

Tour Name: North East India Train, Tea, Tiger & Tribal

Tour Duration: 13 Nights/ 14 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3x63jar5>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through East India with the "North East India Train, Tea, Tiger & Tribal" tour. Begin in Kolkata, where the old meets the new in bustling markets and colonial landmarks. Traverse to the serene tea estates of Darjeeling, where misty mountains and the aroma of freshly brewed tea enchant. Continue to Pelling and Gangtok, nestled in the Himalayan foothills, offering panoramic vistas and Buddhist monasteries. Explore Kalimpong's cultural blend before venturing to Guwahati and Kaziranga, where wildlife roams freely in lush national parks. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Majuli and Jorhat, concluding with a flight back to Kolkata, a journey blending history, nature, and cultural richness.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

- Arrive at Kolkata Airport, where you will be warmly greeted by our representative.
- Enjoy a comfortable transfer to your hotel in the heart of Kolkata, a city steeped in colonial history and cultural richness.
- Check-in at your hotel and take some time to unwind and refresh after your journey. Kolkata, known as the "City of Joy," welcomes you with its vibrant energy and unique charm.
- In the evening, consider taking a leisurely stroll around the hotel area to soak in the local ambiance. You might discover bustling markets, street food stalls offering Kolkata's famous snacks like puchkas and kathi rolls, or simply enjoy the evening breeze along the Hooghly River.
- Overnight stay at your hotel, anticipating the adventures and cultural explorations awaiting you in the days ahead.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.

- Explore Victoria Memorial, an iconic marble building showcasing Indo-Saracenic architecture and housing a museum with artifacts from British India. Learn about Kolkata's colonial history and admire the grandeur of the monument.
- Explore St. Paul's Cathedral, a striking example of Indo-Gothic architecture. Attend a choir service if available to experience the spiritual ambiance of this historic cathedral.
- Visit Howrah Bridge, a historic cantilever bridge over the Hooghly River, offering panoramic views of Kolkata's bustling riverfront and the daily life of the city.
- Discover the Indian Museum, one of the oldest museums in Asia, featuring an extensive collection of ancient artifacts, fossils, and art pieces. Dive into India's cultural heritage through its diverse exhibits.

Day 3: Kolkata - Bagdogra/ Darjeeling (62kms)

- After breakfast, transfer to Bagdogra or Darjeeling.
- Enjoy a scenic drive to Darjeeling, famous for its tea gardens and panoramic views of the Himalayas. Arrive and check into your hotel.

Day 4: Darjeeling

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Early morning visit to Tiger Hill for a stunning sunrise over Mount Kanchenjunga and the Eastern Himalayan range. Experience the breathtaking beauty of the snow-clad peaks bathed in the first light of dawn.
- Explore the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Everest Museum, showcasing mountaineering equipment and artifacts related to Everest expeditions. Learn about the challenges and triumphs of scaling the world's highest peak.
- Visit the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park to see endangered Himalayan species like snow leopards and red pandas. Marvel at the diversity of wildlife thriving in the pristine mountain environment.
- Take a ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Toy Train," for a scenic journey through picturesque landscapes and tea plantations.

Day 5: Darjeeling - Pelling (75kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Pelling.

- Visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of the oldest monasteries in Sikkim, known for its ancient Buddhist scriptures and stunning mountain views. Immerse yourself in the peaceful ambiance of this spiritual center.
- Explore Rabdentse Ruins, the second capital of the former kingdom of Sikkim, offering historical insights and scenic views of the surrounding valleys.

Day 6: Pelling - Gangtok (120kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Gangtok.
- En route, visit Khecheopalri Lake, a sacred lake surrounded by lush forests and revered by Buddhists as a wish-fulfilling lake. Experience the serenity and natural beauty of this pristine Himalayan Lake.
- Explore Rumtek Monastery, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery known for its intricate architecture and religious significance. Learn about Tibetan Buddhism and admire the monastery's ornate artwork and religious relics.

Day 7: Gangtok

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology to learn about Tibetan culture, history, and Buddhism through its extensive collection of artifacts and manuscripts. Gain insights into the region's rich cultural heritage.
- Explore Enchey Monastery, a 200-year-old monastery known for its serene atmosphere and religious teachings. Witness Buddhist rituals and teachings amidst the backdrop of scenic mountains.
- Stroll through MG Marg, Gangtok's bustling pedestrian street, lined with shops, cafes, and local boutiques. Experience the vibrant local culture and indulge in shopping for traditional handicrafts and souvenirs.

Day 8: Gangtok - Kalimpong (75kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kalimpong.
- Visit Durpin Monastery, offering panoramic views of the surrounding hills and valleys. Enjoy the tranquil setting and panoramic vistas from this hilltop monastery.
- Explore Deolo Hill, the highest point in Kalimpong, known for its lush gardens and viewpoints. Capture stunning views of the Himalayan peaks and the Teesta River winding through the valley below.

- Visit the Flower Nurseries of Kalimpong, renowned for their exotic orchids and other Himalayan flowers. Learn about floriculture and enjoy the vibrant colors and fragrances of the gardens.

Day 9: Kalimpong - Bagdogra (75kms)/ Guwahati

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Bagdogra or flying to Guwahati.
- Depending on the route, visit local markets or cultural sites in Bagdogra or Guwahati. Experience the local flavors and vibrant atmosphere of these bustling cities.

Day 10: Guwahati - Kaziranga NP (200kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kaziranga National Park.
- Enjoy a Jeep Safari in Kaziranga to spot one-horned rhinos, elephants, and other wildlife in their natural habitat. Experience the thrill of wildlife spotting amidst the verdant landscapes of Kaziranga.
- Attend an evening cultural program (Bihu dance) by a local troupe. Immerse yourself in Assamese culture through traditional music and dance performances.

Day 11: Kaziranga NP

- Start early with a morning Elephant Safari in Kaziranga to explore deeper into the park and witness wildlife up close. Experience the unique perspective of wildlife viewing from atop an elephant.
- Visit the Kaziranga Orchid and Biodiversity Park to see a diverse collection of orchids and native plant species. Learn about conservation efforts and the rich biodiversity of Kaziranga.
- Explore the nearby villages to experience the lifestyle and traditions of the local communities. Interact with villagers and learn about their customs, handicrafts, and agricultural practices.

Day 12: Kaziranga - Majuli (150kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Majuli Island, the world's largest river island.
- Visit Satras (Vaishnavite monasteries) to learn about Assamese culture, dance forms, and ancient manuscripts. Experience the spiritual and cultural heritage preserved in these historic monastic institutions.
- Explore the traditional pottery-making villages of Majuli to witness the craftsmanship and techniques passed down through generations. Participate in pottery workshops to learn basic pottery skills from local artisans.

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Day 13: Majuli - Jorhat (40kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Jorhat.
- Visit the Tocklai Tea Research Institute, the world's oldest and largest tea research station. Gain insights into tea cultivation, processing techniques, and the significance of tea in Assamese culture and economy.
- Explore the Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary to spot Hoolock gibbons, India's only ape species, and a variety of bird species in their natural habitat.

Day 14: Jorhat - Kolkata (flight)

- After breakfast, transfer to Jorhat Airport for your flight to Kolkata.
- Free time for last-minute shopping or optional sightseeing in Kolkata. Explore the vibrant markets and cultural landmarks of the city before departing.

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	4,755	2,565	2,275	2,453	2,174	2,422	2,227	2,081
4★ Deluxe	5,804	3,096	2,805	2,984	2,705	2,952	2,757	2,611
5★ Luxury	7,392	4,395	3,787	3,966	3,686	3,934	3,739	3,593

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 682 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,200 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,808

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 62 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 136 | 5★ Luxury: USD 258

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 13 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.

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- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Kolkata - Bagdogra - Guwahati & Jorhat - Kolkata flight fare approx INR 15, 500 per person in economy class.
- 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 13 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Summit Swiss Heritage Resort & Spa/ Udaan Himalayan Suites & Spa
- Pelling x 1 night: Summit Newa Regency & Spa/ Magpie Pachhu Village Resort
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Summit Namnang Courtyard & Spa/ Summit Norling Resort & Spa
- Kalimpong x 1 night: Summit Barsana Resort & Spa/ Sinclairs Retreat
- Guwahati x 1 night: Landmark Hotel/ Hotel Lily
- Kaziranga NP x 2 nights: Infinity Resorts/ Wild Grass Lodge
- Majuli x 1 night: Jonki Panoi Bamboo Cottages by WCH/ Enchanting Majuli
- Jorhat x 1 night: The Manor A Boutique Hotel/ Prism A Boutique Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Elgin Hotel/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Elgin NorKhill/ Denzong Regency
- Kalimpong x 1 night: The Elgin Silver Oaks
- Guwahati x 1 night: The Guwahati Address by Centre Point/ Hotel Dynasty
- Kaziranga NP x 2 nights: Borgos Resort/ Hotel Ivora
- Majuli x 1 night: Jonki Panoi Bamboo Cottages by WCH/ Enchanting Majuli
- Jorhat x 1 night: The Manor A Boutique Hotel/ Prism A Boutique Hotel

5 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Mayfair/ Ging Tea House
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Mayfair Spa Resort & Casino/ Tashiling Residency Hotel & Spa
- Kalimpong x 1 night: Mayfair
- Guwahati x 1 night: Vivanta Guwahati/ Radisson Blu Guwahati
- Kaziranga NP x 2 nights: Diphlu River Lodge
- Majuli x 1 night: Jonki Panoi Bamboo Cottages by WCH/ Enchanting Majuli
- Jorhat x 1 night: The Manor A Boutique Hotel/ Prism A Boutique Hotel

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.
- 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.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- 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.

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- **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.

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.