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# Glimpses of Northeast with Sunderbans

KOLKATA – GUWAHATI – MANAS NATIONAL PARK – GUWAHATI – SHILLONG  
KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK – GUWAHATI – KOLKATA – SUNDERBAN NAMKHANA  
BONY CAMP – SUDHANYAKHALI – DO BANKI – NAMKHANA) – KOLKATA

15 days trip starting from \$2055 per person

North-East India is one of the most fascinating places of India and of the world, located at the north-eastern region of India, and consisting of 7 states, called collectively as 'the seven sisters'. Much of the region has been left unexplored till date, owing to the regions formidable terrain consisting of mountains, hills, rainforests, river, jungles and predators, and deficiency of infrastructure. The small sized region has one of the highest biodiversity density found anywhere in the world. Travelers who are keen to explore India's one of the best wildlife, must visit Manas and Kaziranga National Parks.

Visit to Manas National Park and then to the cleanest village of India, near to Shillong. Then onwards to Kaziranga National Park, which hosts two-thirds of the world's great one-horned rhinoceroses, is a World Heritage Site. It's not only the home of one-horned rhinoceroses but also a bird watcher's paradise. Embark on the luxury cruise in the largest estuarine national park in the world. Enjoy the largest mangrove eco-system in the world, Sunderbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is the hub of 'Royal Bengal Tigers.'

## **DAY 01: ARRIVE KOLKATA**

Arrive at Kolkata International airport & meet our representative to transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel.  
Overnight stay at the hotel.

Kolkata, capital of West Bengal is the nerve centre of intellectual and human values where many modern movements began in literature, Art, Cinema, Theatre, Science, Politics and Industry.

## **DAY 02: KOLKATA**

After breakfast, full day city tour of Kolkata visiting Howrah Bridge - a major landmark that denotes the city of joy. This hanging bridge is an architectural marvel of the country. The recently built Vidyasagar Setu, another architectural marvel, connects both the banks of the Hooghly River, onto Victoria Memorial built of White Marble. It was opened by Prince of Wales in 1924 and has a statue of Queen Victoria, with other exhibits.

Visit the Indian Museum and drive past Dalhousie Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, National Library, Shaheed Minar, Eden Garden, Fort William and city centre. Optional visit to Mother Teresa's home of Charity. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **DAY 03: KOLKATA – GUWAHATI (BY AIR) – MANAS NATIONAL PARK (140 KMS – 3½ HRS DRIVE)**

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Guwahati. Upon arrival at Guwahati, transfer to Manas National Park. Arrive at Manas National Park and check in at lodge.

Manas National Park is situated on the foothills of the Himalayas and a part of it extends to Bhutan. It was declared a World Heritage site in Dec, 1985. The Park is home to a great variety of wildlife, including tiger, Golden Langur, Wild Buffalo, Pigmy Hog, Capped Langur, Indian one-horned Rhinoceros, Elephant, Gaur, Hog Deer, etc. The scenic beauty and wildlife with this world heritage site offer the most enthralling experience. Overnight stay at the lodge.

### **DAY 04: MANAS NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning go for elephant safari. Back to the lodge. Breakfast at the lodge. Post breakfast, take a Jeep safari with packed lunch. Return to the lodge in the evening. Overnight stay at the lodge.

### **DAY 05: MANAS NATIONAL PARK – SHILLONG (235 KMS – 06 HRS DRIVE)**

After breakfast, check out from the lodge and leave for Shillong – The capital of Meghalaya. Enroute enjoy the view of beautiful Umiam Lake. Arrive at Shillong and check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **DAY 06: SHILLONG – MAWLYNNONG – SHILLONG (85 KMS – 2½ HRS PER WAY DRIVE)**

After breakfast, excursion of Mawlynnong Village – the cleanest village in India. This cute and colorful little village is known for its cleanliness. Besides this picturesque village, this route offers many interesting sights such as the Living Root Bridge and another strange natural phenomenon of a boulder balancing on another rock. Visit Dawki, it is along the Indo-Bangladesh border. You can enjoy boating in the crystal clear waters of the Umngnot River. Evening, return to Shillong. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **DAY 07: SHILLONG – CHERRAPUNJI – SHILLONG (65 KMS – 1½ HRS PER WAY DRIVE)**

After early breakfast, excursion of Cherrapunji. This is the 2nd wettest place in the world. Visit Eco Park, Dainthlen Falls, Nohkalikai Falls, Nohsngithiang Falls (Seven Sisters Falls), Mawsmi Cave, Thangkharang Park. Evening, return to Shillong. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **DAY 08: SHILLONG – KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK (250 KMS – 06 HRS DRIVE)**

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Kaziranga National Park. Upon arrival, check in at the lodge / hotel. Time to relax. Evening you may visit Orchid Park and the nearby Tea Plantations. Overnight stay at the lodge / hotel.

Kaziranga National Park is a World Heritage Site, where more than 75% of the world's total population of the great Indian One Horned Rhinoceros can be found. It lies on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River and is one of the oldest parks of Assam. About 500 species of birds are found in Kaziranga National Park.

## **DAY 09: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning, explore Kaziranga National Park on back of elephant. Apart from world's endangered One Horn Indian Rhinoceros, the Park sustains half the world's population of genetically pure Wild Water Buffaloes, over 1000 Wild elephants and perhaps the densest population of Royal Bengal Tiger anywhere. Kaziranga National Park is also a bird watcher's paradise and home to some 500 species of Birds. The Crested Serpent Eagle, Palla's Fishing Eagle, Greyheaded Fishing Eagle, Swamp Partridge, Bar-headed goose, whistling Teal, Bengal Florican, Storks, Herons and Pelicans are some of the species found here. Back to the lodge / hotel for breakfast. Afternoon, proceed for a jeep safari. Evening, come back to the lodge / hotel. Overnight stay at Kaziranga National Park.

## **DAY 10: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK – GUWAHATI (175 KMS – 04 HRS DRIVE)**

After breakfast, check out from the lodge / hotel and leave for Guwahati. Upon arrival at Guwahati, check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Afternoon, visit the local market and in evening take a River Cruise on the mighty River Brahmaputra. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 11: GUWAHATI – KOLKATA – EMBARK ON SUNDERBAN RIVER CRUISE**

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Kolkata.

Arrive at Kolkata airport and transfer to the river cruise jetty point. Settle into your beautifully appointed suites aboard the Antara Ganges Voyager in Kolkata (a city formerly known as Calcutta founded by the British Raj in 1773), the gateway to our journey along the world & holiest river, the sacred Ganges. Welcomed on board with a refreshing beverage followed by a safety briefing you embark between 1600 -1900 hrs from the Kolkata jetty. This evening, delight in the Cruise Director's Gala dinner and welcome reception.

## **DAY 12: KOLKATA – NAMKHANA**

Late night or early morning depending on tide timings, you set sail along the Hooghly River to reach the fishing port of Namkhana, the gateway of the Sundarbans. You cruise past the Diamond Harbour & Kedgerree towards the Bay of Bengal. Sunderbans are the world's largest delta mangrove forest and habitat of the famous Royal Bengal Tiger. Visit the fishing port of Namkhana (time permitting) or sail forward towards Sunderbans to visit protected areas.

## **DAY 13: NAMKHANA – BONY CAMP**

Anchored in the Western Sundarbans today will be your first foray into this rich & unique mangrove ecosystem, scaling the Bony Camp Watchtower on an excursion to sight endangered crocodiles, terrapins, and many species of migratory Birds. Sailing along the Malta river to the Hero Bhangra Islands keep a keen eye for Irrawaddy Dolphins & other marine life, whilst in the afternoon you will cross Mangrove creeks to scale the serene Nethidopani Watchtower & experience the spectacular nature of the surroundings, including the ruins of a 400-year-old Shiva Temple. Enjoy sundowners as you gently traverse dense Mangrove creeks towards the renowned Bali Island, a typical village whose inhabitants are engaged in farming, paddy husking, honey packing, and fishing.

## **DAY 14: SUDHANYAKHALI – DO BANKI**

With a gorgeous sunrise, you'll scale the Sudhanyakhali Watchtower, the most popular locale to spot the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger; this vast habitat endows invigorating possibilities of crocodiles, wild boars, axis deer, and a wide range of migratory

and local birds.

Thereafter you take a small country boat through the narrow creeks to climb the Dobanki Watchtower & enjoy a canopy walk 20ft off the ground & approximately 1500ft long to reveal the riveting flora and fauna; you might also get the chance to visit the Deer rehabilitation center. We transfer to the ship for late lunch and sail to Namkhana.

## **DAY 15: NAMKHANA – KOLKATA (DISEMBARK FROM RIVER CRUISE)**

Early this morning you sail back towards Kolkata enjoying breakfast and lunch on board arriving in the late afternoon. Disembark in the evening. Transfer to the airport for flight to Kolkata and in evening flight to fly back home \ onward destination.



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