

Joy & Secrets of Tribal Frontier

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An Adventure with Sudhakar Selwyn

Highlights of the trip

1. Paya Village Home stay at Arunachal Pradesh
2. Konyak Tribals home visits
3. Explore the undiscovered tribal villages of Nagaland
4. Walking tour in the City of Joy & Mother Teresa's Home
5. Kaziranga National Park
6. Assam Tea Plantations
7. The festival of Colours "HOLI" in a temple

Destinations

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| ➤ Kolkata (West Bengal) | 3 Nights |
| ➤ Aalo (Arunachal Pradesh) | 3 Nights |
| ➤ Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) | 2 Nights |
| ➤ Dibrugarh (Assam) | 2 Nights |
| ➤ MON (Nagaland) | 2 Nights |
| ➤ Sibsagar (Assam) | 1 Night |
| ➤ Kaziranga (Assam) | 2 Nights |
| ➤ Guwahati (Assam) | 2 Nights |

Route Map



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Unique Accommodations

- ❖ Home Stay in the Village of Paya, Arunachal Pradesh with the Galo Tribes
- ❖ Home Stay at Mon with Konyak tribal family
- ❖ Resort Borgos, Kaziranga
<http://www.kazirangaborgos.com/>

Itinerary

Day 1
22 Feb
Saturday
Kolkata

City of Joy - For the people of the world, Kolkata had been nicknamed as 'the city of joy' after the infamous novel by Dominique Lappierre in 1985. But for every Bengali and the inhabitants of Kolkata, it has been thus for innumerable decades. Fabricated by art, culture, and history, beauty runs in Kolkata's lanes. Being a metropolitan city now, pace is its new ornament. A warm and welcoming city, it thrills the outsiders at first and then seems to become a part of their soul. It can thus be said that 'you may be taken out of Kolkata but Kolkata can't be taken out of you!'

On your arrival you will be transferred to our Hotel

Rest of the day is free

Hotel Peerless Inn or similar

Day 2
23 Feb
Sunday
Kolkata

We explore the Kalighat area where we have an opportunity to learn about the mother goddess worship and the neighboring campus of Mother Teresa set up for the people who are dying. Classical example of spirituality and humanity living side by side. Free time in the late afternoon for your own activities. Later we gather together for our Dinner

Overnight at Hotel Peerless Inn or Similar B, D

<https://www.culturalindia.net/reformers/mother-teresa.html>



Day 3
24 Feb
Monday

Kolkata

This morning after Breakfast, we visit the home of Mother Teresa's Home for the orphans and mentally challenged children. We interact with the house mothers and spend little time with the children.

We will have lunch at a local restaurant

we explore the river side market and cross the famous Hooghly bridge along with the other commuters.

After lunch, we explore the Old town of Howrah. The Howrah Bridge is also thought to be the world's busiest cantilever bridge. It handles about 100,000 vehicles and more than 150,000 pedestrians every day. While the bridge remains one of the key attractions in the city, the Howrah Junction Railway Station at its Howrah end is another site of much historical significance as the country's oldest railway station. At the Kolkata end, the bridge ends right by the stunning and colorful Mallick Ghat flower market, one of the city's most vibrant markets

In the evening we go to a local restaurant for dinner

Overnight Hotel Peerless Inn or similar B, L , D

Day 4
25 Feb
Tuesday

Kolkata

Pasighat

(Arunachal Pradesh)

Today we depart early to the Airport to connect our flight to Dibrugarh (Assam), and continue our drive (4 hours) to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh. Today we cross the might river Brahmaputra and reach our home stay in Pasighat.

Overnight at Pasighat in a Home stay facility.

<https://www.arunachaldonyihango.com/services>



Day 5
26 Feb
Wednesday
Pasighat
Aalo

After breakfast, we drive in the hills of Arunachal Pradesh to reach the Tribal capital of Arunachal Pradesh, Aalo.
On Arrival we check in at the Hotel West or similar
The Hotel here is very simple and we will get the best rooms possible.
We will provide you clean Bed sheets and Towels for you to use here
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Day 6
27 FEB
Thursday
Aalo
Paya village

This morning after breakfast, we get transferred to the Jining Village which is 10 miles away. The village is home to 441 people, among them 207 (47%) are male and 234 (53%) are female. 0% of the whole population are from general caste and 100% are schedule tribes. Child (aged under 6 years) population of Jining village is 18%, among them 44% are boys and 56% are girls. There are 81 households in the village and an average 5 persons live in every family.

We will introduce you to the village head and have lunch together. Later you will stay in the village with your hosts and stay overnight with them. We have chosen houses where you can be provided simple and clean beds to sleep. We will provide the house with the complete new set of bed linen and towels. There are few students and the village elders who can converse in simple English. You join them in their day today activities and join the family for dinner.

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Day 7
28 Feb
Friday
Aalo

After breakfast at your respective hosts home, we visit the village school and interact with the children and the teachers from the community.
Later, we bid adieu to the village and leave for Aalo town.
Lunch at a local restaurant run by a lady enterpreneur
Afternoon, time for buying local products in the local market.
Overnight at Hotel West B, L D



Day 8
29 Feb
Saturday
Aalo
Pasighat

This morning after breakfast, we drive to Pasighat and Enroute stop to see the longest bamboo bridge. We stop Enroute in a small local restaurant for our lunch

Later check in at our Hotel

Late afternoon we explore the local market

Dinner at Hotel B,L, D

Day 9
01 Mar
Sunday
Pasighat
Dibrugarh
(Assam)

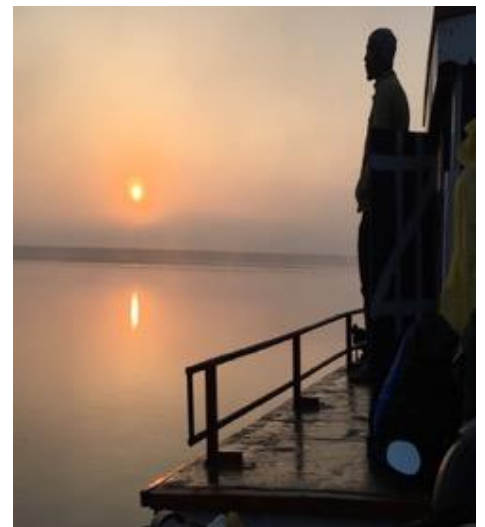
Today after breakfast, we get ready and drive towards the mighty Brahmaputra. We will cross over to the southern bank of the river by boat. We hire a local boat to cross and learn about the mightiness of this river. After we cross over we continue to drive to reach the Tea capital of India, Dibrugarh.

Dibrugarh is an industrial city surrounded by sprawling tea estates in Assam, northeast India. It lies on the southern bank of Brahmaputra River. Northeast of the city, Dibru Saikhowa National Park is an island reserve that attracts many migratory birds.

We check in at the Hotel and Dinner in a local restaurant

B, D Hotel Natraj or similar

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Brahmaputra-River>





Day10
02 Mar
Monday

Dibrugarh

Today, after breakfast we go to explore the tea plantations of Assam. We also learn about the tea pluckers and other workers in the tea processing unit.

Later we have an opportunity to buy some tea to take it with us.

We will have our lunch today at the Tea plantation and later in the afternoon we will explore the local market and dinner in the local restaurant.

B, L, D Hotel Natraj or similar



Day 11
03 Mar
Tuesday
Dibrugarh
Mon (Nagaland)



Day 12
04 Mar
Wednesday
Longwa
Chui



In the morning after breakfast, we depart to Mon district in the state of Nagaland. We drive through some of the most beautiful Tea plantations and reach Mon, where the Konyak tribals live. Situated at an altitude of 897.64 meters it is the land of the Konyaks (One of the fiercest tribes in the world). Even though there is a legal administrative system, but actually it is ruled by tribal chiefs called Anghs (locally known as 'Wang' meaning the beginning of everything). Mon is the only district in Nagaland to have this unique institution of Anghship. The word of his is law in these parts. His succession is hereditary in nature. The Konyaks believe that they were direct descendants of Noah, for they have Biblical names like Mosa, Kaisa, Aron and so on. The Konyaks are famous for their tattooed faces, blackened teeth and barbaric practice of Headhunting

Enroute, we stop at a small village for local lunch.

We arrive and check in to our Home stay.

The home is led by the grand Mother and helped by her son and granddaughters. The son and the granddaughters converse in simple English. We will be exploring Mon form here.

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After having breakfast, we set in for a day excursion for Longwa, which is 30 miles from Mon. (2 hours' drive). Longwa regarded as one of the biggest villages in Mon the unique feature of Longwa is it shares the international boundary of Myanmar and India (Half of the chief Angh's house falls in the Indian side and the other half falls in Myanmar). The Angh takes his food in India and sleeps in Myanmar's territory. Even though there is a village council to administers the village, the Angh's word is conclusive.

We return to our Home for a simple lunch and later in the afternoon, we explore Chui village which is located about 5 miles away from Mon town on the Tuensang - Mon road. Chui village still preserves its old charm. One can see the Konyak traditional houses built with palm leaves roofing with protruding out the main pillars. Chui is also famous for ethnic craftsmanship. The skill of the villagers is not confined only on bamboo and woodworks but they are prowess in gun and gunpowder making.

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Day 13
05 Mar
Thursday
Mon
Sivsagar
(Assam)

After Breakfast, it is time for us to say good bye to the Konyak family and return to the Brahmaputra valley in Assam.

We Drive to Sivsagar (Sibsagar) city is an ancient religious and head of the Ahom Dynasty.

On arrival we have local restaurant lunch and have an opportunity to explore the religious edifice of this town and the old monuments.

Dinner will be in our Hotel

B, L, D Overnight at Hotel Shiva Palace or similar

After breakfast, we drive to reach one of the most beautiful National park, Kaziranga, on the banks of the River Brahmaputra. Along with the iconic Greater one-horned rhinoceros, the park is the breeding ground of elephants, wild water buffalo, and swamp deer. Over the time, the tiger population has also increased in Kaziranga, and that's the reason why Kaziranga was declared as Tiger Reserve in 2006. Also, the park is recognized as an Important Bird Area by Bird Life International for the conservation of avifaunal species. Birds like lesser white-fronted goose, ferruginous duck, Baer's pochard duck and lesser adjutant, greater adjutant, black-necked stork, and Asian Open bill stork specially migrate from the Central Asia during the winter season.

After having lunch at local restaurant, we arrive at the Hotel and check in.

Dinner at Hotel

Overnight Borgos Resort. B, L, D

Day 14
06 Mar
Friday
Sivsagar
Kaziranga



Day 15
07 Mar
Saturday
Kaziranga

This morning we set in for an Elephant ride in to the national park.

We return to our hotel for breakfast



After breakfast, we have an opportunity to visit the local community and learn about the conservation of wild life. We will visit few families and other members of the community to learn from them about their life and the controversies.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-38909512>

We also have lunch at a local restaurant.

Later in the afternoon we have safari in the National park at the back of the jeep. On return to our Hotel we have dinner.

Borgos Resort B, D



Day 16
08 Mar
Sunday
Kaziranga
Guwahati

This morning after a relaxed Breakfast, we drive to reach the capital city of Assam, Guwahati. Enroute we will stop at the local restaurant for our lunch break.

On arrival we check in at the Hotel and later explore the town.

We will see the town how it gets prepared for one of the most colorful festivals of India, the Holi.

B, L, D Hotel Fortune or similar





Day 17
09 Mar
Monday
Guwahati

In the morning after breakfast, get dressed in a way that the colors of the festival turn your outfits into a new rage of colors!
<https://www.holifestival.org/>

We drive to the most happening place today, at Guwahati, the Kamakhya temple which is known for the black magic rituals and tantrism.

We spend the day along with the other folks who had join for this colorful festival and return to our hotel later

We have a free afternoon and to relax before we join together for our farewell dinner.

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Day 18
10 Mar
Tuesday
Kolkata

This Morning free time to relax and later transfer to Airport to connect flight to Kolkata

10 Mar	Guwahati	13:10	6E 886(A320)	12:25	Kolkata	14:45
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We transfer to a nearby Hotel and we have wash and change rooms for day use.

Later in the evening you will be connected to your international flight.

Cost of the Adventure:

For booking, price and further info kindly write to sudhakar@indiabeckons.in

There are only 3 single rooms in this departure and there is no single supplement for this adventure. The single rooms will be allotted on the first cum first served basis on signing up.

Inclusions

1. Twin Bedded room with Breakfast in the hotels mentioned or similar
2. Domestic air tickets from Kolkata to Dibrugarh and form Guwahati to Kolkata.
3. Restricted Area Permit fee
4. All entrance fees for the monuments
5. All the local Guide Fees

6. Services of Tour Leader (Indian English Speaking)
7. All Airport transfers
8. Air conditioned SUV (Toyota) or mini Bus as per the program
9. Jeep safari/ elephant Safari in the National parks as mentioned in the program
10. All boat rides and transfers
11. All breakfast in the hotel and other meals as mentioned in the program
12. Bottled drinking water in the Bus, during included meals and in the room.
13. Special bedding, linen and toilet kit for the Home stay.

Not included

1. International Airfare
2. Health and trip insurance
3. Visa Fees
4. Meals which are not mentioned in the program
5. All Gratuities
6. Camera Fees in the National park and monuments
7. Any other expenses of personal nature