

Tour Name: Assam & Arunachal the Buddhist Monasteries & Tribal Culture Tour

Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2hueb6j6>

Tour Overview

Embark on a transformative journey through Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on the "Assam & Arunachal the Buddhist Monasteries & Tribal Culture Tour." Begin in Guwahati, where the journey starts with the serene landscapes of Orang National Park. Delve deeper into the heartlands with a visit to Bomdila, discovering its tranquil monasteries and cultural richness. Continue to Tawang, a bastion of Tibetan Buddhism nestled amidst the Eastern Himalayas, where ancient monastic traditions await exploration. Traverse to Dirang, a scenic valley offering insights into local life and spirituality. Conclude in Tezpur, renowned for its historical significance and verdant surroundings, before returning to Guwahati, enriched by the spiritual tapestry of Northeast India.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Guwahati - Orang National Park (110kms)

- Arrive in Guwahati and transfer to Orang National Park. (Hotel check-in time is 2 PM, early check-in subject to room availability.)
- Enjoy a thrilling jeep safari in Orang National Park, known for its diverse wildlife including Indian one-horned rhinoceros, tigers, wild elephants, and various bird species. The park's rich biodiversity and scenic landscapes offer a perfect introduction to Assam's natural heritage.
- Visit a Mishing tribal village near the park to experience authentic Assamese culture. Engage with locals, observe traditional handicrafts like handloom weaving and bamboo crafts, and savor local cuisine known for its unique flavors and spices.

Day 2: Orang National Park - Bomdila (180kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Bomdila, a serene town nestled amidst the Himalayan ranges. The journey offers picturesque views of lush valleys and cascading rivers, providing a glimpse into the region's natural beauty.
- Explore Bomdila Monastery (Gentse Gaden Rabgyel Ling Monastery), perched on a hilltop and offering panoramic vistas of the surrounding mountains. Immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance, observe monks in prayer, and appreciate the intricate Tibetan Buddhist architecture.
- Visit the Craft Center in Bomdila to witness local artisans creating exquisite Thangka paintings, traditional masks, and hand-woven carpets. Learn about the intricate craftsmanship passed down through generations and shop for unique souvenirs reflecting Tibetan culture.

Day 3: Bomdila - Tawang (180kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a scenic drive to Tawang, traversing the high-altitude Sela Pass (13,700 feet). Marvel at the breathtaking views of snow-clad peaks and colorful prayer flags fluttering in the wind.
- Stop at Jaswant Garh War Memorial, a poignant tribute to Indian soldiers who bravely defended the nation during the 1962 Indo-China War. Explore the memorial's museum and pay homage to the fallen heroes amidst serene mountain surroundings.
- Visit Nuranang Falls (Jang Falls), a majestic waterfall amidst dense forests. Capture stunning photographs of the cascading waters and enjoy a peaceful moment amidst nature's grandeur.

Day 4: Tawang

- Start the day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, preparing for a day of cultural and spiritual exploration in Tawang.
- Visit Tawang Monastery, the largest monastery in India and second largest in the world. Marvel at its impressive architecture, including a towering statue of Lord Buddha and ancient scriptures. Participate in the morning prayers to experience the monastery's spiritual essence.
- Explore Tawang War Memorial, offering panoramic views of Tawang town and the surrounding Himalayan peaks. Gain insights into the history of the Indo-China War through exhibits and tributes to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives.
- Visit Urgelling Monastery, the birthplace of the 6th Dalai Lama. Experience the monastery's serene ambiance, learn about its historical significance, and enjoy panoramic views of Tawang Valley.

Day 5: Tawang - Dirang (140kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Dirang, a picturesque town known for its apple orchards, scenic landscapes, and vibrant Tibetan culture. The journey takes you through winding mountain roads and pristine natural beauty.
- Visit Dirang Dzong, an ancient fort overlooking the Dirang Valley. Explore its architectural marvels, including watchtowers and fortified walls, offering panoramic views of the surrounding valleys.
- Relax in the natural hot water springs of Dirang, believed to have medicinal properties. Enjoy a rejuvenating soak amidst tranquil surroundings, perfect for unwinding after a day of exploration.
- Explore Sangti Valley, a hidden gem known for its breathtaking scenery and birdwatching opportunities. Stroll along the riverside and soak in the serene atmosphere of this offbeat destination.

Day 6: Dirang - Tezpur (190kms)

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before departing for Tezpur, a historical city on the banks of the Brahmaputra River.

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- Visit Agnigarh Hill, steeped in mythology and offering panoramic views of the Brahmaputra River and Tezpur town. Explore the hill's ancient ruins and hear tales of love and legend associated with its history.
- Discover Mahabhairab Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and renowned for its architectural grandeur and religious significance. Admire intricate carvings and sculptures depicting Hindu mythology.
- Optional: Visit Cole Park, a well-maintained park featuring lush gardens, artificial lakes, and sculptures depicting Assamese culture. Enjoy a leisurely stroll amidst colorful flowers and serene surroundings.

Day 7: Tezpur - Guwahati (180kms)

- After breakfast, return to Guwahati, the gateway to Northeast India known for its vibrant culture and historical landmarks.
- Visit Kamakhya Temple, one of the most revered Shakti Peethas in India. Participate in rituals and witness devotees paying homage to the goddess Kamakhya.
- Explore Assam State Museum, housing a vast collection of artifacts showcasing Assamese culture, history, and tribal heritage. Learn about the state's diverse communities through exhibits of traditional costumes, weapons, and handicrafts.
- Conclude the day with a serene sunset cruise on the Brahmaputra River, offering panoramic views of the city skyline and a chance to observe local riverfront life.

Day 8: Guwahati - Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out. (Hotel check-out time is 12 PM, late check-out subject to room availability.)
- Transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey, concluding your memorable exploration of Buddhist monasteries, cultural heritage, and natural wonders in Northeast India.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,877	1,492	1,160	1,269	1,112	1,267	1,156	1,072

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 379

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 35

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 7 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 1-Time Gypsy safari in Orang National Park with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 7 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Orang National Park x 1 night: Guest House/ Homestay
- Bomdila x 1 night: Hotel Elysium Bomdila
- Tawang x 2 nights: Hotel Tawang Heights/ Hotel Norling
- Dirang x 1 night: Pemaling Lords Inn Dirang/ Awoo Resort
- Tezpur x 1 night: The Greenwood Hotel/ Hotel KRC Palace
- Guwahati x 1 night: Landmark Hotel/ Hotel Lily

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.

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- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
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- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- Liability Disclaimer: We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- Damage, Loss, or Injury: We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- Insurance: We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- Unforeseen Circumstances: We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

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Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.