

Best of Himalayas

10 Nights/11 Days

Kaziranga-2, Nameri-2, Shillong-3, Cherrapunjee-2, Guwahati-1

Day 1

Guwahati>>Kaziranga (250 kms/ 5 hrs drive)



Pickup from Guwahati airport/railway station & transfer to **Kaziranga National park** – a world heritage site, the park hosts two-thirds 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. Though sighting of tigers are difficult because of the tall grasses that provide excellent camouflage, their presence can be felt everywhere by way of pug marks, kills and territorial markings. The park is home to large breeding populations of elephants, wild water buffalo and swamp deer. Arrive at hotel. Overnight stay at Kaziranga.

Day 2

Kaziranga National Park



(ON DIRECT PAYMENT BASIS) Early morning at 06.30am take an **Elephant ride** for 1 hour. Return to lodge by 8am for breakfast.

(ON DIRECT PAYMENT BASIS) After breakfast, take **Jeep Safari to the Eastern Range** & after lunch **Jeep Safari to the Western Range** of Kaziranga National Park. Back to the hotel by evening, overnight stay at Kaziranga.

Day 3

Kaziranga National Park>> Nameri (125 Kms/02 Hours)



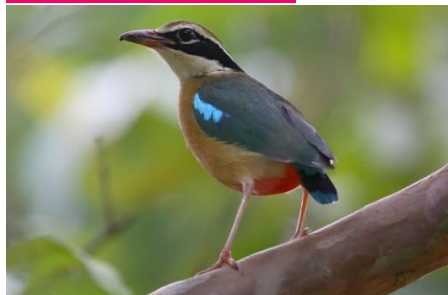
After Breakfast, checkout and drive to Nameri National Park. **The Nameri National Park** of 200 sq kms area is located in the Sonitpur district, bordering Arunachal Pradesh and it is also the core area of Nameri Tiger Reserve (344sq kms). It is the home of Mammals like Elephant, Tiger, leopard, Sambar, Barking deer, Hog Deer, Wild Boar, Gaur, slow loris, gaplangu, Burmese ferret badger, and over 350 species of birds including White-winged Wood Duck, Ibisbill (uncommon), Ruddy Kingfisher, Palla's fishing eagle, Lesser Adjutant stork, Greater spotted eagle, Rufous necked hornbill, Great pied Indian hornbill, Wreathed hornbill, Long-billed Ringed Plover, Sultan Tit, and Yellow-bellied and White-throated Fantails. Another important wild life sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh The Pakhui (Pakke) wild life Sanctuary adjoins the Park on its North-Eastern point. The river Jia- Bhoroli and its

tributaries namely the Diji, Dinai, Doigurung, Nameri, Dikorai, Kharietc crisscross the park. During rainy season A few jheels (during the rainy seasons) also dot the area. One can enjoy rafting in the Jia Bhoroli river in the south western boundary. Arrive and check in at Eco Camp.

Rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight stay at Nameri.

Day 4

Nameri National Park



Early morning go for the nature walk and the bird watching trip into the dense jungle of Nameri National Park with the forest guards.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the camp. Overnight stay at Nameri.

Day 5

Nameri >> Shillong (250 Kms/07 Hours)



Morning after breakfast depart for Shillong, the Scotland of East.

En route visit

Barapani (Umiam Lake): As per the legends, two heavenly sisters decided to make their way to Meghalaya. However, one of them had reached the destination and the other could not due to some reason. So the former could not trace out her sister and started crying with her broken heart. She cried so much that and a lake was formed with her tears. Locally known as Umiam Lake, Barapani means vast waters.

Today it becomes a hub for the water sports activities such as speed boats, sailboats and water scooters. Adjoining to the lake, the Nehru Park offers an aviary and a collection of orchids and butterflies.Arrive Shillong and check in at hotel.

Shillong: The Capital of Meghalaya, Shillong is one of the major tourist destinations in North East India. The British loved this place so much that they had established its Capital for Eastern Bengal and Assam For its climate and unique topographical features the British referred Shillong as the “Scotland Of The East”. Overnight stay at Shillong.

Day 6

Shillong



Local sightseeing in and around Shillong – **Don Bosco Church, Wards Lake, DBCIC, Butterfly Museum, Police Bazaar** for shopping. Overnight in Shillong.

Day 7

Shillong>> Mawsynram >>Shillong



After breakfast drive to **Mawsynram** which is a village in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya state in north-eastern India, 65 kilometres from Shillong. It is reportedly the wettest place on Earth, with an average annual rainfall of 11,872 millimetres (467.4 in). Visit the Shivling inside the cave & Onwards to **Shillong** & overnight stay.

Day 8

Shillong>> Mawlynnong >> Cherrapunjee



After breakfast drive to **Mawlynnong**- said to be the cleanest village in Asia. Visit the sky view point- a maze of bamboo pathways which takes you above the tree tops to get a clear view of the Bangladesh plains. Mawlynnong is a village in the East Khasi Hills district of the Meghalaya state, India. It is famous for its cleanliness and natural attraction. Mawlynnong was awarded the prestigious tag of 'Cleanest Village in Asia' in 2003 by Discover India Magazine.

Onwards to **Cherrapunjee**, which experience the 2nd heaviest rainfall in the world. Cherrapunjee is also famous for the beautiful landscape. Cherrapunji, currently the historical name Sohra is more commonly used; alternative spellings are Cherrapunjee and Charrapunji), is a subdivisional town in the East Khasi Hills district in the Indian state of Meghalaya. It is credited as being the wettest place on Earth & overnight stay at Cherrapunjee.

Day 9

Cherrapunjee



Cherrapunjee sightseeing, scenic circular route covering:

1. **The Eco Park** has been designed by the Meghalaya government to facilitate tourist to enjoy the ‘Green Canyons’ of Sohra as well as the waterfalls that lie around it. There is a stream inside the park and one has to cross a bridge to get near the edge of the canyon. The scenic beauty from the edge is awe inspiring. On the other side of the Eco Park is a view point to see the Bangladesh plains. The Eco Park also houses a wide variety of orchids, courtesy the Shillong Agri-Horticultural society.

2. **Mawsmi caves**, situated around 6 Kms from Cherrapunjee, the Mawsmi Caves are a major crowd puller that leaves tourists spellbound. These limestone caves have the distinction of being the only caves in Meghalaya that are lit enough to enable tourists to enjoy the natural formations in awe. Though the caves are long, only a distance of 150 meters is open for tourists, while the other section is closed. The stalactites and stalagmites caves have innumerable forms, shapes and sizes inside leaving one to imagine as many life forms as possible. This magnificent natural wonder is the handiwork of years of natural abrasion and underground water.

3. **Seven Sister Falls**, plunging down a height of 1,035 ft, the Nohsngithiang Falls is the fourth highest waterfall in India. This falls is located a few kilometers from Cherrapunjee and is one of the major tourist attractions.

This waterfall is also known as Seven Sister Falls or Mawsmi Falls, the latter being the name of a village. The Seven Sister Falls derives its name from the seven streams that flow down the plateau like feature. This is a must see attraction during the monsoons, when the streams are inundated with water and flow down rapidly forming a perennial rainbow much to the delight of tourists.

4. **Nohkalikai Falls**

5. **Dainthlen Falls**

6. **The Living Root bridges** are made from the roots of the *Ficus elastica* tree, which produces a series of secondary roots that are perched atop huge boulders along the streams or the riverbanks to form bridges.

The living root bridges, some of which are over a hundred feet long, take ten to fifteen years to become fully functional, but they’re extraordinarily strong – strong enough that some of them can support the weight of fifty or more people at a time. The bridges are alive and still growing and gain strength over time.

Back to the hotel by evening. Overnight stay at Cherrapunjee.

Day 10

Cherrapunjee >> Guwahati (4.5 hrs, 160kms)



Transfer to Guwahati at 0700hrs... check-in at the hotel & proceed to **Kamakhya Temple, Balaji Mandir, Fancy Bzr...** Evening visit Kalakshetra & do the boat ride on the Brahmaputra river **(OPTIONAL ON DIRECT PAYMENT)**. Overnight stay at Guwahati.

Day 11

Guwahati >> Guwahati apt/Rly Stn.



After breakfast, transfer to Guwahati airport/railway station for onward destination.

**** Tour End ****

Damages:-

| Grade | A | B | C | D |
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| 02 PAX | 60633 | 46162 | 42302 | 35841 |
| 04 PAX | 50633 | 36162 | 32301 | 25841 |
| 06 PAX | 46745 | 32274 | 28413 | 21953 |
| 08 PAX | 44800 | 30330 | 26469 | 20009 |
| EXT BED | 15851 | 11900 | 9884 | 6610 |

| HOTEL USED : | ROYALE (A) | ENCHANTING (B) | VALUE FOR MONEY!! (C) | ECONOMY (D) |
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| SHILLONG | TRIPURA CASTLE - supreme/ POLO TOWERS - premiere (CP) | POINISUK - Dlx Reg (CP) | HOTEL ALPINE CONTINENTAL - Exec (CP) | LAKE VIEW INN (CP) |
| GUWAHATI | RADISSON - std (CP) | HOTEL NANDAN - dlx (CP) | HOTEL SAGAR - dlx (CP) | MONSOON PALACE - dlx (CP) |
| CHERRAPUNJEE | POLO ORCHID RESORT- polo cottage (CP) | CHERRAPUNJEE HOLIDAY RESORT - dlx (CP) | CHERRAPUNJEE HOLIDAY RESORT - std (CP) | CONIFEROUS RESORT - dlx (CP) |
| KAZIRANGA | IORA THE RETREAT - luxury (CP) | LANDMARK WOODS - superior (CP) | WILD GRASS (CP) | BON HABI RESORT - NAC std (EP) |
| NAMERI | ECO CAMP NAMERI (EP) | ECO CAMP NAMERI (EP) | ECO CAMP NAMERI (EP) | ECO CAMP NAMERI (EP) |

NOTE - NAMERI IS A TENTED ACCOMODATION

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| ROYALE | <i>These are all 4-Star/heritage hotels</i> |
| ENCHANTING | <i>Exquisite boutique hotels at all locations with a fleeting touch of class</i> |
| VALUE FOR MONEY | <i>Spend & experience 3- star+ hotels</i> |
| ECONOMY | <i>2-star+ hotels to suit your budget</i> |

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| Rates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rates above are on per person twin sharing basis till 31st March 2018 |
| Includes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals as per plan shown above in RED, all taxes All transfers & sightseeing by 01 AC Swift Dzire (2-3 pax), 01 AC Sumo (4 – 8 pax),on disposal as per itinerary Luxury tented accommodation at Nameri ONLY NOTE- ac would not work on a steep gradient |
| Does not Include | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance/Guide/camera fees etc. Gst 5% Any difference arising due to increase in fuel price or change in taxes levied by the government. Visit to Dawki Any Safari at Kaziranga, park entry fees Difference in cost arising due to mishaps, bandhs/strikes, natural calamities like landslides, road blockages etc. In such a case, the extra cost would have to be paid on the spot by the guest directly. |

- **(Dzire to Innova) In case upgrade vehicle to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for all Transfers & Sightseeing, add Rs. 9450 to the total cost.**
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- **(Sumo to Innova) In case upgrade vehicle to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for all Transfers & Sightseeing, add Rs. 6600 to the total cost.**