You should try to get on a flight that leaves after 3 pm.</p> |

The approximate cost for your trip is as follows: **Rs. 30,000 per head for 2 - 4 people and Rs. 28,000 per head for 5 - 8 people** - after taxes and permits. We need a minimum of two people to make this trip happen. Final confirmation of your is subject to room availability at the time of your confirmation and before payment. On confirmation of your trip, we require **50 per cent** as an advance to confirm your participation which is non-refundable and the balance can be paid as cheque on your arrival in Guwahati.

Please note: Rooms are on twin sharing basis, if you would like a separate room, do contact us for additional costs.

We take great care to make sure that your programme is planned to every possible detail that we can think of. Our work involves the use of people from the villages that we operate in and so some of what you pay, goes towards creation of employment, training of resources and improving the livelihood of people in the region. Our programmes are designed to expose you to the history and culture of the regions you visit.

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