

ROUTE TO THE ROOTS In Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

Duration: (15N / 16D)

Highlights: Tawang Monastery, Mukto Village, Thembang Village, Culinary Class in Dirang, Ziro Valley and Apatani Villages, Majuli Island, Accommodation in Homestays, Storytelling and Homemade Meals



DAY 1: GUWAHATI

Arrive in Guwahati. Be met by your Holiday Scout representative and check in at Homestay. After lunch visit Kamakhya Temple, a revered Hindu shrine dedicated to Shakti, the goddess of power. Evening boat ride on the Brahmaputra River. Overnight in Guwahati.

DAY 2: GUWAHATI to BOMDILA

After breakfast our journey into the Eastern Himalayas begins as we drive to Bomdila. En route visit Tipi Orchid Research Centre and Sessa waterfalls. Check in at Homestay. Enjoy an evening walk in Bomdila market. Overnight in Bomdila.

DAY 3: BOMDILA

Early morning trek to Rigzin Woeseing Monastery for Tibetan Buddhist oracle reading with revered monk Sange Lama. Pause to admire awe inspiring panoramic views. After breakfast visit Bomdila Monastery followed by a short drive to Chillipam Monastery in nearby Rupa. Evening storytelling in the Homestay. Overnight in Bomdila.

DAY 4: BOMDILA to TAWANG

After breakfast drive to Tawang. On the way, cross Sela Pass which at 13700 feet is one of India's highest motorable passes. Stop here to take in the views of the majestic Sela Lake area. Visit Jaswant Garh, the site where the Indian Soldier Jaswant Singh put up a last stand against the marauding Chinese army in the 1962 war. Proceed to Nuranang and get a glimpse of the powerful Jang waterfall. Check in at Homestay. Overnight in Tawang.

DAY 5: TAWANG

The day is dedicated to landmarks in and around the sacred Buddhist citadel. After breakfast visit Tawang Monastery, the world's second largest practising Buddhist monastery. It houses rare artefacts and an imposing statue of Buddha. Proceed to Urgelling Monastery, the birthplace of the 6th Dalai Lama. After lunch, visit Thuk Choening Nunnery. Evening spent at leisure exploring Tawang market. Overnight in Tawang.



DAY 6: TAWANG

After breakfast visit Khinmey Monastery and Mukto village which is village inhabited by Monpa tribals who are known for their traditional papermaking craft. On the way back, stop at an iron chain suspension bridge or Chag-Zam that is estimated to be almost 600 years old. Spanning more than 100 meters across the Tawang River, it represents a rare and remarkable architectural achievement. Afternoon storytelling in the Homestay. Overnight in Tawang.

DAY 7: TAWANG to DIRANG

After breakfast drive to Dirang. On arrival check in at Homestay. After lunch visit the 9th century fortress or Dzong and the quaint adjoining village. Stroll at your leisure. Evening culinary class featuring momo, the world-famous crescent shaped dumpling. Overnight in Dirang.



DAY 8: DIRANG

After breakfast visit Thupsung Dhargyelling Monastery, picturesque Sangti Valley and Thembang, an ancient fortified village with high historical and cultural significance. After lunch storytelling in the Homestay. Overnight in Dirang.

DAY 9: DIRANG to ITANAGAR

After breakfast drive to Itanagar, capital of Arunachal Pradesh. On the way visit Nag Mandir at Kaspi Village also famed for its mountain cliffs which house numerous beehives. On arrival check in at Homestay. Afternoon spent at leisure. Overnight in Itanagar.

DAY 10: ITANAGAR to ZIRO

After breakfast we begin our journey to Ziro Valley which is known for its scenic beauty and for the amazing people that call it home. En route visit Itanagar Monastery and museum, Naharlagun local market, and a Nyishi tribal village. Check in at Homestay. Overnight in Ziro.

DAY 11: ZIRO

After breakfast meet the local Apatani people and learn about their daily life and culture. Experience tribal delicacies, walk among uniquely cultivated paddy fields and meet a generation entrenched in tradition. Also visit Ziro craft centre and local market. Overnight in Ziro.

DAY 12: ZIRO

The day allows us to explore more Apatani villages. Also pay a visit Ziro viewpoint. After lunch storytelling in the Homestay followed by a performance of folk dances. Overnight in Ziro.



DAY 13: ZIRO to MAJULI

After breakfast we head for Assam and specifically to Majuli, the worlds' largest inhabited river island located in the Brahmaputra and famed for its scenic beauty. On arrival check in at Homestay and visit a Mishing tribal village. Overnight in Majuli.

DAY 14: MAJULI

After breakfast visit a mask making workshop, pottery village and Satra, an ancient Hindu Vashnavite monastery and centre for art. Here witness a folk dance performed by resident monks. Afternoon storytelling in the Homestay. Overnight in Majuli.

DAY 15: MAJULI to GUWAHATI

Early Morning ferry and drive to Guwahati. Check in at Homestay. Overnight in Guwahati.

DAY 16: GUWAHATI

Drop at the airport for onward journey. TOUR ENDS.

Cost per Person – Please Enquire by Email

Prices Include:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis in double occupancy
- All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Tea and Dinner)
- Drinking water, snacks
- Transfers to and from the airport, ferry crossing
- Transportation by SUV (Innova or Xylo)
- Inner Line Permit/Protected Area Permit (for Arunachal Pradesh only)
- Entry fee to all parks/monuments/folk dances
- English-speaking tour guide

Prices Do Not Include:

- Any kind of personal expenses or optional tours or extra meals ordered
- Anything not specifically mentioned under the head "Prices include"
- Tips, insurance, laundry, phone calls, medication, visa fees
- Any kind of drinks (alcoholic, mineral, aerated)
- Connecting flights, trains or other conveyance
- Cost incidental to any change in the itinerary/stay on account of flight cancellation due to bad weather, ill health, roadblocks and/or any factors beyond control.

Terms & Conditions:

- Prices valid from 1st October 2016 to 31st March 2018.
- Prices valid for minimum 2 and maximum 4 pax traveling together in one vehicle.
- 50% non-refundable and non-transferrable advance payment to be deposited at the time of booking confirmation with balance due in cash on arrival.
- In April and October heaters will be provided in accommodation and vehicle free of charge.
- Our itineraries are conceived for adult travelers above the age of 15. Due to the remote geographical location of our tours, none is suitable for pregnant guests.