

2018

India Trail



Your Programme

Welcome to your India Trail experience

October 17-21, 2018

Nagaland

05 days

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SUMMARY OF YOUR TRIP

Day 1. October 17, 2018, Wednesday

Arrive at Dimapur airport and head up to Kohima.

The drive is approximately 2.5 hours long covering a distance of 70 km on poor road condition.

Day 2. October 18, 2018, Thursday

Spend the day exploring Khonoma village

Drive time is approximately 1 hour from Kohima town.

Day 3. October 19, 2018, Friday

Overnight trek to the spectacular Dzükou valley.

Day 4. October 20, 2018, Saturday

Spend the day exploring the historic town of Kohima

Day 5. October 21, 2018, Sunday

Head to Dimapur airport for your flight back.

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Day 01, October 17, 2018 – Arrive at Dimapur airport and head up to Kohima

Stay at Kohima town



Travel route and programme:

Arrive at Dimapur airport and then our car will take you up to your hotel in Kohima. Check in, freshen up.

If there is enough daylight and if you are up for it, you can head out and explore Kohima. This will be followed by a traditional dinner. As this is the day you would be arriving, we keep the programme light yet flexible.

The **drive time** from **Dimapur airport to Kohima** is approximately 3hours.

Flight details:

Arrive at Dimapur airport at 12/ 1 pm.

What's included

Transportation, accommodation with breakfast. Dinner.

And what's not

Lunch and incidental expenses along the way

Advisory:

1. *Nagaland is likely to be cold in the evenings, so please carry appropriate warm clothes. We suggest layering yourself as different places will have different temperatures and it is also likely to vary quite a bit during the day and night. A fleece and a jacket would work well, with perhaps a head cover if you are more susceptible to the cold.*
2. *The drive up to your hotel is inclined almost all the way and quite winding. So, if you are prone to car sickness, perhaps you should take some medications you normally take or try and sit in the front of the car.*

Day 02, October 18, 2018 – Spend the day exploring Khonoma village

Stay at Kohima town



Travel route and programme:

Head to Khonoma village which is **about an hour away** from Kohima and spend the day exploring the village, understanding the life in the village followed by a drive to the Mithun Sanctuary.

Breakfast at the hotel, and departure to Khonoma village by 9am.

Your guide will meet you at the village. He will take you on a walk around the village and explain the rich history of the village and about all the battles that they have had in the past. Head up to the forested areas where you might get to spot the Mithun. The Mithun is the local Bison and looks like a smaller version of the Nilgiri Gaur.

You can have lunch either at the forest rest stop or at Dzülakie, where you can also go for a short walk by the stream. Dzülakie will take you about **30 minutes each way** from Khonoma village.

Head back to Kohima by about 5 pm and head to your hotel to freshen up.

Dinner at the hotel.

What's included

Transportation, accommodation with breakfast, guide for the village.

And what's not

Main meals for the day and incidental expenses along the way

Advisory:

1. *Khonoma has traditionally been a warrior village with a proud history of battle prowess. Our guides will advise you on local traditions and customs while taking a tour of the village.*
2. *The village has beautiful terraced farms on one side and an Alder wood forest on the other.*

Day 03, October 19, 2018 – Overnight trip to the spectacular Dzükou valley.

Stay at Dzükou valley



Travel route and programme:

An overnight trek to Dzükou Valley. There are two ways up to Dzükou - you can discuss the two options with the guide and select the one that suits you best! This is a tough walk and is approximately 16 km in total. Of the 8 km on your way up, the first 2 km is very steep and the remaining 6 km is flat. This isn't for the weak hearted.

Early breakfast at the hotel followed by a drive to Zakhama. **The drive time is about 1 hour.**

A trek up to Dzükou valley. Have a late packed lunch.

Reach your destination, set up your tents and spend the afternoon exploring the valley.

Have a simple camp dinner around a bon fire.

Dzükou Valley otherwise called the flower valley of celestial charm has a tempting appeal to all who gaze it. In summer, wild herbs, flowers and shrubs sprout along the stream banks. Lilies in white and pink, euphorbia's, aconitum and hundreds of other botanical species in varied colours adorn the valley in monsoon

What's included

Transportation, accommodation with breakfast, guide for the trek, meals at Dzükou Valley and entry fees.

And what's not

Incidental expenses along the way

Advisory:

1. *Do carry some warm clothes as it gets pretty chilly. Every time you take a break from walking, you are bound to feel a chill.*
 2. *The trek takes you through some small streams along the way and this may result in wet shoes, socks and feet. So perhaps, carry extra pair of socks and slippers that you can change in to.*
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Day 04, October 20, 2018 – Spend the day exploring the town of Kohima

Stay at Kohima town



Travel route and programme:

Today is the day of descent from the valley. The vehicle will be ready at the pick up at the trek start point and take you to your hotel. Unwind and freshen up and then head out to take a quick tour of Kohima

Early morning walk in the valley to view the sunrise. *[The sun rises early here so you will need to be up early to see the sun rise.]*

Have breakfast at the camp and return to the start point where your transport will be waiting for you with some hot tea. Head back to your hotel. This will be followed by 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.

Your guide will meet you at Commonwealth War Cemetery. He will take you around for our signature battle field tour.

Dinner at the hotel.

What’s included

Transportation, accommodation with breakfast, guide for the tour.

And what’s not

Main meals for the day and incidental expenses along the way

Advisory:

1. *In case you want to buy souvenirs, please make sure you get it done on this day.*

Day 05, October 21, 2018 – Departure

Travel route and programme:

Have an early breakfast and leave for Dimapur Airport. (You will need to be on the road by 8:30 am)

Have a great flight back!

What's included

Transportation, breakfast

And what's not...

Lunch.

Advisory:

1. *Ensure that you leave at least 5 hours before your flight time. The drive to the airport can sometimes take a while.*
2. *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.*

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 as if are participating in a trek. There is a likelihood of getting your shoes wet.
4. We will brief you on the dos and don'ts of photography in the states you will be visiting.
5. 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 on this.
6. The weather in Nagaland is bound to be cold in the evenings and nights – please carry appropriate clothing. Minimum temperature range: 10 to 25 degrees C. Warm clothes should be in layers so that you can adapt to the changing temperatures of the day - cold in the morning, warm in the day and cold in the evening.
7. Please carry a government issue ID card with you [e.g. Licence, Passport or Voter's ID].
8. You can pass on these numbers to your friends and family in case they cannot reach you.

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

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