

2017



Hornbill Festival

Kohima, Nagaland

6 days, 5 nights

Day 01: Arrival: Head to Kohima from Dimapur Airport

Route: Arrival at the Camp site in Kigwema, Nagaland

Itinerary:

- The campsite is located in Kigwema, approximately 1 kilometre from Kisama Heritage Village.
- Check into the campsite and head to Kisama to spend the day enjoying the cultural activities at the venue
- Come back to the camp site in the evening. .
- Dinner at the camp site. Along with bonfire
- Make sure you get enough rest as you would have had a long day today.

What's included in your package:

Accommodation at the campsite with dinner around a bonfire.

Additional costs for you:

Lunch, tea and snacks, incidentals.

Place of residence: Camp David, Kigwema

Advisory:

- *Dimapur to Kohima is winding road, so if you are prone to car sickness make sure you pop the tabs that you normally would take.*

Day 02: At the Hornbill Festival

Route: Today will be spent at Kisama Heritage Village to experience the Hornbill Festival

Itinerary:

- After breakfast, head to Kisama Heritage Village the venue for the festival.
- Spend the day taking part in the festivities.
- Try a traditional lunch at Kisama Village or shop for local artefacts and crafts at the bamboo pavilion
- You can visit Kohima in the afternoon and evening for the night carnival in Kohima.
- There are taxis available in Kohima that will bring you back to your campsite in Kisama at night. However, we suggest you hire a taxi that will be with you for the evening.

What's included in your package

Accommodation at the campsite with a simple breakfast and dinner by a bonfire.

Additional costs for you:

Lunch, local transport, tea, snacks, incidentals. Entry fees to the festival [very nominal].

Place of residence: Camp David, Kigwema

Advisory:

- *The Hornbill Festival has a central area where there are traditional songs and dances performed by each tribe. It also has a central shopping area where you can see and buy traditional arts and crafts made by people from all over the state. There is also a Naga Chef competition each year, where the top four finalists are given a stall each where they run a kitchen for guests to sample and rate their food - the winner of the competition is decided based on the billings and ratings at each stall over the ten days of the festival.*
- *Wear comfortable shoes because you will have to walk a lot around the festival area*
- *While at Kisama, you can visit 'morungs' of each of the tribes where you can study their architecture, dress, food and drink. There are 17 prominent tribes and each has its own Morung. A Morung traditionally is used as a dormitory where unmarried boys of the village are required to stay together and where the elders of the village teach them the lessons of life.*

Day 03: Day trip to Dzukou Valley

Route: Today is your day trek to Dzukou Valley

Itinerary:

- Have an early breakfast at the campsite and head to the start point of your trek. You will pick up your guide on the way. It will take you about an hour to get to the start point.
- The trek is 1 hour of incline walking to reach the view point after which it is a flat 6km walk to the base camp. A total of 4 hours one-way approximately
- We will organise a light packed lunch for you to have on the way up
- Start your descent at a time advised by your guide - this will be based on the weather and estimate of the hour of sunset
- Return to your campsite in the evening

What's included in your package: Transportation to the trek start point and back to the camp site, accommodation at the camp site with a simple breakfast, packed lunch for your trek, dinner by a bonfire at the campsite. Entry fees to the Valley, guide for the trek

Additional costs for you: Drinking water, tea and snacks, incidentals.

Place of Residence: Camp David , Kigwema

Advisory:

- *Please wear comfortable shoes as you will do a fair amount of walking.*
- *Carry warm clothes as it can get cold in the evening.*
- *Carry water and some light munchies in case you get hungry on your trek.*

Day 04: At the Hornbill Festival

Route: Today will be spent at Kisama Heritage Village at the Hornbill Festival

Itinerary:

- After breakfast, head to Hornbill festival venue
- Spend the day taking part in the festivities at the festival venue
- Try a traditional lunch at Kisama Village or some rice beer
- In the afternoon you can take a short hike behind the camp site or visit the nearby villages
- Dinner and bonfire activities at the camp site.

What's included in your package

Accommodation at the camp site, simple breakfast and dinner by the bonfire

Additional costs for you:

Lunch, tea and snacks, incidentals.

Place of residence: Camp David, Kigwema

Day 05: Day trip to Khonoma Village and Kohima Town

Route: Today you take a day trip to Khonoma Village and Kohima Town

Itinerary:

- Have an early breakfast at the campsite and head to Khonoma Village.
- Your guide will meet you at the village itself and take you for a tour of the village. Spend the morning exploring the village and understanding life in a typical Angami Village
- Have lunch at the village and then head back for an afternoon tour of Kohima town
- Visit the War Cemetery and the local market in Kohima.
- Head back to the campsite in the evening
- Dinner at the camp site.

What's included in your package: Transportation to Khonoma and Kohima and back, accommodation at the camp site, simple breakfast, and dinner by a bonfire at the campsite. Guide at Khonoma Village.

Additional costs for you: Lunch, tea and snacks, incidentals.

Place of Residence: Camp David, Kigwema

Advisory:

- *Please wear comfortable shoes as you will do a fair amount of walking.*
- *Carry warm clothes as it can get cold in the evening.*
- *Carry water and some light munchies in case you get hungry on the drive.*

Day 06: Departure

Route:

Today you check out from the camp site. .

Activities planned for the day:

Breakfast at the camp site, check out and then head to your destination/ airport/ station

What's included in your package

Breakfast

Additional costs for you:

Lunch, Incidentals etc. Transport from the camp site to your destination

Advisory:

- *On the way down to Dimapur is a shop called Chapru where you can stop for a coffee and also to pick up some last minute stuff before heading home.*
- *Have a great journey back and thank for you staying with us.*

Pricing

The cost of the programme is as follows:

Total cost for the package for 1 Pax on tent sharing basis (4 persons to a tent) is **INR 15,000 post tax**

This price includes:

Accommodation: Tent Accommodation

- Our tents are 6 man Coleman Sun dome tents. We, however, have kept only 4 Pax to a tent
- There are 9 tents at the campsite.
- **We do not provide sleeping bags.** We request you to kindly bring your own sleeping bags. If required we can help you in procuring a sleeping bag from Kohima at the market rate. You need good thick sleeping bags [preferably -11 deg].
- We have separate toilet and bathroom facilities. The campsite has 4 toilets (2 western and 2 Indian) and two shower rooms. **We take pride in the cleanliness of our washrooms.**
- The camp provides hot water facility for bathing.

Meal plans are as follows:

- Breakfast. The campsite provides for a simple breakfast which is included in the package.
- Simple Vegetarian and non-vegetarian dinner will also be provided for.
- The camp follows a strict timing for Breakfast and Dinner. Please ensure that you are on time for the meals as the kitchen will close after the stipulated time, to give the staff time to prepare for the next meal.

Transportation:

- Transportation has been provided for the Dzukou Trek and Khonoma Village visit. These trips are per seat basis so as to keep costs down.
- Guides have also been provided for the Trek and Khonoma Village visit.
- Arrangements can be made for pick up and drop to Kohima or Dimapur should you require it. The rates for the drops are:
 - SUV to Dimapur – 5000
 - Small Vehicle to Dimapur – 4000
 - SUV to Kohima – 2500
 - Small Vehicle to Kohima – 2000

Things to be noted:

Although this is a camp site we do try and maintain decorum:

- Camp activities will wind up by 11 pm to respect our neighbours
- The camp follows strict meal timings, guests are requested to adhere to these timings. We do not provide room service
- The camp has fixed menu meals.
- Guests may have friends visiting, however overnight stay will not be permitted
- Treks to Dzukou are on fixed days - November 29, December 01, 03, 05, 07, 09 and 11.
- Trips to Khonoma are on fixed days - November 30, December 02, 04, 06, 08, 09 and 11.
- These rules are not meant to be broken 😊

General Advisory

1. As part of our safety policies, we request you to let us know the following information:
 - a. pre-existing medical conditions and allergies
 - b. dietary restrictions
 - c. two emergency contact numbers
2. **Please carry all the medicines that you might require**
3. Please carry a comfortable pair of shoes and slippers. If you are participating in a trek or any other village activity, there is a likelihood of getting your shoes wet. **It can rain at any time in the north east**, so do carry appropriate clothing. **It is also really cold in December**. Expect 0 - 5 degs C at night and mid-teens during the day with very strong direct sun rays. Layer your warm clothes so that you can adapt to quickly changing temperatures through the day.
4. We promote responsible travel and so we request you to understand and respect the local culture and traditions. We encourage following a no plastic policy except for drinking water bottles. This has been quite a challenge for us to execute – even within our own team – but we are working towards this.
5. Please carry a government issue ID card with you [e.g. Licence, Passport or Voter's ID].
6. You can pass on these numbers to your friends and family in case they cannot reach you.

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7. Internet access in the north east is quite limited – however connectivity through mobile phones is reasonably good.

We look forward to hosting you in the North East of India. To know more about us, please click on any of the icons below:

