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# NAGALAND SEKRENYI FESTIVAL-ASSAM-MENGHALAYA 24TH FEB - 11TH MARCH 2024 (16D15N)

(Dimapur, Tuophema, Kisama, Dzukou Valley, Kohima, Kaziranga, Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki River, Guwahati, Kolkata)

Trip cost: RM5700/PAX for group of 12PAX (based on 100 Rupees = RM5.62 at 12 NOV 23)

Final adjustment on the cost is based on the exchange rate at time of collection

# **EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AS BELOW (TOTAL RM1294 AS AT 12 NOV 2023)**

24FEB24 SAT AA KUL-CCU 2255-0020(+1)

25FEB24 SUN AIRINDIA CCU-DMU 1010-1325

**09MAR24 SAT AIRINDIA GAU-CCU 1545-1705** 

11MAR24 MON AA CCU-KUL 0105-0735

UPDATE 05 FEB 2024: Some changes in the itinerary: SEKRENYI FESTIVAL is happening in Kisama Cultural Village (Kohima) and NOT in Tuophema,NO CAMPING in Dzukou Valley, only full day trekking/hiking. In some days, there are changes in sequences, for shorter distance drive from one to another, permitting more time to explore each destinations.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE** This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humor, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

North East India, accessible by a short four hours flight via Calcutta, is a less travelled adventure, nature and culture destination for many. Nagaland is a mountainous state, bordering to Myanmar, and home to diverse indigenous tribes and aptly referred as "The Land of Festivals". We will enjoy the 'Angami Sekrenyi' Festival on 25th and 26th Feb, and also hike delightful Dzukou Valley during this trip.

Assam is best known for the Kaziranga National Park, home to the rare one-horned rhinos, and a designated UNESCO Heritage Site. We will try our luck on a safari to spot these magnificent beasts, made all the more magnificent when seen free and wild in nature.

Meghalaya, also known as "Abode of Clouds", falls into one the richest biodiversity spheres in the world. Besides stunning waterfalls and massive monsoons in June/July (remember Cherrapunji from your school Geography lessons?), its main claim to fame is the only place in the world where the unique living root bridges are found, and also another UNESCO Heritage Site to boot!

Last but not least, Kolkata awaits with its British Raj old-world charms as well Join us as we explore this less visited part of India in a cool and dry winter period!



DAY 1 KUL-KOLKATA
Assemble KLIA 24th February, 1900 for AirAsia flight departing KUL(2255)-CCU(0020+1). Arrive Kolkata (CCU) 0020(+1). Check in nearby Overnight Kolkata Airport Hotel (B) **DAY 2 KOLKATA-DIMAPUR** 

Early morning to airport to catch Air India flight to Dimapur CCU(1010)-DMU(1325). Afternoon visit Kachari ruins, city tower, Chumpo Museum etc. Later on, 2.5hr drive uphill to Kohima. Overnight Kohima (B)

#### **DAY 3 KOHIMA**

After breakfast, we will enjoy a full day experiene of the Sekrenyi Festival in Kisama Heritage Village, celebrated by the Angami tribe living in this locality **Overnight Kohima (B)** 

DAY 4 DZUKOU VALLEY HIKING

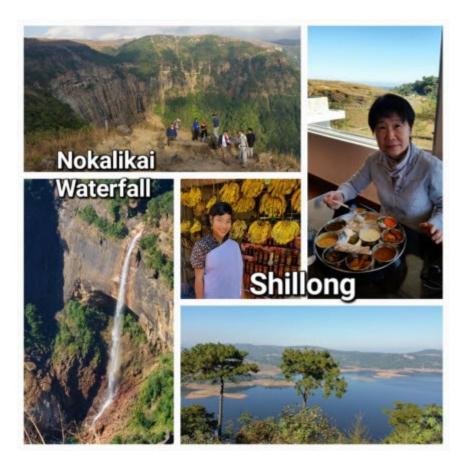
After early breakfast, drive 24km to Dzukou Valley to start our full-day trekking. An absolute nature paradise for trekkers, Dzukou Valley sits on the border of Manipur and Myanmar. Upon reaching the trail head, we begin our trek which will greet us with surreal wild beauty made more wonderful by a varied flora untouched by human interference. This moderate 8km trek should be traversed in about 4-5 hours. We will do day-trip hiking and end of the day back to hotel for rest. **Overnight** Kohima (B)

DAY 5 KISAMA HERITAGE VILLAGE-KOHIMA LOCAL Free and easy morning at Kisama Heritage Village, site of the annual Hornbill Festival held every 1st week of December. Explore the various 17 ethnic houses representing the major tribes of Nagaland. Later afternoon, drive back to Kohima and rest of the day free and easy sightseeing Kohima, taking in the Second World War Memorial Cemetery, Nagaland State Museum, Kohima Cathedral Church etc. Overnight Kohima (B)

# **DAY 6 KOHIMA-KHONOMA-KAZIRANGA**

After breakfast, drive to Khonoma Village, famed as Asia's first green village, to have a walk through the village and enjoying the scenery and soak in the local tribe's culture and daily life routine. After that we will travel for a long 5 hours drive to Kaziranga (240KM). Overnight Kaziranga (B)





### **DAY 7 KAZIRANGA WILDLIFE WATCH SAFARI**

Early morning and mid-afternoon, our jeeps will pick us up from our hotel for a jeep safari (optional activities, own cost)in the Kaziranga National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for the myriad fauna of animals & birds, and especially for the One-horned Rhino which is found in the most numbers in this Unesco Heritage Site. After all that wildlife watch, we can get "wild" and join the Assam dancing during the Assam cultural show (optional activities, own cost). **Overnight Kaziranga (B)** 

DAY 8 KAZIRANGA NATURE RESERVE-GUWAHATI Early morning elephant safari (optional activities, own cost), breakfast at hotel, check out and 3 hours drive to to Guwahati. Time permitting, check in hotel and in the evening around 4-5pm we will do Brahmaputra river sunset cruise (optional activities, own cost), explore silk market, traditional market etc. **Overnight Guwahati (B)** 

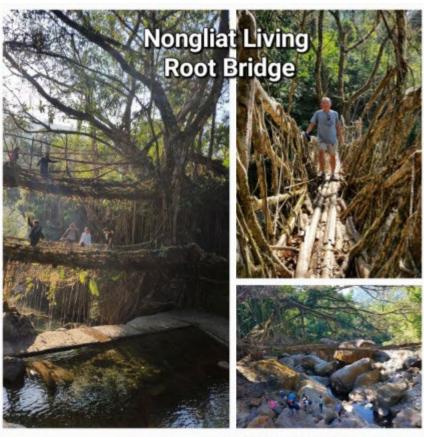
**DAY 9 GUWAHATI-SHILLONG VIA UMIAM LAKE** After breakfast, we have 2.5 hours drive to Shillong (126KM), capital of Meghalaya. We wil stop enroute, at Umiam Lake aka Barapani, an amazing man-made reservoir encircled by lush green hills, before arriving Shillong, we will visit few other attractions as well, if time permitting, visit Don Bosco Museum, Lady Cathedral Church, Elephant Waterfalls, Wards lake and rest of the day, free and easy. **Overnight Shillong (B)** 

# DAY 10 SHILLONG-LAITLUM GRAND CANYON-SACRED GROOVE SHILLONG

After breakfast, we drive to Sacred Groove Forest, and go for a small trail in the forest. After that, we will visit Laitlum Grand Canyon before back to Shillong and explore the Police Bazaar Market in the evening. **Overnight Shillong (B)** 

## DAY 11 CHERRAPUNJI VIA WEI SAWDONG FALLS

Post breakfast at hotel, get ready to explore the natural wonders of Meghalaya. We have a 55km drive to Cherrapunji, with stops at Elephant Falls and scenic Mawkdok Dympep ViewPoint, which offers views of the V-shaped valley with slopping hills carpeted with green on either side. Next stop, the cascading 3-tiered Wei Sawdong Falls, Nohkalikai falls and Seven Sisters' Falls await to awash us with their watery beauty. Last, and for a change, spend some time exploring the Wasmai and Arwah caves, famous for their fossils that can be viewed within the lit-up interiors. **Overnight Cherrapunji (B)** 







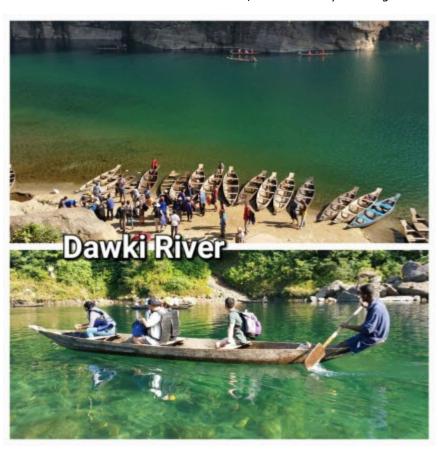
DAY 12 NONGRIAT DOUBLE DECKER LIVING ROOT BRIDGE

Have a good breakfast to prepare for today's adventure. A short drive will bring us to Tyrna Village, from where we will begin our descending 3000-steps trek to the unique Unesco Heritage site of Nongriat Double Decker Living Root Bridge, the only one found in the world. Upon reaching the final destination, spend time exploring and have a dip at the lovely river there. Our return ascending journey to the Tyrna Village will end the day. We should be back hotel early evening, enjoy a well-deserved

# dinner after the Nongriat ascend, and chill at a campfire. **Overnight Cherrapunji (B) DAY 13 DAWKI-RIVER- SHNONGPDENG-JOWAI**

We drive 80km drive to Mawlynnong, touted as the cleanest village in all India! Enjoy walking around this cute village with warm people. We will also visit the Single Decker Living Root Bridge in Riwai Village. After this we drive 73km to Dawki River, where the experience of boating in crystal clear waters of the Umngot river awaits. We can take a dip as the water is refreshing and not too cold. UPDATE: Shnongpdeng may be bit warm and humid in March and Dawki River may be not as clear due to early rain. Overnight Jowai (B)\_DAY 14 GUWAHATI

Wake up to a beautiful sunrise in East Khasi hills. After breakfast, check out and drive to Guwahati. En-route we will visit one of India's most magical waterfalls, Krang Shuri Waterfalls. We spend some time around the falls by taking a dip in the nautral pool or just enjoy watching the water fall! 4 hours drive to Guwahati, rest and easy evening. **Overnight Guwahati(B)** 





#### **DAY 15 GUWAHATI-KOLKATA**

Morning short sightseeing at Guwahati taking in Kamaknya Temple, and a short browse around the main market if time permits. 1300 transfer to airport to Fly Air India GAU(1545)-CCU(1700). Transfer to hotel and own free time to explore Kolkatta nightlife. Overnight Kolkata (B)

#### **DAY 16 KOLKATA-KUL**

We will have a full day to explore West Bengal's capital city, and formerly the capital of the British Raj. As expected from being the latter, Kolkata abounds in grand colonial architecture, and today we will visit excellent examples of this in the Victoria Memorial, Indian Museum, Kolkata Botanical Garden for its Great Banyan Tree (all are optional activities at own cost) If feeling adventurous, wander around the slums of Kolkata, parts of which actually sits adjoining the plush Park Road shopping area. After dinner we will transfer to airport about 2100 in good time to catch our flight back to KL. **No Hotel** 

#### **DAY 17 FLIGHT TO KL**

Monday 11th March we fly CCU(0105)-KUL(0735), arriving with memories of Nagas, Rhinos, Root Bridges among others.

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- 1. Cost covers **TWIN SHARING** accommodations, chartered transport, local tour guide(with exception of Kolkata), meals stated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast)
- 2. **NOT COVERED** are flights (international & domestic), meals not stated in the itinerary, India Visa, entrance fees and optional activities eg Kaziranga Safari, Assam Cultural Show, Dawki boat trip etc. A full list will be detailed for all info nearer the travel date.
- 3. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rate.
- 4. A non-refundable deposit of **RM2700** is payable to confirm your place.

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