

2017

India Trail

EXPLORE NAGALAND

Nagaland - 11 days and 10 nights

This is an itinerary chosen for travelers who want to come and spend time exploring the interiors of Nagaland. We take you to three districts of Nagaland: Kohima, Mokokchung and Mon; each offers a different experience.

Day 1: Arrival

Itinerary:

- Your transport will pick you up from Dibrugarh Airport and drive you to your hotel in Mon. *[If you want to stop for a quick bite at Dibrugarh, please ask your driver and he will take you to a restaurant before you begin your journey.]*
- Check in to your resort at Mon.
- Dinner at the resort in Mon where one of our staff will call you and discuss your plans for the next few days.

Note: On your journey from Dibrugarh to Mon, you will experience very bad road and with no places to eat along the way, we suggest you pick up some bites to eat along the way before you leave Dibrugarh.

Day 2: Longwa Village Walk

Highlights: A short guided walk around the village of Longwa which sits on the border of Myanmar and India. Here, you can meet the Angh *[King]* of Longwa Village *[if he is free]* and sit with him across the kitchen fire for a cup of Khülap *[tea brewed the local style.]* Explore the village further by visiting the old traditional houses, some of which are over a century old.

After this, you can take a short hike up the mountain to view the Myanmar side of the village. You can also meet some of the old headhunters and have them regale you with old stories of head hunting.

Itinerary:

- Have breakfast at the resort and drive to Longwa Village.
- Meet the Angh of the village and sit with him for the customary drinking of black tea.
- Take a short walk around the village and visit some of the old traditional houses.
- Have lunch at a local home in Longwa and then hike up to the boundary pillar at the top of the hill to enjoy the Burmese side of the village.
- Head back to Mon in the afternoon.

Days 3 and 4: Overnight visit to the Konyak Tea Retreat in Shiyong Village

Highlights: Getaway at the Retreat

Take a two day retreat at the Konyak Tea Estate in Shiyong. Understand more of the Konyak culture as you spend your days visiting their villages and interacting with them. Take a walk around the estate and learn the how life in a village tea estate works. Sit out near a bon fire in the evenings and enjoy the solitude as the sun sets over the mountains.

Itinerary:

- Start the day with breakfast at your hotel in Mon and drive to Sayeang Tea Estate where our guide will meet you and take you to the retreat.
- Take a guided walk through the plantation and learn of the history of tea plantations in Nagaland.
- Head back to the retreat for lunch and then visit the nearby village or spend the afternoon at the farm house interacting with the family.
- Story telling session in the evening by the bon fire as the sun set over the mountains. Followed by traditional dinner at the Konyak Tea Retreat.
- Overnight at the Konyak Tea Retreat.

Day 5: Day of Travel**Itinerary:**

- Start your day with a leisurely breakfast at the retreat and then depart for your drive to Mokokchung town. *[The drive is approximately 7 hours.]*
- Have lunch along the way.
- Check into your hotel in Mokokchung.
- Have dinner at the guest house.
- Overnight stay in Mokokchung.

Day 6: Explore Mokokchung**Highlights: Day trip around Mokokchung Town and nearby villages.**

Spend the day exploring all that Mokokchung has to offer.

Mokokchung is considered to be the cultural and intellectual capital of the state. You can visit the nearby villages like Ungma, Longkhum, Mopungchuket and Impur and learn about the Ao tribe and social hierarchy of the villages.

Itinerary:

- Your guide will join you at your hotel for breakfast and will discuss with you the route planned for the day.
- Explore Mokokchung town. You can visit the Watch Tower at Mokokchung village to enjoy a bird's eye view of the town.
- Lunch at any restaurant in town.
- Drive to the nearby villages. You can explore Ungma village which is known for its rich Ao culture and history. You can further drive to Longkhum village and take a guided walk through the village. You can take this opportunity to learn of the history and culture of the villages and the tribe as a whole.
- Head back to your hotel in Mokokchung for the night. Have dinner at your hotel.
- Should you wish to visit Mopungchuket and Impur, you need to start your day early as the sun sets very early in this part of the country.

Day 7: Day of Travel**Itinerary: Drive to Kohima from Mokokchung**

- Start your day with a leisurely breakfast at your hotel and then depart for your drive to Kohima town. *[The drive is approximately 6 hours.]*
- Have lunch along the way.
- Check into your hotel at Kohima.
- Dinner will be organized at a restaurant in Kohima where we will meet you and discuss your plans for the next few days.

Day 8: Explore Kohima**Highlights: The Kohima Walk**

A short guided walk around Kohima town – you can explore the local market and shops followed by our signature World War II tour at the Commonwealth War Cemetery to learn how a fierce battle between the Allies and Japanese along with the Indian National Army impacted the course of the World's history.

Itinerary:

- Start the tour with a coffee at the famous Heritage Bungalow.
- Take a short walk down to the WWII Commonwealth Cemetery for our signature battle field tour.
- Have lunch at a café in town followed by a visit to the local market. *[For the more adventurous, we take you to see the exotic food that the Nagas are famous for.]*
- Post lunch, you can visit the Kohima Cathedral or the State Museum.
- Head back to the hotel. Have dinner at the hotel.

Day 9: Day trip to Khonoma Village

Highlights: A short guided walk around Khonoma Village. You can spend the day exploring the village and meet the locals as they go about their daily chores. You can utilize this day to learn of the history of the village and the folklores surrounding it. You can take a walk down the terraced fields and understand the local system of growing paddy. You can also visit the government school and have an interaction with the students there. You can further hike up to the alder forests of Khonoma to the Mithun feeding station and try your hand at feeding salt to one of these bulls

Itinerary:

- Start the day with breakfast at your hotel and then drive to Khonoma village where our guide will meet you.
- Take a guided walk through the village, followed by lunch at Dovipie inn. *[If you are interested you can take a walk down to the terraced fields of the village.]*
- Post lunch, you can visit the Mithun Sanctuary where you can spot the local Bison from where you can head on further to the Dzülakie area for a picnic tea.
- Return to Kohima in the evening. Dinner at the hotel

Day 10: Dzükou Valley Climb

Highlights: A day trek to Dzükou valley *[located at an altitude of approximately 2,450 meters above sea level]* which is a stunning grassland surrounded by hill tops. The trek up has a couple of approaches – each with a varying level of intensity and you can choose the one that best suits your fitness level. If you are a more avid trekker, we could offer you a trek up to Japfü peak, at approximately 3,100 meters above sea level or we could send you on a shorter easier walk to Pulie Badze peak which is a short 45 minute walk from the base camp. All three options have spectacular views of the hill ranges.

Itinerary:

- Start your day with an early breakfast and then depart for your hike to Dzükou Valley. *[It is a 40 minute drive to the start point of your trek.]*
- Start your hike to the valley.
- Have a picnic lunch at the valley and head back to Kohima.
- Arrive at the start point of your trek where your transport will be waiting for you with some hot tea.
- Return to your hotel and have dinner.

Day 11: Departure

- Have breakfast at the hotel and leave for Dimapur Airport. [You will need to be on the road by 8:30 am.]
- 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 flight back!

Program cost:

<i>Budget</i>				
<i>1 Pax</i>	<i>2 Pax</i>	<i>3 Pax</i>	<i>4 Pax</i>	<i>5 Pax</i>
<i>115,500</i>	<i>64,500</i>	<i>51,300</i>	<i>42,500</i>	<i>39,500</i>

<i>Comfort</i>				
<i>1 Pax</i>	<i>2 Pax</i>	<i>3 Pax</i>	<i>4 Pax</i>	<i>5 Pax</i>
<i>137,000</i>	<i>74,000</i>	<i>65,500</i>	<i>52,000</i>	<i>51,500</i>

** all prices are per head cost in INR*

