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“Of Rivers, Rhythms and Relics”

A GLIMPSE INTO ASSAM'S HEARTLANDS

(5N/6D)



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INTRODUCTION

Few regions flow with such quiet grace as Assam. Cradled by the eastern Himalayas and nourished by the Brahmaputra, this is a land where rivers write stories across time, forests hum with birdsong, and heritage endures in temples, songs, and silken weaves. Assam's rhythm has always been gentle yet unbroken, a meeting point of nature, culture, and faith.

But Assam is not one story. It is many. Home to a tapestry of communities - Ahom, Mishing, Karbi, Bodo, Tiwa, Koch, and countless others - the state carries layers of identity shaped by its rivers and hills. From the tea gardens of the plains to the bamboo homes of the river islands, every bend of the Brahmaputra reveals a new dialect, a new craft, a new way of life.

For centuries, the mighty Ahoms ruled these fertile plains, leaving behind grand temples, tank-fed palaces, and enduring traditions of craftsmanship. Their legacy still lingers in the red-brick ruins of Sivasagar and in the chants that echo through Majuli's satras, monasteries that have kept the teachings of Srimanta Sankardeva alive for over 500 years. Alongside this heritage lies another kind of wealth - the wild.



From the misty forests of Nameri to the floodplains of Kaziranga, life thrives in every form, from kingfishers darting above the Jia Bhoroli River to the one-horned rhino grazing beneath an open sky.

Yet Assam is more than relics and reserves. It is a lived landscape - one that moves to the rhythm of its people. Villagers cast their nets at dawn, weavers turn mulberry threads into golden Muga silk, and monks chant softly by oil lamp as the river flows past in quiet witness. The Brahmaputra binds it all together, a constant presence that both shapes and softens the land.

This journey traces that riverine rhythm - from forest to floodplain, from temple town to island monastery. Along the way, you'll walk through ancient capitals, drift on quiet waters, share laughter over local meals, and meet the artisans, farmers, and monks who keep Assam's spirit alive.

By the time you leave, you may find that Assam is not a place you have merely visited, but one you've listened to - in the rustle of bamboo, the chants of the satras, and the long, patient song of the river itself.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Wake up to birdsong at a riverside eco-camp in Nameri National Park, where forest trails wind through bamboo and sunlight.
- Float down the Jia Bhoroli River, its calm waters carrying reflections of hornbills, kingfishers, and the emerald hills beyond.
- Witness the wild heart of Assam in Kaziranga National Park, home to rhinos, elephants, and the soft rustle of tall elephant grass.
- Step into a Karbi village to share stories, savour home-cooked meals, and watch weavers at their looms as smoke curls from kitchen fires.
- Walk through the Ahom-era temples and ruins of Sivasagar, where red bricks and water tanks hold centuries of memory.
- Sail across the Brahmaputra to Majuli Island, a world shaped by river, faith, and craft, where the day begins with prayer and ends with song.
- Meet the Mising community in their stilted bamboo homes, learning how the rhythms of the river shape daily life and art.
- Stay in charming eco-lodges and homestays that offer warmth, comfort, and evenings filled with stories and tea by the water's edge.

DAY WISE BREAKDOWN

Day	Starting Point	Ending Point	Distance & Time	Experience	Stay	Inclusions
1	Guwahati City	Nameri	6 hours approx	- Scenic countryside drive via tea gardens & bamboo groves - Arrive at riverside eco-camp - Unwind with Assamese tea and forest ambience.	An Eco-Camp in Nameri	-Private vehicle for transfers -Accommodation (twin/triple sharing).
2	Nameri	Kaziranga National Park	3 hours approx	- Guided forest/birding walk (buffer zone) - Gentle rafting on Jia Bhoroli River - Drive to Kaziranga - Optional Orchid Park cultural show.	A Resort in Kaziranga	-Guided forest/birding walk -Rafting session -Private vehicle -Accommodation
3	Kaziranga	Kaziranga	1-2 hours approx	- Morning jeep safari with Naturalist - Visit Karbi village & local looms - Traditional home-cooked lunch - Evening at lodge.	A Resort in Kaziranga	-Jeep safari with Naturalist & park permits -Karbi village visit and traditional lunch -Private vehicle -Accommodation
4	Kaziranga	Jorhat	2.5 hours approx	- Drive through scenic tea estates of Upper Assam - Visit Tocklai Tea Research Centre / tea garden walk - Evening at heritage tea bungalow.	A Farm Retreat in Jorhat	-Breakfast -Guided tea estate walk -Private vehicle -Accommodation
5	Jorhat (Neemati Ghat)	Majuli Island → Return to Jorhat	Ferry trip 2-3 hrs each way (river-condition dependent)	- Ferry across Brahmaputra - Visit Neo-Vaishnavite Satras (monasteries), mask-making - Meet Mising community in stilted villages - Traditional Mising lunch - Sunset ferry back	A Farm Retreat in Jorhat	-Full-day guided trip incl. ferry transfers & monastery visits -Traditional lunch -Private vehicle for local transfers
6	Jorhat (Tea Retreat)	Jorhat Airport	30-40 min approx	- Tea tasting & fundamentals (outdoor session overlooking gardens) - Drive to airport for departure.	—	-Private vehicle for airport transfer -Accommodation until checkout -Breakfast



DAY 1- GUWAHATI TO NAMERI – INTO THE WILD

Your Assam journey begins in Guwahati, where the Brahmaputra flows wide and calm, carrying stories from the mountains to the plains. Leaving the city behind, the road meanders through the countryside, past tea gardens gleaming in the sun, bamboo groves swaying in the breeze, and small villages where time seems to move slower.

By afternoon, you arrive at Nameri National Park, a quiet stretch of wilderness at the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. Your eco-camp sits on the edge of the forest, its wooden cottages surrounded by greenery and birdsong. The air is fresh and layered with the scents of earth, trees, and river, the unmistakable breath of the wild.

Settle in, sip a cup of Assamese tea, and let the evening unfold at its own rhythm. As dusk settles, the forest comes alive in whispers of cicadas and rustling leaves. The sounds of Nameri drift through the night, marking the beginning of your journey into Assam's gentle wilds.

OVERNIGHT IN NAMERI



DAY 2- FORESTS, BIRDS, AND RIVERS – NAMERI TO KAZIRANGA

Wake up to the soft chorus of forest sounds and the first light streaming through the trees. After an early breakfast, set out on a guided walk through the buffer zone of Nameri National Park. The trail leads you beneath tall trees and along sandy riverbanks where the forest floor hums with quiet life. You might spot colorful birds flitting between branches, butterflies drifting over wildflowers, or the distant splash of a fish in the stream.

Later in the morning, trade the forest path for the water as you step into a raft on the Jia Bhoroli River. The current is calm, carrying you gently past pebbled shores and overhanging branches. It's not an adventure of speed, but of stillness, where every turn of the river opens a new frame of forest and sky.

After lunch, bid farewell to Nameri and begin your drive toward Kaziranga National Park. The road follows the curve of the foothills, through tea gardens and golden fields, past small towns where roadside tea stalls serve steaming cups and easy laughter. By evening, you reach your lodge near the park, surrounded by the rustle of tall grass and the hum of night insects.

If you wish, step out for a short visit to the Orchid Park nearby, where a cultural performance brings alive Assam's folk traditions through music, dance, and storytelling. Return to your lodge for dinner and a restful night under the quiet Kaziranga sky.

OVERNIGHT IN KAZIRANGA



DAY 3- WILD HEART OF ASSAM – A DAY IN KAZIRANGA

The day begins early, with mist still clinging to the tall elephant grass. After a warm cup of tea, set out for a jeep safari in one of Kaziranga's ranges. As the first light spreads across the wetlands, the park stirs to life. Rhinos graze quietly by the water's edge, herds of wild elephants move through the grasslands, and swamp deer lift their heads at the sound of your approaching jeep. Egrets, storks, and parakeets add flashes of color to the morning air, and if luck favours, you might even catch a fleeting glimpse of a tiger slipping through the reeds.

Return to your lodge for breakfast and a slow-paced morning of rest. Watch the countryside beyond your verandah or simply listen to the stillness that follows the wild's early chorus.

In the afternoon, head into the Karbi hills on Kaziranga's southern edge to visit a Karbi village. Here, bamboo houses rest lightly on stilts, and looms sing with the steady rhythm of weaving. Meet the women who turn natural fibers into vivid textiles, learn about their daily lives, and share a home-cooked lunch fragrant with herbs and smoke.

By evening, you return to your lodge. The air carries the scent of woodsmoke, and conversation drifts easily over dinner. It's a simple, grounding end to a day that brings you close to the pulse of Assam's wild heart.

OVERNIGHT IN KAZIRANGA



DAY 4- ECHOES OF THE PAST – KAZIRANGA TO SIVASAGAR TO JORHAT

After breakfast, begin your journey eastward towards Sivasagar, once the proud capital of the Ahom dynasty that ruled Assam for nearly six centuries. The drive takes you through gentle countryside dotted with palm trees, small villages, and glimpses of rural life along the highway. On reaching Sivasagar, step back in time as you explore the remnants of an empire that shaped the history and culture of Assam.

Walk through the grand courtyards of ancient amphitheatres, the serene temple grounds, and vast man-made tanks that still shimmer with stories of the past. Visit the iconic Rang Char, often called the oldest amphitheatre in Asia, where royal gatherings and traditional games once took place. Take a quiet moment by the Sivasagar Tank, watching reflections of age-old temples ripple across the water.

By evening, continue your journey to Jorhat, where you can unwind and reflect on the day's encounters with Assam's living history.

OVERNIGHT IN JORHAT



DAY 5- ISLAND OF FAITH AND ART – DAY TRIP TO MAJULI

The day begins early as you drive to Neemati Ghat and board a ferry across the Brahmaputra. Morning fog drifts low over the river, softening its vastness into silver and quiet. As the boat glides through the mist, Majuli slowly takes shape - thatched roofs, bamboo groves, and the gentle rhythm of island life greeting the rising sun. Your time on the island moves unhurriedly. At the Satras, centuries-old monasteries, monks keep alive the teachings of Sankardeva through dance, music, and mask-making. In Mising villages, homes stand on stilts above fields, and women weave intricate patterns inspired by the river's flow.

Lunch is a traditional Mising meal, cooked over wood fire and served with warmth - rice, smoked fish, local greens, and herbs from the fields. By late afternoon, the ferry carries you back across the Brahmaputra, its waters turning copper and rose in the setting sun.

Back at your stay in Jorhat, a bonfire awaits under the open sky. Flames flicker, tea - or perhaps some alcohol warming your spirit, if you please - in hand, and conversations flow softly into the night. A fitting farewell to Assam's rivers, its people, and the quiet grace that binds them together.

OVERNIGHT IN JORHAT



DAY 6- RETURN TO GUWAHATI – JOURNEY’S END

Your final morning in Assam unfolds gently under a pale winter sun. After a relaxed breakfast at your tea retreat, you are introduced to the world of tea tasting. Unlike a casual cup, this is about reading the tea, its colour, aroma, and strength, to understand how soil, season, and craft shape its character. As you sip and learn, stories of how tea first came to Assam and how its estates grew over time bring the experience to life.

The session takes place outdoors, overlooking quiet gardens where rows of bushes rest for the season. It is an unhurried and grounding farewell to the land that has given the world its most famous brew.

By late morning, you drive to Jorhat Airport, carrying with you the shimmer of the Jia Bhoroli, the wild heart of Kaziranga, and the stillness of Majuli. Assam lingers softly in memory, and in the aftertaste of tea.



PRICING

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE : 10 ADULTS

“Price on request”



INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in comfortable eco-lodges, boutique stays, and homestays (twin/triple sharing).
- Breakfast on all days except Day 1.
- Lunch on Day 3 and 5.
- Guided forest/ birding walk and rafting session in Nameri.
- Jeep safari in Kaziranga National Park with Naturalist and park entry permits.
- Cultural show performance entry at Orchid Park.
- Karbi village visit, visit to local looms and traditional lunch experience.
- Guided sightseeing in Sivasagar.
- Full-day guided trip to Majuli including ferry transfers and monastery visits.
- Private vehicle for all transfers and sightseeing with an experienced certified driver.
- ChaloHoppo Trip Leader on all days and local guide support.

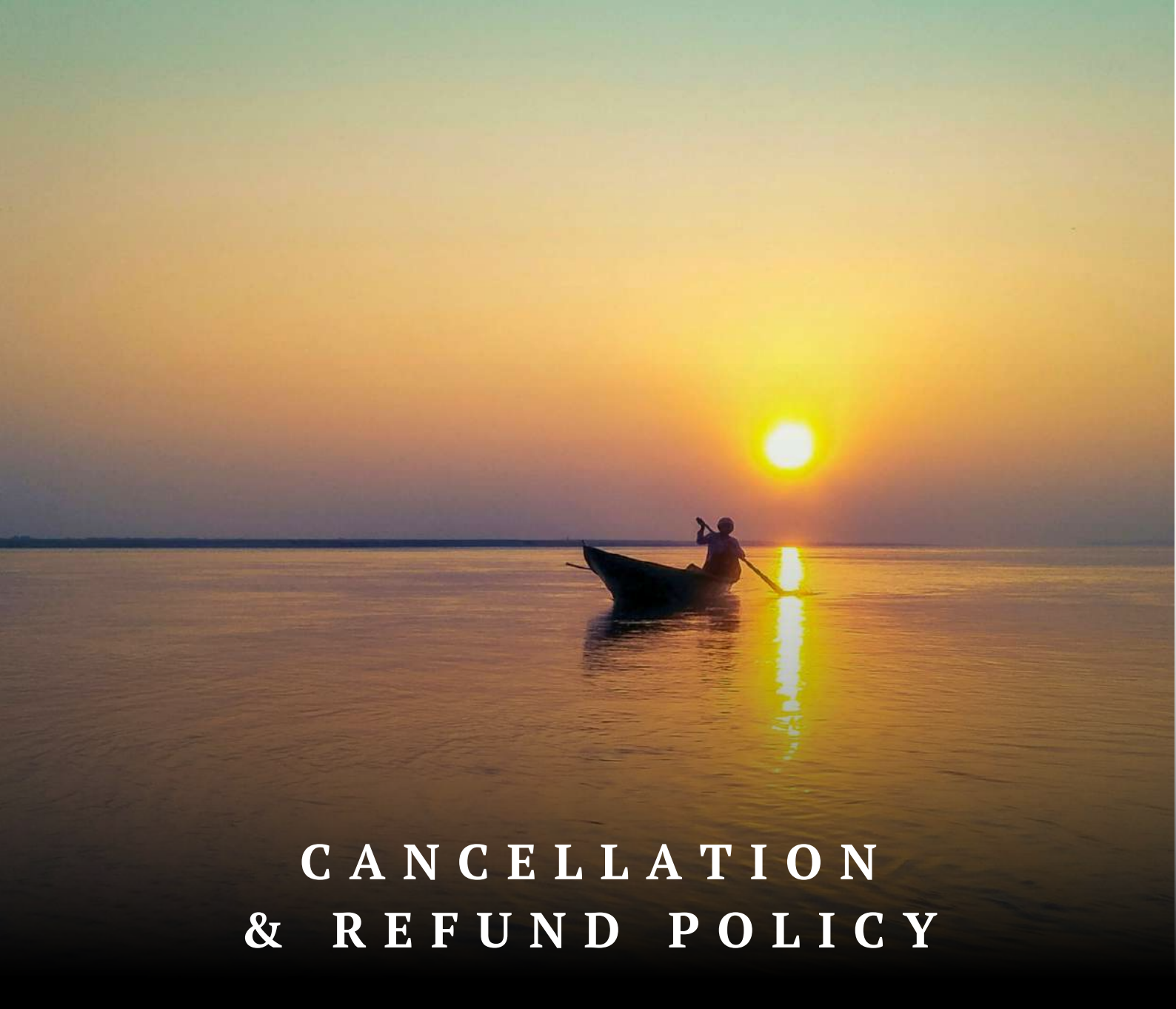


- Flights or train tickets to/from Guwahati.
- Breakfast on Day 1.
- Lunch on Day 1, 2, 4 and 6.
- Dinner on all days.
- Personal expenses, tips, and beverages.
- Additional safaris or activities not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Expenses arising from unforeseen delays (weather, roadblocks, etc.).



IMPORTANT POINTS

- **Best time to travel:** October to April (ideal for safaris and clear ferry crossings).
- **Fitness level:** Easy to moderate, suitable for travellers of all ages with basic mobility.
- **Accommodation:** Eco-camps, boutique lodges, and homestays offering comfort and local character.
- **Connectivity:** Mobile networks available in most places; limited in Nameri and Majuli.
- **Packing essentials:** Light cotton clothes, walking shoes, binoculars, insect repellent, sun protection, and a reusable water bottle.



CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

General Refund Policy

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

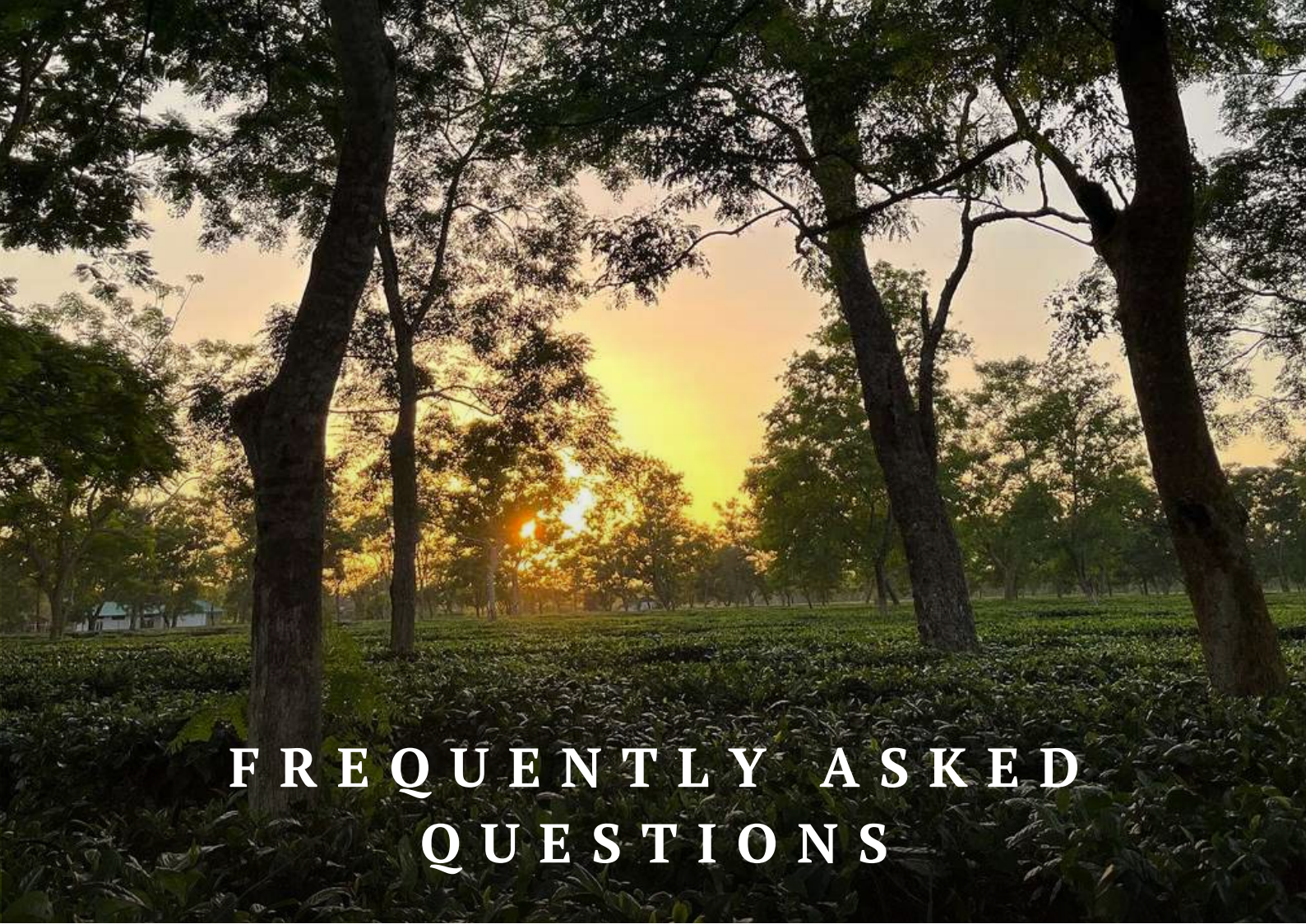
30-44 days prior to starting date of the trip – 75% refund of the total trip cost

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

8-14 days 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?

The trip starts from Guwahati at Noon and ends at Jorhat Airport.

Is this itinerary family-friendly?

Yes. The activities and pacing are suitable for families with children above 8 years old.

How long is the ferry ride to Majuli?

Around 2-3 hours each way, depending on river conditions.

Will I get vegetarian food easily?

Absolutely. Assamese cuisine offers a variety of delicious vegetarian options, and dietary preferences can be accommodated.

What kind of wildlife can I expect in Kaziranga?

Rhinos, elephants, swamp deer, wild buffalo, and an incredible variety of birds.

F R E Q U E N T L Y A S K E D Q U E S T I O N S

Where will we be staying during the trip?

You'll stay at riverside eco-camps in Nameri National Park, as well as comfortable homestays and eco-lodges around Kaziranga and Jorhat, offering immersive experiences and connections.

What is your cancellation policy?

We have elaborated on all the details of our cancellation policy on Page 16.

What happens if someone books their flights before reserving a slot with us and we are sold out?

It is important to note that booking flights before reserving a slot with us does not guarantee availability. In the event that we are sold out, we cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience caused.

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

We have included a few local ethnic lunches that are a part of the overall cultural experience. On other days, you will visit prominent restaurants in the region that are on the route of your travel.

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.

How much money we should 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. Activities at Shnongpdeng range from Rs. 250 to Rs. 1000 per activity. You can take a look at our Exclusions to get a better understanding of how much money you may need.

Is rafting in Nameri safe for beginners?

Yes. It's a gentle rafting experience guided by trained professionals, designed for leisure and nature viewing.

F R E Q U E N T L Y A S K E D Q U E S T I O N S

What are some of the 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!

Will there be a guide with us during the activities?

Yes, each day's activities will be accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide who will provide insights into the culture, history, and natural wonders of the region.

Why is there no elephant safari included in the cost?

We do not include elephant safaris in our Kaziranga tours as part of our commitment to ethical wildlife tourism. Instead, we offer alternative wildlife viewing experiences that align with our values of conservation and responsible tourism. Thank you for understanding and supporting our approach to sustainable and ethical travel experiences.



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