

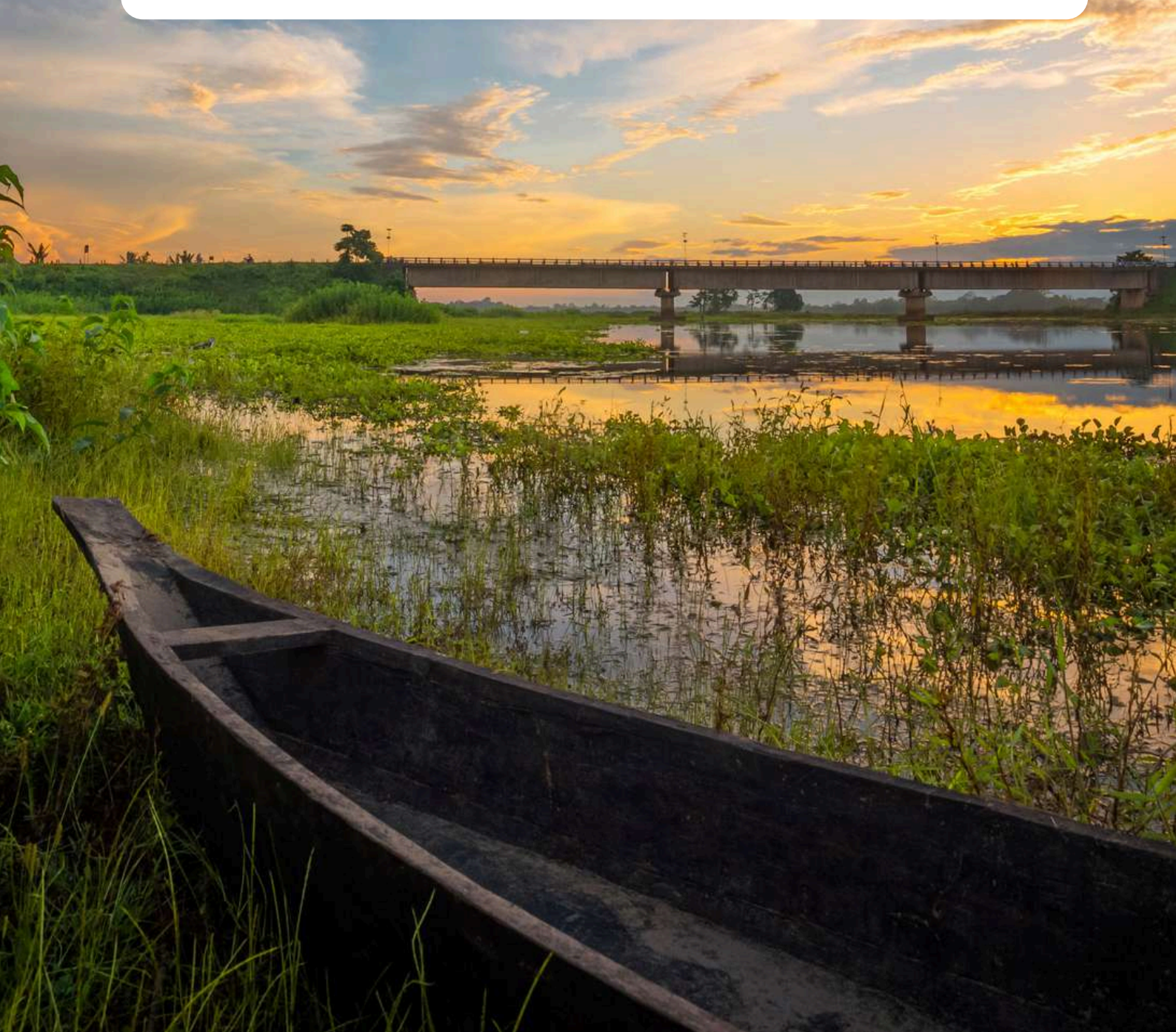


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## **"Of Harvests & Harmonies"**

**A CULTURAL SOJOURN THROUGH NORTH EAST INDIA**

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# INTRODUCTION

Embark on an enriching journey through one of India's most culturally vibrant regions —North East India. This is a land where the pulse of the earth reverberates through ancient traditions, where every harvest, every festival, and every rhythm is a testament to the resilience and beauty of its people. From the mist-covered valleys to the sacred river islands, this itinerary offers an intimate exploration of the timeless customs and celebratory spirit of the tribes that call this region home.

Over the course of your journey, you will be immersed in the festivals that mark the changing seasons, each a reflection of deep-rooted connections between the land, its people, and the cosmos. Begin in the serene Ziro Valley with the Apatani tribe's Myoko Festival, where ancient rituals echo through the air, celebrating the cycles of nature. Then, traverse the holy river island of Majuli, where the vibrant Rongali Bihu dances invite you to celebrate the joys of the harvest. Finally, venture to the hills of Nagaland, where the Aoleang Festival of the Konyak tribe offers a glimpse into a warrior culture, steeped in history and adorned with powerful traditions.





This journey is not just about witnessing festivals; it's about experiencing a way of life that has withstood centuries, blending the natural world with the spiritual, the ancient with the present. From sacred rituals and lively dances to quiet moments of reflection, "Of Harvests and Harmonies" offers a rare opportunity to delve into the soul of North East India, a place where culture, community, and nature exist in perfect harmony.





## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the Apatani tribe's vibrant celebrations, blending rituals, music, and dances that honour the cycles of nature.
- Discover the neo-Vaishnavite traditions, artisan crafts, and the serene charm of the world's largest river island.
- Witness one-horned rhinoceroses and other iconic wildlife in a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Join the Konyak tribe's colourful festival, celebrating the start of the agricultural season with powerful traditions and warrior pride.
- Savor the flavors of Assam's tea heritage, from single-estate brews to artisanal blends.
- Relish a heartwarming send-off with local dance, music, and a festive celebration.
- Stay in scenic homestays and engage deeply with the traditions and lifestyles of Northeast India's diverse communities.



# DAY WISE BREAKDOWN

Day	Starting Point	Ending Point	Experiences	Stay	Inclusions	Exclusions
26th March	Itanagar	Ziro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arrive at Itanagar airport</li> <li>- Drive to Ziro</li> <li>- Check-In to homestay</li> <li>- Spend the evening at leisure.</li> </ul>	Homestay	Transfers, Stay, Driver's expenses, Tolls & parking tickets, Local Guide	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
27th March	Ziro		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Visit the Myoko festival grounds.</li> <li>-Visit Heritage Village.</li> <li>-Visit a Traditional Apatani Home.</li> </ul>	Homestay	Breakfast, Transfers, Stay, Local Guide Lunch	Dinner
28th March	Ziro	Majuli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Drive to Majuli</li> <li>-Check-In to Hotel</li> <li>-Spend the evening at Leisure</li> </ul>	Hotel	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Local Guide	Lunch Dinner
29th March	Majuli		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Traditional Mask making Samuguri Satra</li> <li>- Visit Uttar Kamalabari Satra for Dance &amp; music</li> <li>-Visit Traditional Mising home &amp; Ethnic Lunch</li> <li>-Wine Making &amp; Tasting Session</li> <li>-Mising Traditional Dance</li> </ul>	Hotel	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Lunch Local Guide	Dinner
30th March	Majuli	Kaziranga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Drive to Kaziranga</li> <li>-Orchid Park Cultural Show (6.30 pm)</li> </ul>	Hotel	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Local Guide	Lunch Dinner
31st March	Kaziranga		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Morning Safari (7.30 am)</li> <li>-Karbi Lunch at Rock Garden</li> <li>-Afternoon Safari (1.30 pm)</li> <li>-Evening at Leisure</li> </ul>	Hotel	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Lunch, Local Guide	Dinner
1st April	Kaziranga	Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Drive to Hongphoi village for Aoleang celebration</li> <li>-Drive to Mon for the night</li> <li>-Check-In to Hotel</li> <li>-Evening at Leisure</li> </ul>	Hotel	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Local Guide,	Lunch Dinner
2nd April	Mon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Day trip to Longwa</li> <li>-Visit Traditional Konyak Home</li> <li>-Drive back to Mon</li> <li>-Evening at Leisure</li> </ul>	Hotel	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Lunch, Local Guide	Dinner
3rd April	Mon	Jorhat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Drive to Jorhat</li> <li>-Check-In at Puroni Bheti at 4 pm</li> <li>-Traditional Assamese Dinner</li> <li>-Evening at Leisure</li> </ul>	Tea Garden Resort	Transfers, Stay, Breakfast, Dinner	Lunch
4th April	Jorhat		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Tea Tasting Session 9 am</li> <li>-Check out and drive to Jorhat Airport</li> <li>-Departure</li> </ul>		Transfers, Breakfast	Lunch



## **DAY 1-INTO THE HEARTS OF THE APATANI**

Arrive at the Itanagar Airport and begin your journey with a scenic drive to Ziro Valley. Nestled amidst pine-clad hills and meadows, Ziro is a serene corner of Northeast India, home to the Apatani tribe. Known for their harmonious relationship with nature, the Apatani people have cultivated a distinct culture that reveres both the land and the cycle of seasons.

After settling into your accommodation, take a moment to soak in the tranquil beauty of the valley. As dusk falls, the sounds of local festivities and the promise of tomorrow's Myoko Festival begin to weave through the air, setting the tone for your immersion in the traditions of this land.

*OVERNIGHT IN ZIRO VALLEY HOMESTAY*





## **DAY 2- MYOKO FESTIVAL – A SACRED CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND NATURE**

Dedicate your day to experiencing the Myoko Festival, a significant cultural and spiritual event for the Apatani tribe. This festival is a ritualistic celebration honouring the ancestors and seeking blessings for the fertility of the land. Participate in sacred ceremonies led by the village's elders, as they perform chants, dances, and offerings that bridge the physical and spiritual worlds.

You will be invited to witness and, in some cases, take part in community feasts and dances, offering a rare glimpse into an ancient way of life that continues to thrive, rooted in the cycles of nature. The festival's profound connection to the earth will leave you with a lasting understanding of the Apatani people's deep respect for their environment.





### **DAY 3- ENTER THE SPIRITUAL HEART OF ASSAM**

Journey to Majuli, the world's largest river island, situated in the Brahmaputra River. This island is not only a natural wonder but also a cradle of Assam's neo-Vaishnavite tradition. Upon arrival, visit the Uttar Kamalabari Satra, one of Majuli's iconic monasteries, where you will discover the rich spiritual and cultural practices of Assam's Vaishnavite sect.

As evening sets in, enjoy a classical dance and music performance that blends devotion and artistry, offering a glimpse into the island's unique spiritual life. Majuli's peaceful ambiance and the richness of its religious traditions will transport you to a world where culture and faith are intertwined in every aspect of daily life.

*OVERNIGHT IN MAJULI ISLAND HOMESTAY*



## DAY 4- A JOURNEY THROUGH CRAFT AND TRADITION

Spend the day exploring the island's vibrant culture and artistic heritage. Visit the artisans at work in Majuli's craft villages, where traditional mask-making for the satras is a revered practice. The intricate craftsmanship, passed down through generations, reflects the island's deep connection to its spiritual and cultural roots.

Afterward, engage with the Mising community, whose village life is as much about living in harmony with nature as it is about community and hospitality. Savor a traditional meal with the Mising people, highlighting rice, fish, and locally sourced vegetables, all prepared using ancient techniques that have withstood the test of time.

*OVERNIGHT IN MAJULI ISLAND HOMESTAY*





## **DAY 5- AN ENCOUNTER WITH ASSAM'S WILDLIFE HERITAGE**

Leave Majuli behind and head towards Kaziranga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its population of one-horned rhinoceroses and diverse wildlife. Settle into your lodge and embark on an evening cultural experience at Orchid Park, where you'll witness a display of Assamese folk dances, songs, and traditional art. The evening's performance will deepen your understanding of Assam's cultural richness, preparing you for tomorrow's wildlife safaris.

As night falls, the sounds of the jungle and the distant calls of the animals provide a perfect backdrop for reflection on the journey so far.

*OVERNIGHT IN KAZIRANGA LODGE*



## **DAY 6 - INTO THE WILD**

Awake early for a safari through Kaziranga's Burapahar Range, where the morning mist rises from the grasslands and the wetlands. The sanctuary's rich biodiversity, from the majestic rhinoceros to the elusive wild buffalo, offers an immersive experience into Assam's natural heritage.

After a break for lunch, venture into the Bagori Range for an afternoon safari, where the landscape shifts from grassland to dense jungle, providing a contrasting view of the park's varied ecosystems. The safaris will not only offer opportunities to spot some of India's most iconic wildlife but also reveal the delicate balance between conservation and community that defines Kaziranga.

*OVERNIGHT IN KAZIRANGA LODGE*





## DAY 7 - A DEEP DIVE INTO NAGALAND'S WARRIOR TRADITIONS

Journey into the heart of Nagaland, where you will arrive in the village of Mon, home to the Konyak tribe. The Konyaks, known for their warrior past, are one of the most distinct and fascinating tribes of Nagaland. The evening will be yours to relax and absorb the quiet, yet profound culture of this remote village.

As the sun sets, you may hear the distant sound of ritual chants, hinting at the Aoleang Festival that awaits you tomorrow. This is a time to connect with the village and begin to understand the significance of warrior traditions and agricultural rites that have sustained the Konyaks for centuries.

*OVERNIGHT AT MON VILLAGE HOMESTAY*





## **DAY 8 - AOLEANG FESTIVAL – A CELEBRATION OF EARTH AND IDENTITY**

Experience the Aoleang Festival in Mon, a vibrant celebration marking the start of the agricultural season. The Konyak people honour the earth through ceremonial dances, chants, and rituals that invoke prosperity, fertility, and unity. Adorned in their traditional attire—complete with beadwork, feathered headdresses, and the distinctive tattoos that signify their warrior lineage—the Konyaks perform their dances with a strength and grace that reflects their deep connection to the land.

Join in the festivities, where you will not only witness but also participate in the timeless traditions that continue to define Konyak identity. The festival will leave you with an understanding of how cultural pride and connection to the land remain central to the lives of the Konyak people.

*OVERNIGHT AT MON VILLAGE HOMESTAY*





## **DAY 9 - RETURN TO JORHAT – REFLECTING ON A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME**

After bidding farewell to Mon, you will journey back to Jorhat, Assam. Check into your stay, where you'll reflect on the stories you've encountered. This homestead, steeped in Assam's tea heritage, offers a place of peace to unwind and appreciate the region's culture and hospitality.

Take the evening to unwind, reflecting on the cultural treasures and moments that have marked your journey. The night will culminate in a traditional Bihu celebration, followed by a farewell dinner. The warmth of the local hospitality will send you off with fond memories of the land and people you have encountered.

*OVERNIGHT IN JORHAT*





## **DAY 10 - DEPARTURE FROM JORHAT – BIDDING FAREWELL**

After a final breakfast, We will have a tea tasting experience. Explore an Assamese family-run tea garden with a guided walk where you'll gain insights into the meticulous practices behind Assam's world-renowned teas. Depending on the season, you may even try your hand at plucking fresh tea leaves.

The journey continues at the estate's historic Director's bungalow, where you'll delve into the fascinating history of Assam tea, the plantation's legacy, and the art of tea tasting. A curated tea-tasting session, led by an experienced taster, will introduce you to the nuanced flavours and aromas that distinguish Assam's finest teas, culminating in a delightful high tea paired with curated treats.

With this immersive experience, you'll bid farewell to the lush landscapes of Assam and the stories they hold. We will drop you at the Jorhat airport, where your journey through Assam and Nagaland concludes. As you depart, you will carry with you memories, connections, and a newfound appreciation for the timeless traditions and rich cultures of the region.





# PRICING

“Price on request”



# INCLUSIONS

- Stay on twin sharing basis on all properties
- Breakfast from Day 2 to Day 10
- Lunch on Day 2, 4, 6 and 8
- Transport on all day, from Itanagar Airport on Day 1 to Jorhat Airport on Day 10
- All parking, tolls and driver allowances
- Traditional Apatani Home Cultural experience.
- Majuli Neo-Vaishnavite cultural experience.
- Traditional Mising Cultural experience.
- Safari in Kaziranga National Park.
- Orchid Park Cultural show.
- All Forest entry fees and cultural show entry fee.
- Karbi Ethnic Food experience.
- Traditional Konyak Home visit and Cultural experience.
- Traditional Assamese Dinner at Jorhat.
- Tea Tasting Session
- Local Guides on all days
- ChaloHoppo Trip Lead on all days





## EXCLUSIONS

- Lunch on Day 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10.
- Dinner on all days (except Day 9)
- Shopping, Alcohol and snacks
- Personal expenses
- Flight tickets
- Inner Line Permit for Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh
- Any camera fees
- Tips for Hotels and Drivers
- Any personal expenditure (Toiletries, medicines, etc.)
- Cost incidental to any change in the itinerary/ stay on account of flight cancellation
- Bad weather, ill health, roadblocks and/or any factors beyond control.





# CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

## General Refund Policy

45+ days prior to starting date of the trip – 100% refund of the total trip cost

30-44 days prior to starting date of the trip – 75% refund of the total trip cost

15-29 days prior to starting date of the trip – 50% refund of the total trip cost

8 -14 day prior to starting date of the trip – 25% refund of the total trip cost

7 days or less prior to starting date of the trip – No refund

Note - For Fixed Departures (Group Trips) - If you are able to find a replacement for yourself in the group, we'd be happy to provide you with a 100% refund!





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What time does the trip start and end?**

This trip is planned in a way that the group (guests+team) will be departing from Itanagar airport by 2:15 PM.

Please ensure that you book your flights accordingly. If need be, we suggest flying in a day early.

### **What are some things I should carry?**

Once you sign up for the trip, we will be sending you a detailed list of Things to Carry for the season!

### **How much money should we carry?**

While most of your expenses are taken care of, an additional Rs. 1,000 per day (upper limit) would be more than enough for all your expenses. You can take a look at our Exclusions to get a better understanding of how much money you may need.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What type of properties are we staying at?**

We'll be staying at simple homestays, campsites, guesthouses and resorts throughout the trip. None of the properties on the trip are boutique/luxurious. They are all clean, comfortable and hygienic and have been vetted by our team! Note - Some of the properties have different categories of rooms and the allocation of rooms will be random and at CHaloHoppo's discretion.

## **What are the meals that are provided and what about the ones not included?**

Breakfast will be served at the properties that we are staying at. Most of these places provide simple breakfast that ranges from Poori + Vegetables to Sandwiches, Bread, Butter, and Omelettes.

The lunches and dinners that are included are usually simple home cooked Khasi meals (Rice, Dal, Vegetables, Meat, Pickles) that are apt while hiking or engaging in water activities.

Other meals can be ordered at the place of stay or nearby restaurants. You have options of multiple traditional cuisines in Ziro, Mon, Majuli and Jorhat.

## **Room sharing**

Rooms are shared on twin sharing basis. In case you are a solo traveller, you will be paired up with another solo traveller of the same gender.





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