

EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS

Experiential journeys for the exploring traveller



NAGALAND DISCOVERY WITH HORNBILL FESTIVAL DEC 5 - 13

**DIMAPUR - KIGWEMA - KOHIMA
LONGWA - MOKOKCHUNG - DIBRUGARH**

OVERVIEW

Experience the rich tribal heritage of Nagaland on a journey that combines vibrant cultural festivals, remote mountain villages, and unique indigenous traditions. Witness the spectacular Hornbill Festival, where Naga tribes come together to showcase their music, dance, crafts, and cuisine. Travel deep into the Konyak heartland to Longwa, a fascinating village straddling the India–Myanmar border, meet some of the last face-tattooed former headhunters, and stay in traditional village homestays.

This is an immersive and offbeat Nagaland journey for travelers seeking authentic experiences and deeper exploration, going far beyond the typical Hornbill Festival trip.



ESSENTIAL INFO

Cost: Rs 44500/- per person

Country: India

Start: Dimapur

End: Dibrugarh

Start Date: 5th Dec' 2026

End Date: 13th Dec' 2026

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size : Min 5 / Max 15

Theme: Culture, Adventure



HIGHLIGHTS



Meet some of the last remaining Konyak headhunters



Experience vibrant Hornbill Festival showcasing Nagaland's diverse tribes.



Meet the village King and witness traditional Konyak dances



Sample distinctive Naga cuisine with smoked meats and local flavors.



Stay in authentic homestays and interact with the locals



Journey through scenic mountains, forests, and picturesque tribal villages.



Day 1 : Dec 5

DIMAPUR ARRIVAL

Arrive in Dimapur, the gateway to Nagaland and an important commercial hub of the state.

Arrive and transfer to the hotel. **Check in time is 2 p.m.**

Afternoon and evening free to explore Dimapur town and market area and if interested you could try some Naga dishes for dinner.

Overnight in Dimapur.



Day 2 : Dec 6

**DIMAPUR - KIGWEMA
(90 KMS / 3 HRS)**

After breakfast, drive to **Kigwema**, a picturesque **Angami village** and the gateway to the famous **Hornbill Festival**. En route, visit the **Kohima War Cemetery**, explore the local markets of **Kohima**, visit the museum and learn about the region's history and tribal heritage.

Arrive in Kigwema by late afternoon and settle into your homestay near the festival venue. Later, head to the Hornbill Festival grounds to enjoy the vibrant evening performances, music and cultural programs that bring together the many tribes of Nagaland.

Overnight in Kigwema.



Day 3 : Dec 7

HORNBILL FESTIVAL

Today is dedicated to experiencing the **Hornbill Festival**, often called the “Festival of Festivals.” Held annually near Kohima, it brings together the diverse tribes of Nagaland in a vibrant celebration of culture and tradition.

Spend the day **exploring the festival grounds, watching colourful tribal performances, traditional dances, indigenous games, music concerts** and handicraft exhibitions. Sample local delicacies, interact with people from different tribes and immerse yourself in the unique cultural heritage of Nagaland.

Overnight in Kigwema.



Day 4 : Dec 8

KHONOMA EXCURSION - HORNBILL FESTIVAL

Today, drive to **Khonoma**, a beautiful **Angami village** known as India's **first green village**. Surrounded by terraced fields and forested hills, Khonoma offers a fascinating glimpse into traditional Naga life and sustainable community practices.

Walk through the village lanes, admire the traditional architecture and learn about the history and culture of the Angami people. Later, return to Kigwema and **spend the afternoon and evening enjoying more of the Hornbill Festival's cultural performances, exhibitions and festivities.**

Overnight in Kigwema.



Day 5 : Dec 9

**KIGWEMA - MOKONCHUNG
(160 KMS / 6 HRS)**

After breakfast, leave the Kohima region and journey deeper into Nagaland towards **Mokokchung, the cultural heartland of the Ao Naga tribe**. The **scenic drive winds through rolling hills, forested landscapes and remote villages**, offering beautiful views of rural Nagaland.

Arrive in Mokokchung by afternoon and explore this **charming hill town, known for its rich traditions, welcoming people and vibrant tribal culture**. Spend the evening strolling through the town, visiting local markets and soaking in the relaxed atmosphere.

Overnight in Mokokchung.



Day 6 : Dec 10

**MOKOKCHUNG - LONGWA
(190 KMS / 7 HRS)**

After an early breakfast, visit the **scenic village of Longkhum**, perched high on a ridge and renowned for its breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys and hills. Rich in Ao Naga folklore and traditions, the village offers a fascinating insight into local culture and way of life.

Later, continue the journey eastward **towards Longwa in Mon district, home of the Konyak tribe**. One of Nagaland's most remote and intriguing villages, **Longwa sits along the India–Myanmar border** and is famous for its unique location and rich tribal heritage.

Arrive by late afternoon and settle into your **traditional Konyak homestay**.

Overnight in Longwa.



Day 7 : Dec 11

LONGWA (MYANMAR BORDER)

Today is dedicated to **exploring Longwa, one of Nagaland's most fascinating villages and home to the legendary Konyak tribe.** Situated on the **India–Myanmar border**, the village offers a rare opportunity to experience a culture that remained largely isolated until recent decades.

Visit the house of the Ang (village chief) and meet and interact with the Ang and also **meet some of the last remaining tattooed Konyak headhunters**, whose facial tattoos and stories offer a remarkable glimpse into the region's past.

Later, enjoy a **traditional cultural performance by Konyak women**, featuring tribal songs, dances and customs that have been passed down through generations.

Overnight in Longwa.



Day 8 : Dec 12

**LONGWA - MON - DIBRUGARH
(185 KMS / 7 HRS)**

After breakfast start for the **journey to Dibrugarh**.

Reach by late afternoon and evening free to explore Dibrugarh town, market and the Brahmaputra Riverside..

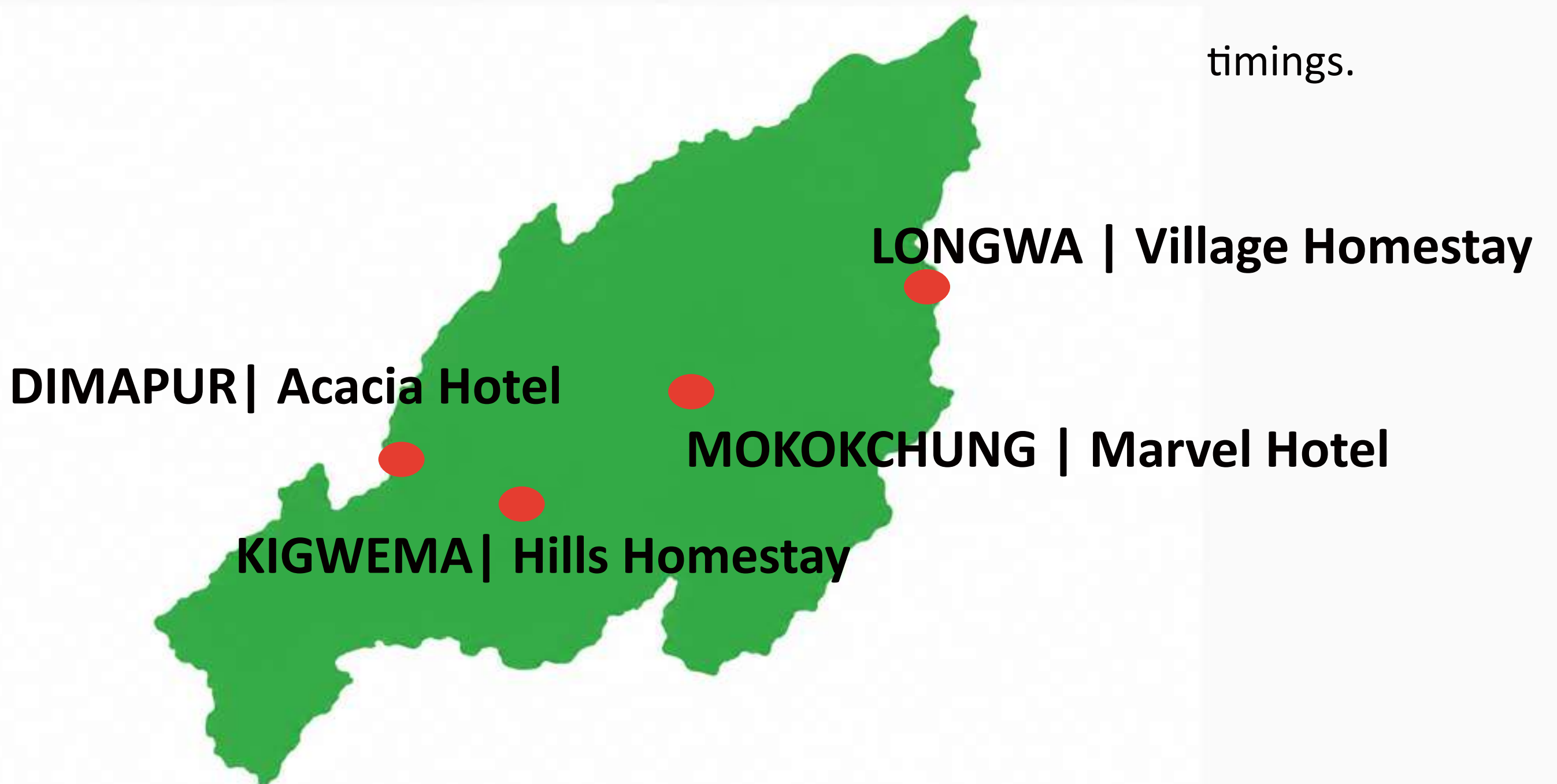
Overnight in Dibrugarh



Day 9 : Dec 13

DIBRUGARH DEPARTURE

This day marks the end of our unique Nagaland adventure. Go back with beautiful memories, stories and new friendships that you have made on the journey.



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HOTELS

what people say about us

**shruthi venkatesh**
Local Guide · 18 reviews

★★★★★ a year ago

Arunachal Pradesh, November 2024. I travelled to Arunachal Pradesh with Santhosh aka Exotic Expedition. One of the best trips filled with exhilarating and fascinating experiences. I usually travel solo and this was my first organized tour experience. Now I would like to explore many such possibilities. EE not covers all the important and famous sites but ensures that you experience the local culture and cuisine. You get to stay in some amazing homes stays and heritage homes. Each day is exciting and the flexibility element makes it more special. The stay, food and the evenings spent with fellow travellers makes the tour memorable and incredible. Each day is well planned and

**XO**
2 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ 2 years ago

3 trips with them ... Meghalaya, Vietnam & recently Nagaland ! Each one simple , perfect & memorable. It's about an experience of the lifestyle and culture which is perfectly curated ... [More](#)



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100% recommend (82 reviews) ⓘ

**Divya Mehta Suri** recommends
Exotic Expeditions.
29 Jun 2024 · 🌐

Two things aptly define Exotic Expedition - affordable and safe

I did four trips with Santosh so far-Nagaland, Leh Ladakh, Vietnam and Cambodia Nagaland was on my list for a long time but due to its remote location I was hesitant to attempt it. But he made it memorable for us by adding the interior, non touristy and unexplored locations along with the World famous Hornbill festival in the itinerary.... See more

**Devesh Arora**
Local Guide · 22 reviews

**Tarini Mukherji** recommends
Exotic Expeditions.
18 Dec 2023 · 🌐

I recently embarked on a mesmerizing journey with exotic expeditions to Nagaland, and it was an adventure like no other. The tour seamlessly blended cultural immersion with breathtaking landscapes, offering an authentic glimpse into Nagaland's rich heritage. Santosh navigated us through vibrant local markets, where we indulged in delicious Naga cuisine and interacted with warm, welcoming locals. The highlight was the Hornbill Festival, a kaleidoscope of traditional dances, indigenous crafts, and the vibrant N... See more

**Sandhya Pulaskar**
Local Guide · 40 reviews · 63 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

We booked our Bali trip for 10 days with Exotic Expeditions. The service and itinerary was designed as per our needs. Hotels and cab was booked by Santosh. The hotels were good, close to the beautiful landscapes, in Ubud, he booked a stay in between rice fields, in Amed, we had a beach front place. Loved all the stays! The itinerary was off beat and covered some of the best locations. We could not have discovered these hidden gems had we not chosen Exotic Expeditions. Thanks for making our Bali trip and the overall experience memorable! Looking forward to visit Ladhak with you guys

★★★★★ 6 years ago

First things first, I love solo travelling! I never thought that group travelling can be as much fun as travelling by yourself, I was wrong. First time I traveled with Exotic Expeditions was in late 2016 (to Bhutan), since then I have done 6-7 trips (Bali, Andaman, Vietnam, Cambodia, North-East, Sri Lanka) with Santosh (Yes, he is the guy), and every trip has been an Experience! The places Santosh try to cover in his trips you will not find with any other tour company/guide. If I can try to sum-up travelling with E-E in one line, Exotic Expeditions is for real travelers, and may be for some tourists also, only if you know the difference ;) Cheers - Devesh

**Jaclyn Desouza**
Local Guide · 15 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ a day ago **New**

I had an absolutely fantastic experience travelling with Exotic Expeditions to Western Arunachal, Nagaland, Uzbekistan and Bali. If you're someone who prefers meaningful, offbeat journeys over crowded tourist checklists, Exotic Expeditions truly delivers.

What stood out for me the most was how thoughtfully the itinerary was designed – unique locations, authentic local experiences, and hidden gems I would never have discovered on my own. Every detail from Home-stays in the north east to scenic routes in Bali to interactions with local communities in Uzbekistan made the trips feel personal and

**Vijay Pravin Iyer**
Local Guide · 6 reviews · 26 photos

★★★★★ Edited 7 months ago

Santosh Nair's remarkable endeavor in orchestrating the exotic Nagaland expedition deserves the greatest encomium. Exploring the resplendent locales and immersing ourselves in the vibrant cultural milieu has been nothing short of ... [More](#)



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COST - Rs 44500/- per person

INCLUSIONS

- 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 (double / twin / triple sharing)
- Breakfast on all days
- Experienced group leader
- All land transfers and transportation in SUV
- Service charges
- Taxes

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EXCLUSIONS

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

STAYS

DIMAPUR - Hotel Acacia

KIGWEMA - Hills Homestay

MOKOKCHUNG - Marvel Hotel

LONGWA - Village Homestay

DIBRUGARH - Bhaskar Homestay

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