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Handcrafted Tour

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DAY 01: ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive at Delhi airport. Welcome to India! Garlanding with fresh marigold flowers and transfer to hotel check in. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02: DELHI – IMPHAL (FLIGHT)

Morning after breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight for Imphal. Meet upon arrival at Imphal airport and transfer to hotel for check-in. If time permitting visit Ema market - an amazing space where only women are allowed to own and manage stalls. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03: IMPHAL

Morning after breakfast visit the venue of Sangai Festival and spend full day witnessing different program. Surrounded on all sides by ranges of enchanting hills and gifted with a healthy climate and bounty of beautiful scenery, Manipur is nick-named as 'A little Paradise on Earth', 'A Flower on the lofty Heights', etc. Indeed, this little State on the eastern border of India has much to offer to a tourist. Sangai Festival is, no doubt, the largest tourism festival of Manipur organized by the Tourism Department, Government of Manipur. Every year, it is held from November 21-30 at Hapta Kangjeibung, Imphal with a grand and magnificent celebration designed to expose Manipur, the land of jewel, in the map of world tourism. The festival's popularity has increased day by day in Manipur and outside. Enjoying such a festival gives recreation to the people living in a turmoil State like Manipur. Manipur, a land endowed with nature's bountiful gift is exposed at the tourism map of the world. The rich cultural heritage of Manipur is shown at different cultural programmes organized as a part of this festival. The largest exhibition of handloom and handicraft products which are in high demand at the world market is done at various stalls put up for sale at this festival. Many varieties of indigenous food items are also exposed. Many eco-adventure activities and indigenous sports of Manipur like Sagol Kangjei, Pana Kangje, etc, are made alive through this festival. The Manipur Horse Riding and Polo Association organize Polo Game - the objective to promote Manipuri Pony, a rare variety of equine found only in the State. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04: IMPHAL – DAY TRIP TO UKHRUL (80 KMS)

Morning after breakfast full day excursion to Ukhrul. A beautiful hill town in Manipur, Ukhrul. This town is home to the people of the Tangkhul Naga Tribe. Admire the scenery spread all around you. Placed at an altitude of 1662 m above the sea level, Ukhrul is just the perfect place to observe the lifestyle and rituals of tribal people of Manipur. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05: IMPHAL – KOHIMA (140 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Kohima – the capital of Nagaland and home of the Angami Naga. On arrival check into hotel. Time permitting visit local market of the town. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06: KOHIMA – HORNBILL FESTIVAL, KISMA (12 KMS)

Morning after breakfast visit and photograph one of the most fascinating festivals of Nagaland – the Hornbill festival, where the various tribes of Nagaland get together to showcase their customs and traditions. Spend entire day spent at Kisama village – the location of Hornbill Festival. If time permits visit Hornbill festival carnival (approx timing 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM) Colorful stall adorned with sparkling lights, each one has something unique to offer. It was in the year 2000, the State Government of Nagaland desirous of promoting tourism embarked upon an ambitious project to exploit the cultural assets of Nagaland, through a weeklong festival to coincide with the celebrations of Nagaland Statehood Day on 1st December. Thus the inception of the Nagaland Hornbill Festival is so named is collective reverence to the bird enshrined in the cultural to espouse the spirit of unity in diversity. Today this festival has become one of the largest celebrations of the indigenous warrior of Nagaland, where thousands of tourists from different counties are being attracted. Even if tremendous modernity have entered into their lives, but the well preserved rich tradition, their unique heritage and customs, legacy, are being displayed in this 10 days converge of cultural, dance and sporting bash.

DAY 07: KOHIMA – DAY TRIP TO KHONOMA (20 KMS)

Morning after breakfast visit Hornbill festival ground. Later visit to Khonoma – the green village. Khonoma is an Angami-tribe warrior village that is known for its battles with the English and for its leading role in the Naga freedom struggle. In recent years Khonoma has become famous for its community-based conservation projects and eco-friendly tourism initiatives. Evening return back to hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 08: KOHIMA – MOKOKCHUNG (150 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Mokokchung. Enroute we shall visit some tribal villages. Later check into hotel. Evening explore the local market of the town. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 09: MOKOKCHUNG

Morning after breakfast visit Longkhum – to witness the beauty which the magnificent Rhododendrons atop the hillocks. A single visit to this place is not enough. Later visit Ungma village - second largest village in Nagaland and the oldest and largest of the Ao tribe reside here. Believed to be the birthplace of the Ao tribe, the natives of this village have taken extra precautions to preserve the Ao culture and tradition. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10: MOKOKCHUNG – MON (200 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to towards Mon – the home of the Konyak Tribe. Enroute visit village inhabited by the Ao tribe of Mokokchung. Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 11: MON

Morning after breakfast drive to Longwah village. Longwah village in Mon district is one of the best places to see the unique diversity of Naga people. Located on the border of India and Myanmar, Here we shall visit some of the village inhabited by the Konyak tribe. Most interesting part to see in this village is to see the Village Chief's house located on the border line of Indo – Myanmar and passes through his house dividing into two halves. Longwa is quiet and serene place with hospitable Naga people. Evening return back to Mon. Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 12: MON – SIBSAGAR – JORHAT (160 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Jorhat enroute visit Sivasagar – the ancient Ahom kingdom capital. If time permits visit Shiva Dol built by the Ahoms, situated here is believed to be the tallest of all existing Hindu temples. Followed by visit to Rang Ghar - largest and the oldest amphitheatre of Asia is also another remarkable landmark in the history of Sivasagar. Later visit Talat Ghar –has three stories that are underground (closed for tourists) and four above the ground. The ground floor had store rooms, stables and servant quarters, while the upper floors were for the royal family. After the tour of Sivasagar drive towards Jorhat. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Stay overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 13: JORHAT – MAJULI (20 KMS / ½ HRS + 1 HOUR BY FERRY)

Morning after an early breakfast we shall drive to Nemat Ghat to board ferry to Majuli and cross the mighty Brahmaputra River. Upon arrival to Kamalabari Ghat transfer to resort for check-in. Afternoon visit Anuati sattras (monasteries) & Uttar Kamalabari Sattra (monasteries). Interact with the monks and visit monk's quarter followed by visit to Masking making village. Stay overnight at the resort.

DAY 14: MAJULI – KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK (1 HOUR BY FERRY + 120 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive towards Kamalabari ghat to board ferry to Jorhat. Upon arrival Jorhat set off towards Kaziranga – and UNESCO World Heritage site and the home of the world famous One-horned Rhinos. On arrival check into hotel. If time permits we shall go for an afternoon jeep safari in the park. Return to hotel by dusk. Stay overnight at the resort.

DAY 15: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

Early morning we shall go for an elephant ride - Elephant ride is the best way to behold the vigour and charm of the enchanting wildlife of the park. Return to resort for your breakfast. Mid morning explore a village inhabited by Mishing tribe and Kaziranga Orchid center. Afternoon go for a jeep safari in the Western range of the park. Stay overnight at the resort.

DAY 16: KAZIRANGA – GUWAHATI (240 KMS) & GUWAHATI – DELHI (FLIGHT)

Morning after breakfast transfer to Guwahati airport to board the flight for Delhi. Meet upon arrival at Delhi airport and transfer to hotel for check-in. Stay Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 17: DEPART FROM – DELHI

In time transfer to Delhi airport to board the flight for onward journey.

COME AND DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF HORNBILL & SANGAI FESTIVAL OF NORTH EAST

Nagaland, the land of festivals is a beautiful North-Eastern jewel in the crown of India. The scenic land has overwhelming mountainous terrain, magnificent natural beauty and electrifying tribal culture. Its rich natural environ is filled with lush green vegetation, diverse flora fauna, clean rivers and amazingly pleasant climate. The land is also famous for its annual Hornbill and Sangai Festival. The festivals in Nagaland are filled with myriad of events. From art performances, music concerts to food stalls, exhibitions and markets, the festivals are usually a ten-day fiesta which aims to unite indigenous tribes and curious travelers. A grand celebration of the local tribes, culture and heritage – The Hornbill and Sangai festival is the best way to end your cultural journey in the Northeast.

Tour Highlight

- ★ Experience the 'Manipur Sangai Festival' at Imphal
- ★ Enjoy the splendid 'Hornbill Festival' of Kohima
- ★ Exploring the Unexplored: Tribal of Nagaland, the Land of Warriors
- ★ Visit Sivasagar, the temple town of Assam
- ★ Visit Majuli is the biggest river island in the world
- ★ An exciting jeep safari at Kaziranga National Park
- ★ Chance to Rendezvous with Endangered One Horned Rhinos at Kaziranga National Park!



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