

EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS



experiential journeys for the exploring traveller

ASSAM & MEGHALAYA EXPLORER



Guwahati - Kaziranga - Dawki - Cherrapunjee - Shillong

HIGHLIGHTS

- Trek across jungles and streams to the double decker root bridge at Cheerapunjee
- Explore stalagmite caves in Cheerapunjee
- Take a canoe boat ride at Dawki on the Bangladesh border
- See Nohkalikai Falls, the tallest plunge waterfall in India
- Visit Mawlynnong, the cleanest village in Asia
- Try flavorful Assamese cuisine
- Spot rhinos, wild buffalo's and elephants at Kaziranga National park
- Stay in cottages by the riverside near Dawki



BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1 : Drive from Guwahati to Shillong.

Day 3 : Visit Mawsmai caves and Nonkhalikai falls, the highest plunge waterfall in India.

Day 5 : Drive from Cherrapunjee to Kaziranga .

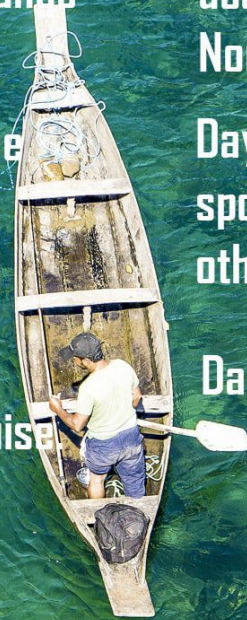
Day 7 : Drive from Kaziranga to Guwahati and Bhramaputra Cruise

Day 2: Visit Mwallynong, the cleanest village and stay at Dawki near the River Umngot.

Day 4 : Beautiful trek to the double decker root brifge at Nongriat village.

Day 6 : Go on a safari to spot Rhinos, Elephants and other wildlife at Kaziranga.

Day 8 : Departure.



One of the least explored yet most beautiful region of India is the farthest states in the North Eastern part of India. Sharing borders with 5 countries, these remote frontiers are places of rugged natural beauty, tribal cultures and people, dramatic landscapes and exotic cuisines. Our journey to the North East this time covers the states of Assam and Meghalaya. We start out journey at Guwahati, the capital of Assam and proceed to explore the grasslands and marshes of Kaziranga National Park spotting one horned rhinos, wild buffalo's and other animals. Later we travel Dawki and Mawlynnong on the Bangladesh border and then to rainy Cherrapunji, located in the Khasi hills Numerous waterfalls, beautiful streams, hills and the root bridges which are unique to the region adorn this beautiful region.

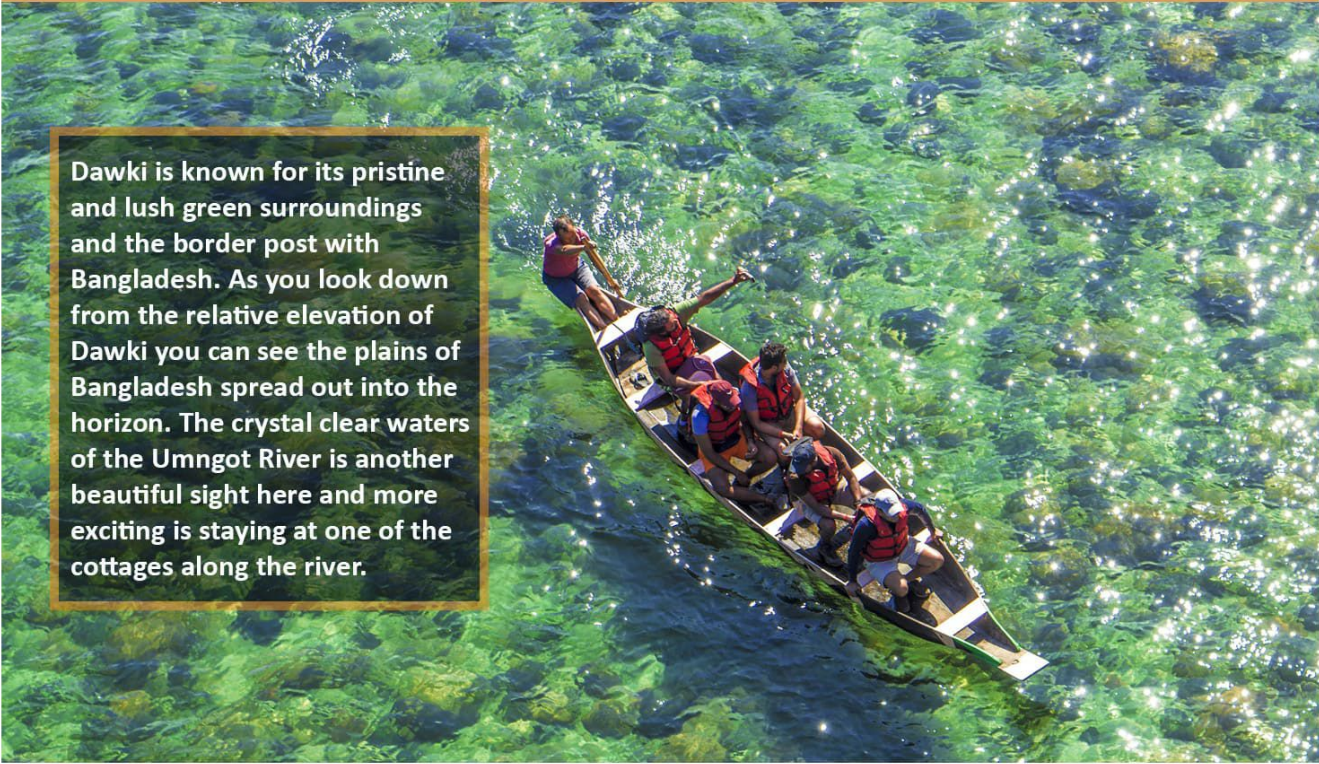
DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Guwahati to Shillong

Arrive at Guwahati airport and drive to Shillong. Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya (meaning 'the abode of the clouds') is located in undulating pine covered hills, the city has a mild climate. Home to several waterfalls, it is also known as the Scotland of the East. The British legacy is still visible in the architecture and food habits of the population. The Assam style houses with slanting roofs, large number of windows and wooden floors look like a piece of art. Overnight in Shillong.

Day 2 : Shillong to Dawki via Mwalynong

After breakfast drive to Mwalynong which has been dubbed as the cleanest village in Asia by Discover India Magazine. Paved walkways and beautiful flowerbed all along mark the village, with waterfalls, living root bridges, hilly rivulets, acacia plantation and an excellent view of the faraway plains of Bangladesh all contribute to the ambiance of this village. Later drive to Dawki on the Meghalaya – Bangladesh border. See fishermen fishing in small canoes in the green colored waters of the Umgot river and go till the Bangladesh border. Overnight at a village home at a beautiful location overlooking the Umgot River near Dawki.



Dawki is known for its pristine and lush green surroundings and the border post with Bangladesh. As you look down from the relative elevation of Dawki you can see the plains of Bangladesh spread out into the horizon. The crystal clear waters of the Umngot River is another beautiful sight here and more exciting is staying at one of the cottages along the river.

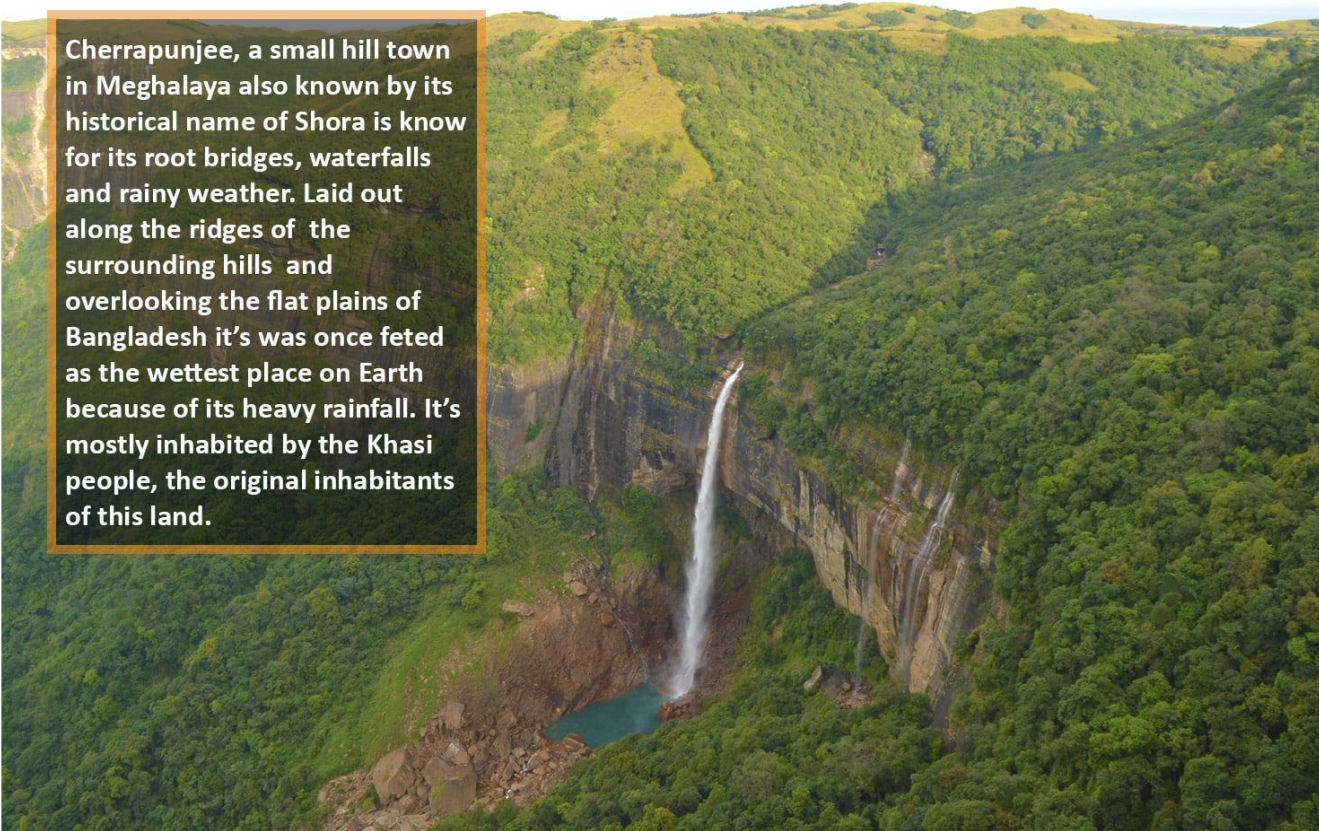
Day 3 : Dawki to Cherrapunjee

After breakfast drive to Cherrapunji (also known by its historical name of Sohra) is a town in East Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya. Cherrapunji, one of the wettest places on earth is home to numerous waterfalls, jungles and limestone caves. It is a pleasant drive to see roaring waterfalls leaping into deep gorges, including the famed Nohshngithiang Falls and Nohkalikai Falls (the highest plunge waterfall in India). Later visit the Khasi Monoliths and Mawsmai Cave. This long stalactites and stalagmites caves (of which only 150 meters is open for tourists) have innumerable forms, shapes and sizes. This magnificent natural wonder is the handiwork of years of natural abrasion and underground water. Overnight at Cherrapunjee.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 4 : Cherrapunjee

Today we go for a day trek to visit the double decker root bridge at Nongriat village close to Cherrapunjee. Deep in the dense tropical forest around Cherrapunjee, and shrouded in cloud and rain for much of the year, are some astonishing man-made natural wonders known living root bridges which inventive members of the Khasi tribe have trained to grow from the roots of ancient rubber trees, native to the northeast region. The root bridges provide a stable alternative to wooden bridges, which decay and get destroyed during the lengthy monsoon seasons. On this day of adventure you get up close with nature, trekking through thick jungles, crossing crystal clear streams on root and hanging bamboo bridges, taking a swim in one of the numerous natural pools in the stream, spot different kinds of butterflies and insects, admire the beauty of nature and of course visiting and walking on the double decker bridge. Back to Cherrapunjee by evening. Overnight at Cherrapunjee Hotel .



Cherrapunjee, a small hill town in Meghalaya also known by its historical name of Shora is known for its root bridges, waterfalls and rainy weather. Laid out along the ridges of the surrounding hills and overlooking the flat plains of Bangladesh it's was once feted as the wettest place on Earth because of its heavy rainfall. It's mostly inhabited by the Khasi people, the original inhabitants of this land.

Day 5 : Cherrapunjee to Kaziranga National Park

Leave your hotel early morning after breakfast for Kaziranga National Park. On the way visit Thangkharang Park that is home to a large number of rare and exotic orchids and the beautiful Umiam lake. From high elevations en-route have a panoramic view of the plains of Bangladesh. Kaziranga is a vast expanse of tall elephant grass, marshland and dense tropical moist broad leaf forests, crisscrossed by four major rivers, including the Brahmaputra, and the park includes numerous small bodies of water. Check-in at an eco-camp close to Kaziranga and enjoy your dinner and overnight stay.

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Day 6 : Kaziranga National Park

After breakfast take an exhilarating jeep safari in the Kaziranga National Park. Return to your hotel for lunch and get some rest. Around 2:30 PM take an elephant safari / jeep safari in the park that is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park is home to two-thirds of the one-horned rhinoceroses in the world. Kaziranga National Park also boasts of the highest density of tigers and is a major birdlife habitat. Located on the edge of the Eastern Himalaya biodiversity hotspot, the park combines high species diversity and visibility. Some of the animals that can be easily spotted here are the rhino, elephants, water buffalo and swamp deer. Return to eco-camp for dinner and overnight stay.

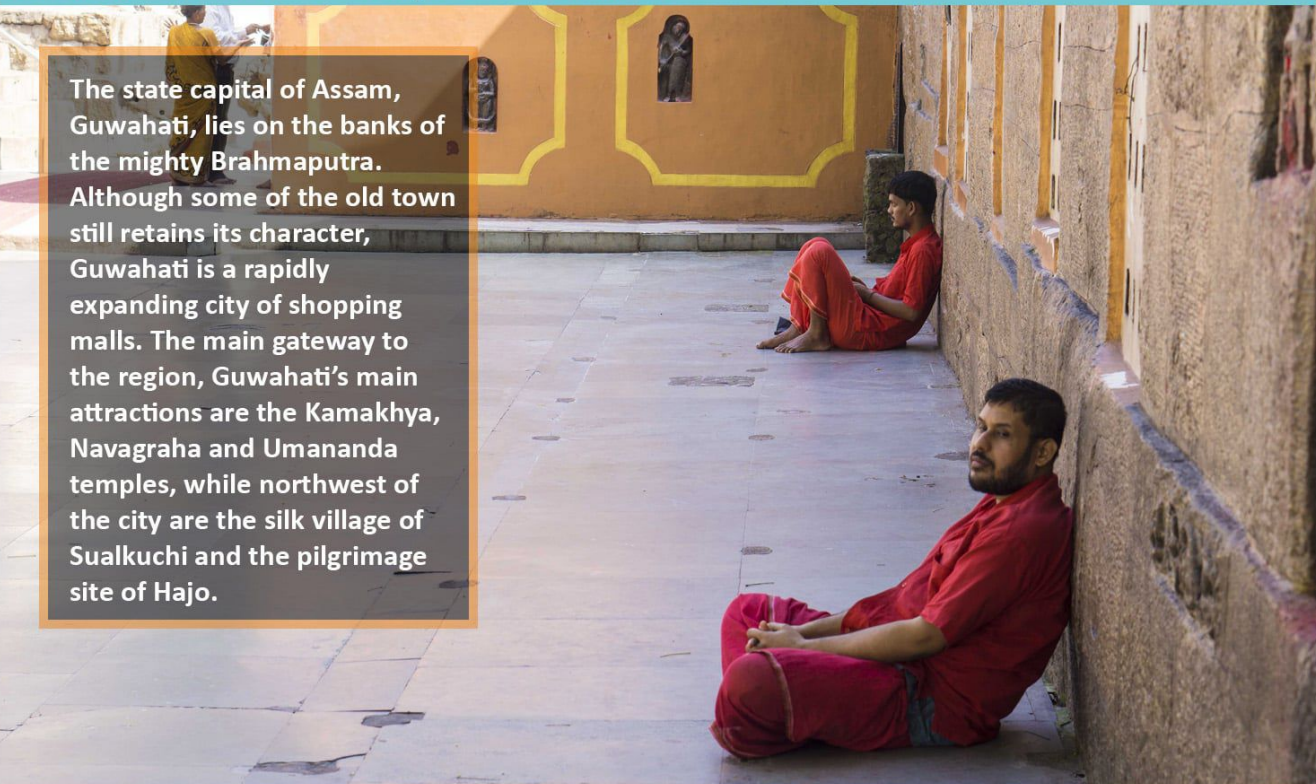


A World Heritage Site covering 430 square kilometres on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra, Kaziranga National Park, occupies a vast valley floor against a backdrop of the Karbi Anglong Hills. Its rivulets, shallow lakes and semi-evergreen forested highlands blend into marshes and flood plains covered with tall elephant grass teeming with rhinos, elephants, deers and wild buffalo.

Day 7 : Kaziranga National Park to Guwahati

After breakfast leave for Guwahati and en route visit some tea gardens and pick up some Assam tea to take home. Evening take a leisurely cruise on the Bhramaputra River in Guwahati. Overnight at Guwahati.

The state capital of Assam, Guwahati, lies on the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra. Although some of the old town still retains its character, Guwahati is a rapidly expanding city of shopping malls. The main gateway to the region, Guwahati's main attractions are the Kamakhya, Navagraha and Umananda temples, while northwest of the city are the silk village of Sualkuchi and the pilgrimage site of Hajo.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 8 : Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport. End of tour.



INCLUDED

- 2 nights stay at Cherrapunjee, 2 night stay at Kaziranga , 1 night stay at Mwallynong , 1 night stay at Guwahati, 1 night stay at Shillong
- Breakfast on all days – One jeep safari at Kaziranga National Park
- All land transfers and transportation in SUV – Service charges

EXCLUDED

- Flight Charges (To Guwahati and return)
- Any extra excursions and tours other than mentioned
- Entry tickets & Camera charges at sightseeing points (wherever applicable)
- Dinner & Lunch – Other than mentioned

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