

2017

India Trail

FAMILY ORIENTED PLAN

Assam, Nagaland - 7 days and 6 nights

This itinerary has been chosen for a family holiday which will involve sightseeing and activities for the entire family.

Day 1: Arrival

Itinerary:

- Your transport will pick you up from Guwahati Airport and drive you to your resort in Kaziranga. The drive is approximately 5 hours.
- Stop on the way for lunch. *[We recommend NE 7 Sisters dhaba for lunch. It is really good! A vegetarian thali will approximately cost about Rs.300 and a non-vegetarian thali will cost about Rs. 500.]*
- Check in to your resort in Kaziranga.
- Meet the hotel manager at Kaziranga to discuss about all the jungle activity options that you can consider for the next day and plan and book them this evening itself. *[You could consider an elephant safari, a jeep safari, a boat ride on the Brahmaputra or a visit to a tea estate.]*

Kaziranga National Park is usually open only from November 01 to May 30 of each year.

Day 2: Explore Kaziranga

Highlights: Kaziranga National Park is world renowned as the last sanctuary of the one-horned Indian Rhino. You can spend the day exploring all that Kaziranga has to offer.

You can go for the early morning Elephant Safari which is a good way to get very close to the great Indian one-horned Rhino.

You can spend the afternoon on the Jeep Safari. The Jeep Safari is where you are more likely to spot the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger.

Assam is known for its tea, so do visit the Hathikula tea estate to see if any of the teas on sale there interest you. These are directly from the plantation and therefore much cheaper than the price at regular retail stores.

Itinerary:

- Start your day early with the Elephant Safari *[based on ticket availability]*. Early morning Elephant Safari is a guest favorite.
- Return to the resort for breakfast and then head out to the nearby tea estates to buy some Assam tea or go for a morning Jeep Safari.
- Have lunch at the resort or a nearby restaurant and then head out for your afternoon Jeep Safari.
- We recommend an early night as you will be on the road for much of the next day.

Day 3: Drive to Kohima

Itinerary:

- This is your day of travel.
- Start your day with a leisurely breakfast at the resort and then start your journey towards Kohima.
- Stop at Dimapur for a quick lunch and continue on your journey to Kohima.
- Check into your hotel in Kohima
- Dinner has been organized at a restaurant in Kohima where we will meet you and discuss your plans for the next few days.

Day 4: The Kohima Walk

Highlights: A short guided walk around Kohima town where 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.

Day 5: The Khonoma Village Experience

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. The drive will approximately take an hour.
- 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 further head to the Dzulakie area for a picnic tea.
- Return to Kohima in the evening. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 6: The 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. Pray for a clear day though.

Itinerary:

- Start your day with an early breakfast and then depart for your trek to Dzükou Valley/ Mount Japfü/ Pulie Badze.
- Start your hike to the chosen location.
- Have a picnic lunch at the location 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 7: Departure**Itinerary:**

- 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.

Program cost:

<i>Budget</i>			
<i>2 Pax</i>	<i>3 Pax</i>	<i>4 Pax</i>	<i>5 Pax</i>
<i>41,000</i>	<i>34,200</i>	<i>28,000</i>	<i>27,000</i>
<i>Comfort</i>			
<i>2 Pax</i>	<i>3 Pax</i>	<i>4 Pax</i>	<i>5 Pax</i>
<i>47,500</i>	<i>43,500</i>	<i>34,000</i>	<i>34,600</i>
<i>Luxury</i>			
<i>2 Pax</i>	<i>3 Pax</i>	<i>4 Pax</i>	<i>5 Pax</i>
<i>55,700</i>	<i>53,500</i>	<i>41,500</i>	<i>43,000</i>

** all prices are per head cost in INR*

