

# EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS

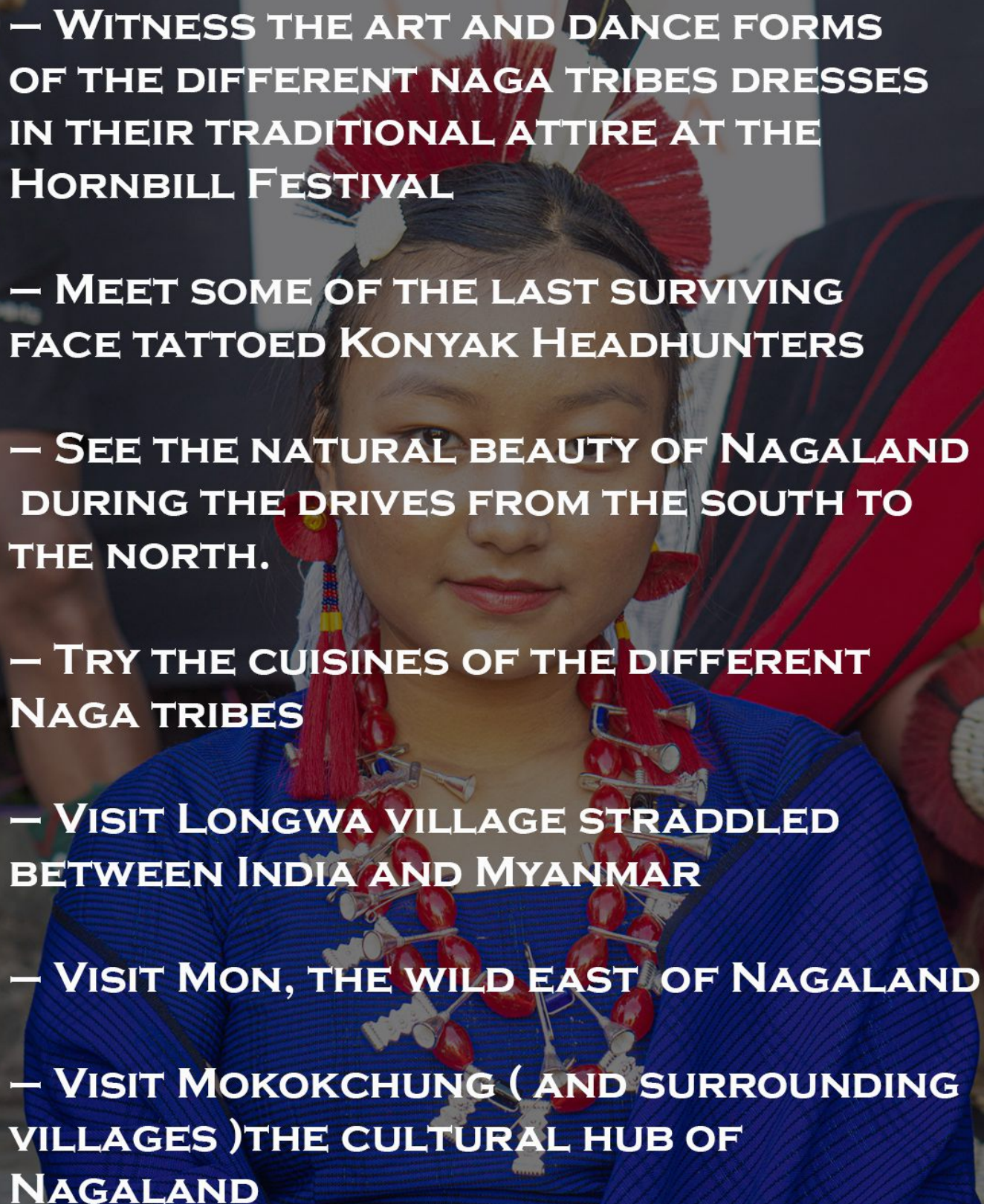


EXPERIENTIAL JOURNEYS FOR THE EXPLORING TRAVELLER



# OFFBEAT NAGALAND WITH HORNBILL FESTIVAL

# HIGHLIGHTS

- 
- WITNESS THE ART AND DANCE FORMS OF THE DIFFERENT NAGA TRIBES DRESSES IN THEIR TRADITIONAL ATTIRE AT THE HORNBILL FESTIVAL
  - MEET SOME OF THE LAST SURVIVING FACE TATTOED KONYAK HEADHUNTERS
  - SEE THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF NAGALAND DURING THE DRIVES FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH.
  - TRY THE CUISINES OF THE DIFFERENT NAGA TRIBES
  - VISIT LONGWA VILLAGE STRADDLED BETWEEN INDIA AND MYANMAR
  - VISIT MON, THE WILD EAST OF NAGALAND
  - VISIT MOKOKCHUNG ( AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES ) THE CULTURAL HUB OF NAGALAND

# BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1 : Arrive in Dibrugarh

Day 2 : Dibrugarh to Longwa on the Myanmar border

Day 3 : Meet the headhunters and village chief of the Konyak tribe. Stay with a Konyak family

Day 4 : Longwa to Mokokchung , the cultural center of Nagaland.

Day 5 : Mokokchung to Kigwema. Stay with a Angami tribe family homestay

Day 6 : Experience the art, craft , music and food of the different Naga tribes at the Hornbill festival.

Day 7 : Explore Hornbill festival again and Khonoma village.

Day 8 : Kigwema to Dimapur exploring the sights of Kohima on the way.

Day 9 : Departure

Get an in-depth insight into the heritage, culture, and lifestyles of the different Naga tribes in this very experiential one-of-a-kind journey. This trip is packed with experiences from exploring Kohima town, visiting the cultural heartland of Mokokchung, exploring the villages of the tattooed former headhunters of the Konyak tribe in Longwa and Mon, trying out different naga cuisines, and last but not the least having the unique experience of witnessing the Hornbill Festival, an extravaganza which showcases the culture, heritage, cuisines, art and dance forms of the different Naga tribes.

# DETAILED ITINERARY

## Day 1 : Dibrugarh

Arrive in Dibrugarh and transfer to hotel. Explore the small town of Dibrugarh and overnight stay.

## Day 2 : Dibrugarh – Mon – Longwa ( 185 kms / 7 hrs )

Today we start early for the journey to Longwa in Mon district. Mon is the wild east of Nagaland and is the land of the Konyak tribes who have been head hunters in the recent past. Arrive by the afternoon at Mon and after lunch and onwards to Longwa village at the India – Myanmar border. One of the biggest villages in Mon district, the village straddles the international boundary between India and Myanmar with half of the Angh's houses falling within India and the remainder in Burma. Overnight in Longwa.

## Day 3 : Longwa

Today we explore Longwa. Longwa is a beautiful little village overlooking the fields of Myanmar and the people living on the Myanmar side are also of the Konyak tribe and have the same language. Explore the villages of Longwa, visit the Ang ( chief) and meet some of the last remaining tattooed headhunters. Overnight at Longwa.



# DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 4 : Longwa to Mokokchung ( 190 kms / 8 hours )

After breakfast, we start for Mokokchung located at 4600 feet and the cultural nerve center of Nagaland. Mokokchung is also considered are the town of pioneers in Nagaland, largely inhabited by the enterprising Ao tribe. See the views of the beautiful Wokha district on the way and enjoy local dishes at our stops. Arrive Mokokchung by afternoon and explore the town and rest. We also visit Longkhum: The vanguard village at 6056 feet. As an old Naga saying goes, “a single visit to Longkhum is not enough, for your soul stays behind the first time and you have to return there once for more to get it back”. This saying springs from the fact that Rhododendrons adorn the hillocks and the precipices surrounding it, providing an astounding sight during full bloom. An animist religion called Limapur still exists in this village, where a few families worship a God called LonglanpaTsunngrem. Overnight at Mokokchung.

Day 5 : Mokokchung to Kigwema ( 160 kms / 6 hrs )

After breakfast leave for Kigwema near Kohima, the main venue of the Hornbill festival. We stay at a beautiful homestay near the festival venue. Watch the evening programs of the festival. Overnight at Kigwema.



AT INDIA - MYANMAR BORDER PILLAR IN LONGWA VILLAGE WITH 2022 GROUP

# DETAILED ITINERARY

## Day 6 : Kigwema ( Hornbill Festival )

After breakfast, we spend the whole day at the festival witnessing the different cultural events, music festivals, art, and handicraft shows and exploring the different food stalls from the different tribes. Overnight at Kigwema.

## Day 7 : Kigwema - Khonoma - Kigwema

After breakfast head out to explore Khonoma, about an hours drive from Kigwema. Khonoma is a beautiful Angami village and the first green village in India. After exploring the village we head back to Kigwema to catch up on some of the afternoon and evening activities at the festival. Overnight at Kigwema

## Day 8 : Kigwema - Kohima - Dimapur ( 85 kms / 3 hours )

After breakfast we leave for Dimapur on the way stopping at Kohima Museum and War Cemetery. Overnight at Dimapur.

## Day 9 : Dimapur

After breakfast transfer to airport. End of tour.



# LOCATIONS



## LONGWA

One of the largest villages of Mon district, this is a highly interesting place. The Angh's ( chief ) house here lies half in India half in Myanmar. Even though the village lies in two countries, the entire village is ruled by the chief. The natural beauty is immense as a total of four rivers flow through the village, two in India and two in Myanmar. The people of Longwa village are from the Konyak tribe and some of the men used to be headhunters in the past. We visit some of the face and body tattooed former head hunters.



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## KOHIMA / KIGWEMA

Kigwema is a village about 15 kms south of the state capital, Kohima and is the main site of the Hornbill festival. Kohima and Kigwema are mostly inhabited by the Angami tribe, one of the major Naga ethnic groups. They are of Tibeto-Burman origin and speak the Tenyidie language.

At the hornbill festival we see the dance, crafts and cuisines of the different Naga tribes.

**NAGA MEN FROM THE KONYAK , AO , ANGAMI AND SUMI TRIBES AT THE HORNBILL FESTIVAL**





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## MOKOKCHUNG

Mokokchung is known as the 'intellectual and cultural capital' of Nagaland. Starting from its inception in the 19th century, till the present date, people from Mokokchung have led the state in various fields of academics and culture.

We also visit Longkhum: The vanguard village at 6056 feet. An animist religion called Limapur still exists in this village, where a few families worship a God called Longlanpa Tsungrem.

## INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

### INCLUDED

- 1 night stay at Dimapur, 3 nights stay at Kigwema, 1 night stay at Mokokchung, 2 nights stay at Longwa, 1 night stay at Dibrugarh ( twin / triple / multiple sharing )
- Breakfast on all days
- All land transfers and transportation in SUV
- Service charges
- Taxes

### EXCLUDED

- Flight Charges ( ONWARD - Dibrugarh and RETURN - Dimapur)
- Any extra excursions and tours other than those mentioned
- Entry tickets & Camera charges at sightseeing points ( when applicable )
- Dinner & Lunch
- Other than those mentioned

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