# Nature & Wildlife fiesta !

Tour Destination: Meghalaya, Assam

**Duration : 5 Nights / 6 Days** 

Tour Highlight : 3 Nights Shillong (with Cherrapunjee, Mwalynong), 02 Night Kaziranga

Best time to visit : October - May



Tour features : #livingrootbridge | #hills | #lakes | #waterfalls | #caves | #wildlife #adventure | #temples

**DETAILED ITINERARY** 

ASSAM & MEGHALAYA (5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS) :

**3 N SHILLONG - 2 N KAZIRANGA** 

DAY 1 GUWAHATI AIRPORT - SHILLONG (130 km / 3.5 hrs)

Welcome on arrival in Guwahati Airport and drive to Shillong. En route witness the Umiam Lake or Barapani - is the biggest artificial lake in Meghalaya in midst of sylvan hills adorned by Khasi pines & peerless beauty.

If time permits, visit Cathedral of Marry and Ward's Lake. 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 DAY TRIP TO CHERRAPUNJEE (60 kms / 2 hrs / one way)

After breakfast drive to Cherrapunjee, one of the wettest place on the earth, for an awesome day trip. En route visit the famous Elephant falls. At Sohra, stop at the Duwan Sing Syiem view point for mesmerizing views of the Hills.

In Cherrapunjee be witness to the gorgeous Seven Sisters Falls and Nohkalikai Falls. Later take a soft cave walk inside the Mawsmai Cave. The limestone cave is a natural wonder with innumerable formations inside it.

Afternoon visit the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram OR the Arwah Lumshynna cave, a hidden wonder with stalagmites formations and numerous fossils on the rock walls. Drive back to Shillong for overnight stay.

Note: Most of the waterfalls are dry during winter season.

DAY 3 DAY TRIP TO MWALYNONG (100 km / 3 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Mwallynong, the cleanest village in Asia, 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 several people 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.

Later drive to Dawki, a village of the Jaintia community whose prime occupation of fishing. Be mesmerized by the beauty of the Umngot river. The Umngot itself is a prime fishing spot for fishermen of the villages. The river is also famous for its crystal clear water, so clear that when seen from a distance, it appears as if the boat is floating in mid-air! The Umngot river is the natural boundary between Ri Pnar or Jaintia Hills with Hima Khyrim of Khasi hills over which is a single span suspension bridge was constructed. This is the gateway to Bangladesh where major export and import transactions take place. Enjoy an amazing country boat river ride. Drive up to the Bangladesh border.

Later proceed to Shillong for overnight stay.

Note: It is advisable to carry packed lunch to Mwallynong.

# DAY 4 SHILLONG – KAZIRANGA (325 KMs / 7 HRS)

After breakfast drive to Kaziranga. Check in at hotel. Overnight at Kaziranga.

Kaziranga, the World Heritage Site is the oldest park in Assam & is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra River. Kaziranga National Park is a natural habitat for conservation of biologically diverse flora & fauna. It is inhabited by the world's largest population of onehorned rhinoceroses besides sheltering about 15 species of India's threatened mammals. There are numerous other major wildlife fauna.

## DAY 5 KAZIRANGA

Early morning go for Elephant ride @5-30 A.M/6: 30 A.M./ 7 :30 A.M.( Subject to allotment from forest department). Return for Breakfast to hotel. After breakfast proceed for Jeep safari in the Central Range. With Kohora as the entry point, the Central Range covers the Daphlang and Kathpora. Later enjoy Local Village & Tea Garden (Outer View) tour.

Overnight at Kaziranga.

DAY 6 KAZIRANGA – GUWAHATI AIRPORT (250 KMs/ 5 HRS)

After breakfast transfer to Guwahati Airport.

TOUR ENDS WITH A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF NORTH EAST INDIA.

## Cost Include :

#### Tour Cost Includes -

## 1. 5 Nights accommodation as per the itinerary

- DBL room on twin sharing
- For Extra pax, Extra bed / mattress will be provided
- Cost based on BASE category rooms

## 2. Meal Plan - CPAI (Breakfast) / MAPAI (Breakfast & Dinner) / APAI (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) as per selection

- As mentioned above as per Hotel fixed menu with local flavour
- For special cuisine / variety in menu, kindly inform us

## 3. All transfers & sightseeing as per itinerary by selected vehicle

- Overhead carrier in not allowed as per Supreme Court order
- All vehicles on point-to-point basis only
- Vehicle will not be on disposal & will be available as per itinerary
- AC will not operate in Hills

## 4. One Round Jeep Safari in Kaziranga National Park

## 5. One Round Elephant Safari in Kaziranga National Park

#### **Cost Exclude :**

#### **Tour Cost Excludes -**

- 5 % GST or as applicable
- Flight / Train Fares
- Guide charges
- Entrance Fees at monuments / museums/ temples etc.
- Many hotels charge for Room heaters which is payable directly at the hotel
- Personal expenses like Travel Insurance, bottled water, laundry, phone calls,

camera charges,etc.

- Meals other than mentioned above
- Cost for optional tours, Up-Gradation Charges
- Cost for extra usage of vehicle, other than scheduled & mentioned in the itinerary.
- Adventure activities like ropeway, rafting, boating etc. are NOT included in the package cost
- Items not mentioned in "Package cost includes" segment.

#### **Documents Required :**

#### **Documents required for every traveler:**

- 2 passport size photographs of each person
- 1 Valid Photo ID proof (Adhaar Card, Driving License, Voter ID Card, Valid Passport)
- Pan Card is not accepted as ID proof by many hotels
- 1 Valid Address proof

#### **Booking Policy :**

Booking Confirmation has to be sent to us by E-mail

Kindly send us the below details to book a tour:

- 1.Guest Name
- 2.Final confirmed guests
- 3.Travel Date
- 4. Arrival / Departure details

## **Cancellation Policy :**

Cancellation has to be sent to us by E-mail

Cancellation as per Date of booking -

- Booking day 30 days communication charges of Rs. 2000.00 per person /As per actual
- 30 -15 Days prior to departure 25% of tour cost
- 14 -07 Days prior to departure 50% of tour cost
- 07-03 Days prior to departure 75% of tour cost

• 02 Days/No show 100% of tour cost

## **Hotel Policy :**

## **Hotel & Room Guide**

- Room up-gradation payable at the hotel directly
- Hotel bills will be in TAVEL AGENCY name and if the guests require bills for hotel or vehicle, we will provide the same. Please inform guest that direct hotel bills will not be available.
- Please be reminded that all special requests like early check-in, smoking, nonsmoking, views, floors, king, twin, adjoining and/or interconnecting rooms are strictly subject to availability upon arrival and can not be guaranteed prior.
- All hotels do not have lift facility & the guest may have to climb stairs. Incase of guests having problems with blood pressure, breathing, knee & heart or if they cannot climb the higher floors, we will request you to report this problem at the time of booking so that we may take appropriate action. This is again subject to availability.
- Lift, Tea/coffee maker/ mini fridge / toilettery kit (with moisturizer, tooth paste, brush etc.) etc. may be given in most hotels. But they are NOT mandatory part of 3/4/5 Star hotels. If guests have specific requirements, kindly inform us and we will select properties accordingly. These items and facilities differ from hotel to hotel.
- Facilities like western toilet, television in room, geyser in bathrooms may not be available at all places. For specific requirement, please inform us and we will try to provide. This is again subject to availability.
- For CP, MAP and AP meal plan, menu will be on fixed plan basis and not on A-la-Carta basis. MAP & AP Meal plans do not include Evening snacks & cold drinks / liquor, Soups or Deserts. We can arrange for the same at additional cost on prior information. For order on A-la-Carta basis, guests are requested to make direct payment for additional items.
- For early morning check out breakfast may be limited to simple bread & butter / jam. Puri / roti sabji may not be available.
- Consumption and serving of alcohol in hotels / rooms is subject to hotel's rules and regulations. In some hotels, consumption of alcohol is not allowed.
- The region's prime tourist interest in its Nature and eco-friendly atmosphere. The facilities available here cannot be matched with other developed destinations. Many accommodations will have basic facilities compared with other regions. Please inform tourists that this region can be enjoyed in its natural beauty and simple flavour.
- Many regions do not have star category hotels. Similar category hotels with the best available room will be provided.
- Kindly inform guests that same category rooms or identical rooms may not be available. We will try our best to maintain similarity.

- For large groups, all rooms in one hotel may not be available. Moreover, if two or more hotels are selected, identical facilities may not be available even between rooms of the same tariff. The clients will have to adjust to these conditions. We will try our best to maintain similarity.
- In most hotels mentioned above Extra Person Sharing the Room, Child With Extra Bed, will be provided MATTRESS / ROLL OVERS as per requirement.
- In the region, scarcity of water & electricity is a natural phenomenon. Guests are requested to bear with such problems as may arise during the tour.

## **Vehicle Policy :**

# Vehicle operation & usage guide:

## **1.Vehicle Segment :**

- Carriers in vehicles are not allowed in the region.
- No AC will be available in vehicles in Hill regions
- Sumo is provided in budget/ standard car segment (4 6 pax)
- Innova / Xylo are similar category
- Swift D'zire / Etios / Amaze are similar category in small car segment (2-3 pax)

# 2. Vehicle will NOT be on disposal

- The vehicle used will be exclusive for that group but will not be at disposal.
- Vehicle will be available as per your itinerary. Kindly follow the time strictly
- Sightseeing points covered will depend on remaining time in hand
- Full day sightseeing will be till maximum 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm as per given itinerary. For additional usage, per km / per hour will be charged as per usage.

# 3.Hotels located in Hills - in Busy areas / City Centers / No Entry / One Way zones

- Most of the hotels do not have parking place & vehicle cannot be parked in front of the gates for longer period hence gusts should wait at the reception 5 minute before the departure to avoid the inconveniences.
- Due to shortage in space for parking, please be informed that you will have to be ready on time & wait in the lobby.
- Due to uncalculated situations (traffic jams / traffic halts/ diversions etc.) the vehicle reporting may get delayed. We will request you to bear with us and as soon as vehicle arrives you will have to get in, before the policeman blow his whistle.
- Due to vehicle-parking difficulty, most of the areas are restricted to entry of vehicle & specific time is allotted for entries. Kindly follow the time strictly as given to you.
- In No Parking Zones, the vehicle will get parked in an available parking area. In such a case, you will have to wait for the vehicle to come to your designated area. Please

be patient as the driver will have to come through traffic. Please coordinate with the driver.

#### 4. Transfers to next destination

- Night travel is not possible, so if you have a transfer to another destination in second half, please maintain time of your morning sightseeing
- If one destination is covered twice or additional destinations are included, additional charges will be applicable on per km / per hour basis.
- During Rainy season, heavy showers are possible and many times tarpaulin may not cover all the luggage because of the nature of heavy showers. In such case, luggage will have to be loaded inside the vehicle. The guests will have to adjust to such situations.

## **5.General Terms**

- The tour guide reserves the rights to make changes or omit any place of visit, if it becomes necessary due to bad weather, bad road, strike or band, security reason etc.
- Kindly inform us if the guests are senior citizens or have health related issues (like arthritis, heart problems etc.) or any such matter which might need special arrangements. Some itineraries will not be suitable for them and we will suggest accordingly.
- The security concerns, driver's working hours etc. will be kept in mind while planning the tour and sightseeing.
- We try to ensure that the sightseeing points do not fall on a closing day. Incase due to inevitable situation if the sightseeing falls on a closing day, it will have to be left out. Conducting that particular tour or sightseeing point the next day will be subject to time availability.
- Weather in the region is unpredictable. We have kept your sightseeing related with nature flexible.
- The region's prime tourist interest in its Nature and eco-friendly atmosphere. The facilities available here cannot be matched with other developed destinations.
- Once the package is booked & confirmed no refund will be allowed. There will be no refund of any unutilized service in part or in full what so ever may be the reason.

# **General Policy :**

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

- The cost has been calculated based on mentioned persons. Rates will vary with increase or decrease of persons.
- Rates valid for Indian Nationals only.

- Rate is non-commissionable and net payable to us.
- Rooms / Vehicle are subject to availability & are not on hold.
- Cancellation charges as applicable.
- Kindly release a booking amount immediately as confirmation.
- Kindly release 100 % payment once the tour is confirmed from our end
- We are not responsible for tour cancellation due to Force Majeure clause
- Additional expenses incurred due to Force Majeure Clause shall be borne by the guest on actual and on direct payment
- All prevailing State and Government taxes applicable on accommodation and transport. In case of any hike in the taxes a surcharge will be applicable.
- Once tour starts, the tour cost is not refundable at any cause.

## <u>SAFARI IN NATIONAL PARKS / WILD LIFE SANCTUARIES</u>

Kaziranga National Parks remain closed from 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> October. Safari operates partially in May and October.

## Safari Guidelines

- Safari is managed by our representative in the National Parks / Wild life Sanctuaries
- Our representative will meet the guest in the evening at about 6:30 7:00 pm and provide all required information.
- We are not responsible for cancellation of safari by the authorities
- Sometimes, during season, the **Parks may remain closed for census**. This is announced **only 2-3 days prior**. We are not responsible for cancellation of safari in sucha a case.
- Refunds for safari, if any, will be transferred back to the agent and will **not be** handed over to guest

Kindly inform the guest not to re-book safari in the hotel/ resort of their stay if they have already booked safari in the package. No refunds will be entertained for such booking.