



**EXPERIENCE
DESTINATION**



THE ADVENTURE EDITION
MEGHALAYA TALES

7 days / 6 nights

INR 32,500/- per person inclusive of taxes



TRIP OVERVIEW

November-December in Meghalaya is particularly pleasing. Monsoons bid farewell leaving everything lush Green, the cherry blossoms, clear days, winter sun and cool pleasant nights. It is beyond magical. The waterfalls are not so fierce anymore and are welcoming. The natural pools are calm and crystal clean.

Travelling to Meghalaya is all about exploring **good music**, going on **amusing hikes** to fierce waterfalls and root bridges, **swimming** in natural pools, **food, wine** and **adventures**. It is about learning from a community its unique conservation methods. This trip is a curated route to explore all of these adventures in the state.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1

Welcome to Meghalaya

Your city - Guwahati airport - Cherrapunjee

Today is about breaking the ice with the new place, fellow travelers and acclimatizing and indulging in the beauty and uniqueness of new environment. Nights are about the smell of firewood, conversations over drinks and godly music in the wettest place in the world.

- Pickup from Guwahati Airport by 9 am.
- Quick pit-stop on the way for some delightful coffee/breakfast and local pineapples.
- Optional stop at Umium lake on the way.
- Reach Cherrapunjee by lunch.
- Short hike to a waterfall nearby. Swim, chill or picnic and by late evening we go back to the resort where the fire is lit for us.

Overnight at Kutmadan Resort

Total drive time is 5 hours.



Day 2

A day beneath the Earth.

Cherrapunjee

Deep underneath our feet, lies a magnificent ecosystem of millions of years old fossils, rarest species of life. Mother nature sculpts unique formations when water meets with sandstone and limestone over centuries. Today is about spelunking in some of the accessible caves in Meghalaya.

- After breakfast, we drive to the starting point of our cave exploration today. First step is to get equipped with all the paraphernalias that will make our life easier under the earth in the darkness.
- After 4 hours of exploration, we come out to the world from the other side.
- Evening at leisure beside fire, food and drinks.

Overnight at Kutmadan Resort

Total drive time 2 hours.



Day 3

A day exploring bridges that aren't built but grown

Cherrapunjee - Pongtung

Today we explore the bridges that weren't built but grown. Hear about some local conservation and sustainability methods from local conservationists as we walk in a deep tropical forest and see 5 root bridges.

- Morning hike to a hidden pool for all the early birds.
- Drive to Rangthillyang after breakfast.
- Trek in the old trading route to Bangladesh and witness 5 living root bridges. The highest and longest of the state being among them.
- We will try and visit Mawlynnong, aka the cleanest village in Asia if time permits and take a walk around with a local guide.
- Drive to Pongtung for night halt.

Overnight at Deli Baiar

Total drive time 2-3 hours.



Day 4

The scariest trek in Meghalaya

Pongtung - Wakhen - Pongtung

Today we go for a very exhilarating trek to the UMawryngkhang, colloquially known as Bamboo trek. Most of the trek is walking through handmade bamboo bridges in dangerous bamboo terrains. The local community uses bamboo as a vital resource in everyday life. Would you give them the leap of faith?

- Drive to Wakhen villag after breakfast.
- Enjoy the trek which should last for 5 hours roughly. Don't forget to carry water bottles.
- A scrumptous lunch with tons of unique local ingredients arranged riverside.
- Drive to Pongtung for night halt.

Overnight at Deli Baiar.
Total drive time 2 hours.



Day 5

A day playing in a crystal clear river

Pongtung - Shnongpedeng, Dawki

Today is about the beautiful crystal clear waters of Umngot river in Dawki. We have a couple of water activities lined up that you can indulge in. Sleep under the milky way of stars, campfire conversations, smell of firewood, sound of river, books, wine and photography.

- Drive to Dawki after breakfast.
- Settle in the ED partner campsite.
- Swim leisurely in the clear waters of Umngot river, kayak, cliff jump, snorkell and enjoy the waters.
- Evening at leisure in the campsite beside the river.

Overnight at Camps

Total drive time is 2-3 hours.



Day 6

A day of spectacular waterfalls

Dawki - Jowai - Shillong

When you are in the abode of clouds, you know there are going to be 100s of waterfalls in the area. Probably the reason you are here. Today is about going picnic to some of the best ones in the area. So keep your swimming gear handy, carry lots of fruits, wear your hats and begin the walk. Let's hope it is a sunny day.

- Drive to Jahrain via Dawki after breakfast.
- Picnic and swim around and head to Shillong after curated highway lunch.
- Evening at leisure in Shillong. Chances are we will be tired and wouldn't want to go out. Which is great because we can bonfire and chill tonight being the last night. But totally depends on the mood. Evening is flexible for whatever the travellers want to do the last night in Meghalaya.



Overnight at Shariloum Homestay

Total drive time is 3 hours.

Day 7

Bid Adieu! Khublai...

Shillong - Guwahati Airport

Today the trip comes to an end. We end the adventure with a scrumptious brunch at an ED recommended cafe.

- We can wake up early and go to Laitlum Canyon for surreal views.
- We will then head to airport as per flight timings.

Total drive time is 3-4 hours.



Inclusions

- GST
- Accommodation.
- Transport to and from Guwahati airport/station in AC Sedan, SUV or Tempo traveller depending on number of travellers.
- Breakfast on all days.
- Lunch on day 3, 4 and 5.
- Dinner on Day 5.
- Caving equipments and local experts.
- Guided water activities in Shnongpedeng.
- Local/hyperlocal guides during the treks/hikes.
- Parking and tollcharges.
- Driver's allowance, food and accommodation.
- Basic medical/first Aid kit during the trip
- Entry Tickets to sightseeing places where ever applicable etc.

Exclusions

- Airfare/RailFare
- Any food and beverage cost apart from the ones mentioned above
- Camera Fees
- Any Tips (We encourage to tip the locals. They earn low wages and your contribution will be of huge help for them)
- Any personal Expenditure (Shopping, medicines etc)
- Costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather, landslides, road conditions, political unrest and any other circumstances beyond our control.
- Any items / services not specifically mentioned under the head 'inclusions'.

ARRIVAL

Arrival at Guwahati airport.

Ideally all travellers should reach Guwahati by 9am on day 1.

Is it recommended for travellers to fly to Guwahati a day before the trip and stay overnight in Guwahati.

DEPARTURE

Travellers fly out from Guwahati as well. It is recommended to book an evening flight after 7 pm just to be on the safe side. In case the travellers want to fly out next day (which is great), stay can be arranged in Guwahati for them on request.

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- Theft.

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