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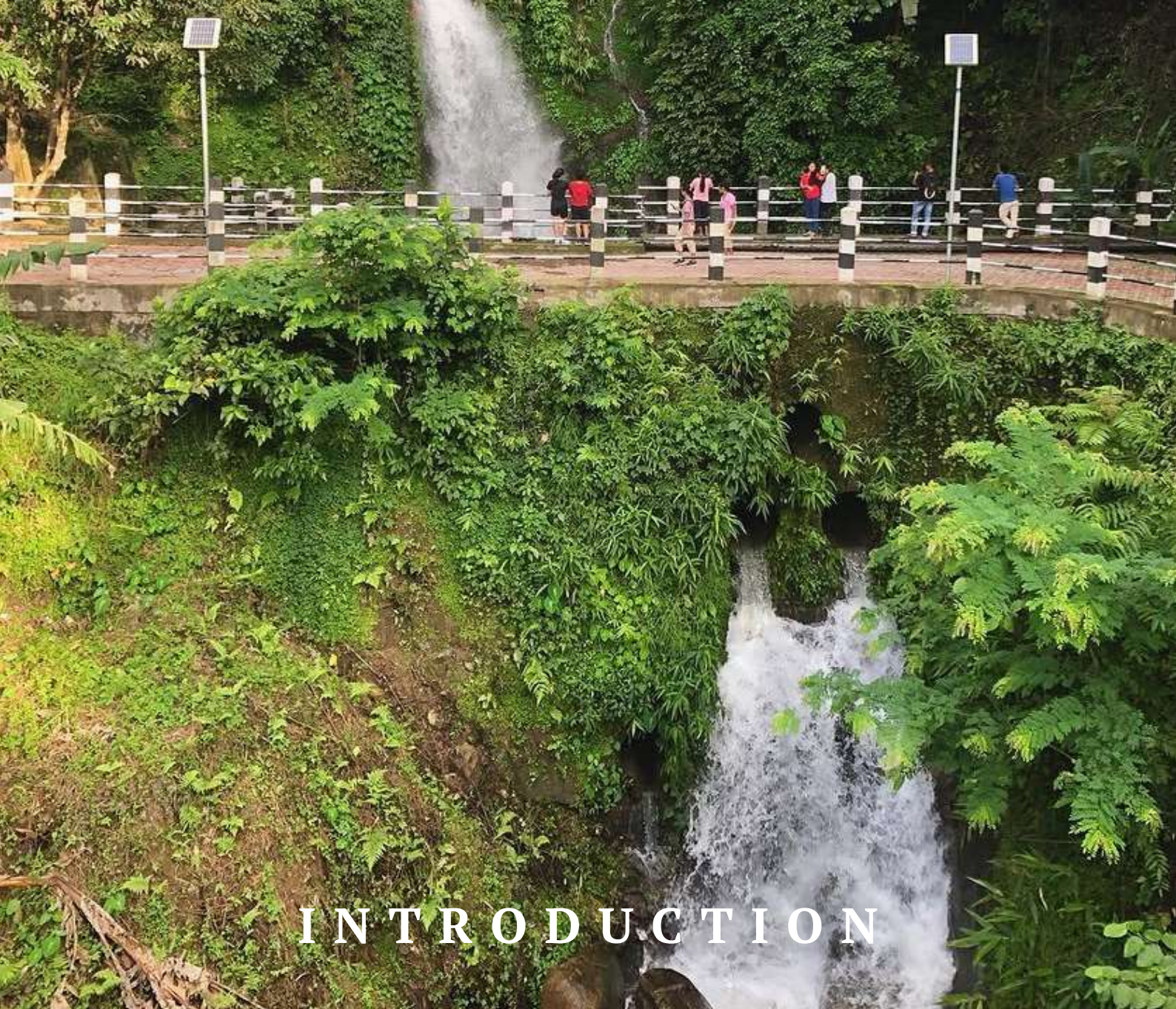
"Of Hearths, Harvests & Hills"

A WEST GARO HILLS CHAPTER

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INTRODUCTION

There is a very different Meghalaya in the west.

The Garo Hills have long sat away from the Meghalaya most travellers know - the waterfalls, viewpoints and well-worn routes that have shaped the state's tourism story. Partly because of their history and relative inaccessibility, they have remained largely outside that story. Things are changing, but tourism here is still in its early stages. The roads can be long, the infrastructure is limited, and the region asks you to travel with a little more flexibility. What you get in return is a chance to encounter Meghalaya before it has been neatly packaged for visitors.

The journey is best experienced once the monsoon has passed and the hills have had their fill of rain - when the landscape is at its greenest, the air begins to cool, and the days are comfortable for wandering, eating, talking, and spending time outdoors.

The best way into the Garo Hills is through the people who call them home. The relationship between land and community runs through everyday life: what is grown and gathered, what is cooked and shared, the forests that are protected, the rivers that are cared for, and the songs and stories passed from one generation to the next.



Food, in particular, offers its own way in - from the farm and forest to the kitchen, the table, and the traditions around it.

Over six days, you'll spend time with families, farmers, storytellers, musicians and community members. You'll walk through a working farm, share meals in homes and villages, learn about Chubitchi and Karitchi, walk through a sacred forest, visit a community-protected fish sanctuary, and meet people keeping Garo music alive for the next generation.

But this isn't a cultural checklist. The experiences are simply different doors into everyday Garo life. A conversation over a brew, a meal prepared in someone's home, an afternoon by the river, or a story shared by someone who has spent a lifetime in these hills can tell you things about a place that no guidebook can. Much of what makes this journey possible comes from relationships built here over time, allowing you to meet people rather than simply observe them.



This is not an attempt to cover the Garo Hills. There is much further to go, and much more to discover beyond the roads and experiences included here. Think of this as a first introduction: a chance to meet the people, eat some brilliant food, listen to their stories, and discover a very different Meghalaya through the eyes of those who call the Garo Hills home.



WHO IS THIS CHAPTER FOR?

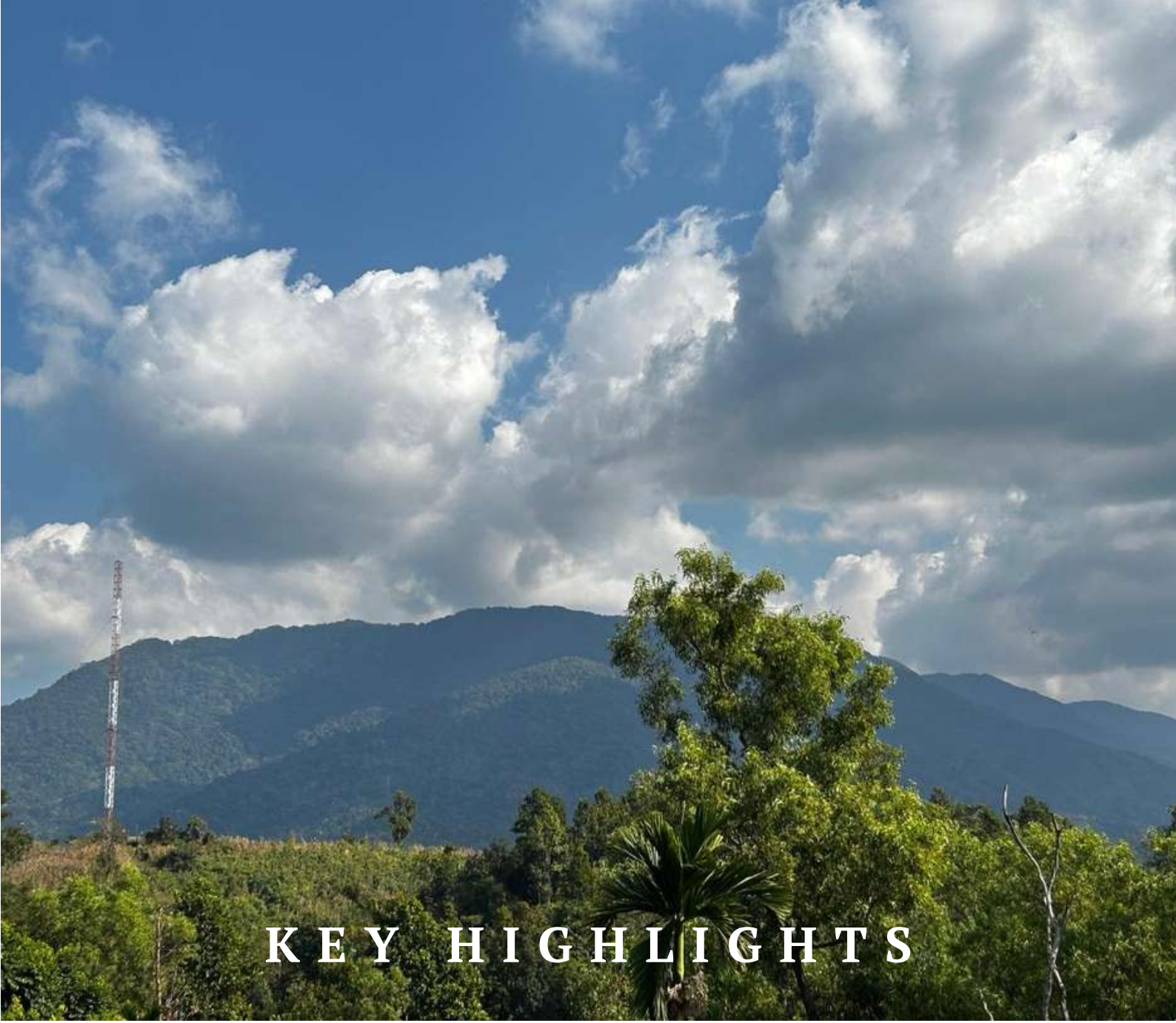
This chapter is for travellers who are curious about people and how different communities live, eat, work, create, and relate to the land around them. If you'd rather spend time in a family home, walk through a village, share a meal, or sit over a conversation than move quickly between a list of attractions, you'll feel at home on this journey.

It is particularly suited to travellers who enjoy going somewhere before it has been fully shaped around tourism. The Garo Hills are still finding their place on the travel map, and this journey comes with longer drives, fewer polished tourist experiences, and a little more flexibility along the way. What it offers instead is time with people, access to places that aren't usually part of a tourist itinerary, and some genuinely brilliant local food.



You don't have to arrive knowing anything about Garo culture, food, or history. The journey will introduce you along the way. Some of the best moments may be the ones that aren't planned - a conversation that runs longer than expected, an invitation to try something unfamiliar, a story shared over a meal, or an afternoon that simply unfolds around you.

If you're looking to tick off Meghalaya's most famous sights, this probably isn't the journey for you. If you'd rather leave with a few new perspectives, some good conversations, stories from a part of Meghalaya that is only beginning to open up to travellers - and, quite honestly, a very good introduction to Garo food - this might be.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay at a peaceful farmhouse-style homestay with hosts deeply connected to Garo food, agriculture, culture, and local communities.
- Spend time with a knowledgeable Garo storyteller in Gondenggre and hear the stories and perspectives that have made him a reference point for researchers studying Garo culture.
- Walk through a working farm and discover how seasonal produce, indigenous ingredients, and farming shape what appears on the Garo table.
- Share home-cooked meals with local families and experience Garo food where it belongs: around the table.
- Walk through Asheng Khosi, a sacred forest in Selbalgre, and learn about the beliefs that have helped protect it for generations.
- Visit Rombagre's community-protected fish sanctuary and understand how local communities have come together to protect their river and indigenous fish.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet musicians at the Rombagre Music School and discover Garo instruments, songs, and storytelling being passed on to the next generation.
- Learn about Chubitchi, traditional Garo rice beer, and Karitchi, the alkaline preparation central to Garo cooking.
- Spend time with a host passionate about Garo cuisine, local produce, wine, and the stories behind the region's food traditions.
- Discover another side of Tura through its cafés, local shops, and emerging creative spaces.
- Experience a part of Meghalaya that remains relatively new to tourism—and leave with new perspectives, good conversations, stories, and, quite honestly, a very good introduction to Garo food.

DAY WISE BREAKDOWN

Day	Starting Point	Ending Point	Distance - Activity Time	Experience	Stay
1	Guwahati	Tura	Driving: 6.5 Hours	• Drive to Tura. • Pit stop at Rajapara for lunch/snacks. • Settle into the homestay. • Evening at leisure.	Farmhouse in Tura
2	Tura	Tura	Driving: 1 Hour	• Wake up to an easy morning. • A short walk through the farm. • Learn about seasonal crops and locally grown ingredients. • During the post-harvest months, explore the same ingredients through the local market instead - understanding, selecting, and bringing them back to the kitchen. • Understand traditional Garo cooking practices from raw produce to the final preparation. • Later in the noon, visit a local souvenir shop. • Wind down your day at a handpicked café. • Evening at leisure.	Farmhouse in Tura
3	Tura	Tura	Driving: 1.5- 2 Hours	• Post breakfast, drive to Gondenggri Village. • Walk through the village and experience everyday Garo life. • Observe traditional homes and village surroundings. • Spend time with the local community through conversations and interactions. • Share a traditional/home-style meal. • Experience traditional rice beer in its natural cultural setting, if you're open to it. • Depending on weather and road conditions, take a detour to Darechikgre Sunset Viewpoint. • Return to Tura. • Evening at leisure.	Farmhouse in Tura

DAY WISE BREAKDOWN

Day	Starting Point	Ending Point	Distance - Activity Time	Experience	Stay
4	Tura	Tura	Driving: 2 Hours Forest Walk: 15-30 Minutes	• Drive to Selbalgre Village. • Guided walk through a sacred forest and learn about the cultural significance of the Asheng Khosi. • Enjoy a wholesome traditional lunch at Huro Asong. • Continue to Rombagre Village. • Explore the riverside surroundings, treehouse, and riverbank, with time to dip your feet. • Experience a Traditional Music School workshop. • Meet the local musicians preserving Garo instruments and folk songs and learn how some instruments are made from scratch. • Return to Tura. • Evening at leisure.	Farmhouse in Tura
5	Tura	Tura	Driving: 1 Hour	• Wake up to an easy morning. • Guided introduction to traditional Garo rice beer and its role in the culture. • Learn about the traditional fermentation and maturation process and the cultural practices surrounding its preparation. • Introduction to Khar, the traditional alkaline preparation at the heart of Garo cooking. • Rest and rejuvenate post-lunch. • Later, head out for an unhurried drive around Tura. • Depending on the weather and your mood, stop by a nearby riverside, explore parts of town, or settle into a local café. • Later, head back to the farm/homestay for a curated platter of seasonal local produce paired with wines. • Evening at leisure.	Farmhouse in Tura
6	Tura	Guwahati	Driving: 6.5 Hours	• Leisurely breakfast. • Drive to Guwahati. • Journey home.	Fly

Seasonal Note: Each experience is shaped by the season. Please refer to the Important Points section for relevant seasonal considerations and adaptations.



DAY 1- INTO MEGHALAYA, BEYOND THE FAMILIAR

Your journey begins in Guwahati as you leave the plains behind and make your way towards West Garo Hills. The landscape gradually changes, settlements become more dispersed, and the hills begin to take over.

Pause along the way for a relaxed local lunch before continuing towards Tura, the headquarters of West Garo Hills.

Arrive by evening and settle into your stay. Over a traditional home-cooked dinner, begin getting acquainted with the region and the people who call these hills home. It is a simple first evening, but an important one: your first taste of Garo hospitality, and the beginning of a journey shaped more by people and conversations than by a list of places to see.

OVERNIGHT IN TURA AT A PEACEFUL FARMHOUSE-STYLE HOMESTAY



DAY 2- OF FARMS, FLAVOURS & EVERYDAY LIFE

For many communities in the Garo Hills, the story of food begins long before it reaches the kitchen. Farming, seasonal cultivation, gathering, cooking, and sharing food have long been closely connected to everyday life. What grows through the year often determines what finds its way onto the table.

Begin with a leisurely walk through a working farm alongside your host. Learn about seasonal crops, indigenous ingredients, and the ways in which farming continues to shape what people cook and eat here.

Depending on the season, you may harvest some of the ingredients before joining your host in preparing a meal. More than a cooking session, the experience offers a glimpse into the relationship between the land, food, and people who have lived with it for generations.

The afternoon takes a different turn. Spend some time exploring Tura, with a visit to a local souvenir shop and a relaxed café offering a glimpse into the town's growing creative community. It is a chance to see another side of the Garo Hills—one that is contemporary and evolving, while still closely connected to the region around it.

Return to your stay for an unhurried evening.

OVERNIGHT IN TURA AT A PEACEFUL FARMHOUSE-STYLE HOMESTAY



DAY 3- A DAY IN GONDENGGRE

Gondenggre offers a glimpse into rural Garo life, where the village itself becomes the experience. Homes, farms, food, and community sit closely alongside one another, and much of the day is simply about walking, talking, and seeing how life unfolds.

Drive to Gondenggre Village, where the day unfolds at an unhurried pace.

Spend time walking through the village lanes, seeing traditional Garo homes, and having conversations with people from the community. Share a home-cooked meal, learn about everyday life, and, if you are open to it, try traditional rice beer—not as a performance, but simply as part of being welcomed into the community.

Depending on weather and road conditions, the day may conclude with a visit to Darechikgre Sunset Viewpoint, where sweeping views of the surrounding hills offer a fitting end to the experience before returning to Tura.

OVERNIGHT IN TURA AT A PEACEFUL FARMHOUSE-STYLE HOMESTAY



DAY 4- THROUGH FORESTS, RIVERS & MUSIC

The Garo relationship with the land extends beyond what is cultivated. Across the hills, forests, rivers, and community spaces have long been protected through belief, custom, and collective responsibility. In Selbalgre and Rombagre, you'll encounter these relationships through a sacred forest, a community-protected river, and a local music school keeping Garo music alive for the next generation.

Begin with a drive to Selbalgre Village and a guided walk through Asheng Khosi, one of the region's sacred forests. Learn about its cultural significance and the beliefs that have helped protect these forests for generations.

After the walk, enjoy lunch at a private property in the village, surrounded by traditional homes, trees, and flowers.



DAY 4- THROUGH FORESTS, RIVERS & MUSIC (CONT.)

Continue to Rombagre Village, where sections of the river are protected as community-led fish sanctuaries. Learn how the community has come together to protect indigenous fish populations and sustain the river ecosystem.

The day continues at the Rombagre Music School, where Garo songs and instruments are being passed on to the next generation. Meet local musicians, see how instruments are crafted, listen to traditional folk songs, and, if you wish, try your hand at playing one yourself.

With the day's experiences behind you, slow down by the riverside. Walk along the water, relax in the treehouse, enjoy a snack, or simply take in the surroundings before returning to Tura.

OVERNIGHT IN TURA AT A PEACEFUL FARMHOUSE-STYLE HOMESTAY



DAY 5- OF BREWS, FLAVOURS & SLOW AFTERNOONS

For the Garo, food carries knowledge of the land and of generations of people who have learned how to make the most of what grows around them. Today, you'll discover two traditions that embody this relationship: Chubitchi, the traditional Garo rice beer, and Karitchi, an alkaline preparation central to Garo cuisine.

Begin with a hands-on introduction to Chubitchi, learning about its ingredients, fermentation, maturation, and role in Garo agricultural and social life.

Continue with Karitchi, an ingenious preparation shaped by the resources of the Garo Hills. Traditionally used in Kappa, it reflects generations of culinary knowledge, resourcefulness, and an intimate understanding of the natural environment.



DAY 5- OF BREWS, FLAVOURS & SLOW AFTERNOONS (CONT.)

Together, these traditions offer a glimpse into the knowledge and resourcefulness that sit behind Garo cuisine.

After lunch, slow down. Take some time to rest before an unhurried drive around Tura. There is no fixed route; perhaps stop by a riverside, wander through town, or settle into a local café and let the afternoon unfold at its own pace.

Later, return to the farm for a local produce platter paired thoughtfully with wine. Settle into the quiet of the property, where seasonal produce, good conversation, and a glass of wine invite you to simply sit, talk, and take in the stillness of the Garo Hills.

OVERNIGHT IN TURA AT A PEACEFUL FARMHOUSE-STYLE HOMESTAY



DAY 6 - CARRYING THE STORIES HOME

After a leisurely breakfast, begin your drive back to Guwahati.

As the Garo Hills gradually recede behind you, the journey home retraces the roads that brought you here - but with a different understanding of the landscape around you. The farms, villages, rivers, forests, food, music, and traditions you encountered along the way now carry stories of their own.

Perhaps it will be the conversations shared over home-cooked meals, the quiet moments on a farm, music echoing through a village school, a bamboo bridge over a river, or simply the warmth of the people who welcomed you into their everyday lives that stay with you the longest.

And perhaps, somewhere along the way, the Garo Hills gave you a few stories of your own to carry home.



WHERE WILL I STAY?

Your stay is more than just a place to sleep. It is a homestay rooted in Garo life, where the home itself becomes part of the experience. Filled with Garo textiles, traditional artefacts, handicrafts, crafts and musical instruments, it offers a glimpse into the culture even before you step outside.

The home is closely connected to the surrounding community. Local villagers regularly drop by, work with the host and share an existing relationship with the home, giving the space a lived-in, welcoming character. It feels less like a conventional tourist property and more like a home that happens to open its doors to travellers.

Expect comfortable rooms, a warm and homely setting, and a more personal way of staying. As with any homestay, services are simple, and there is no conventional room service.



PRICING

“On Request - We host up to 6 to 8 people maximum”



INCLUSIONS

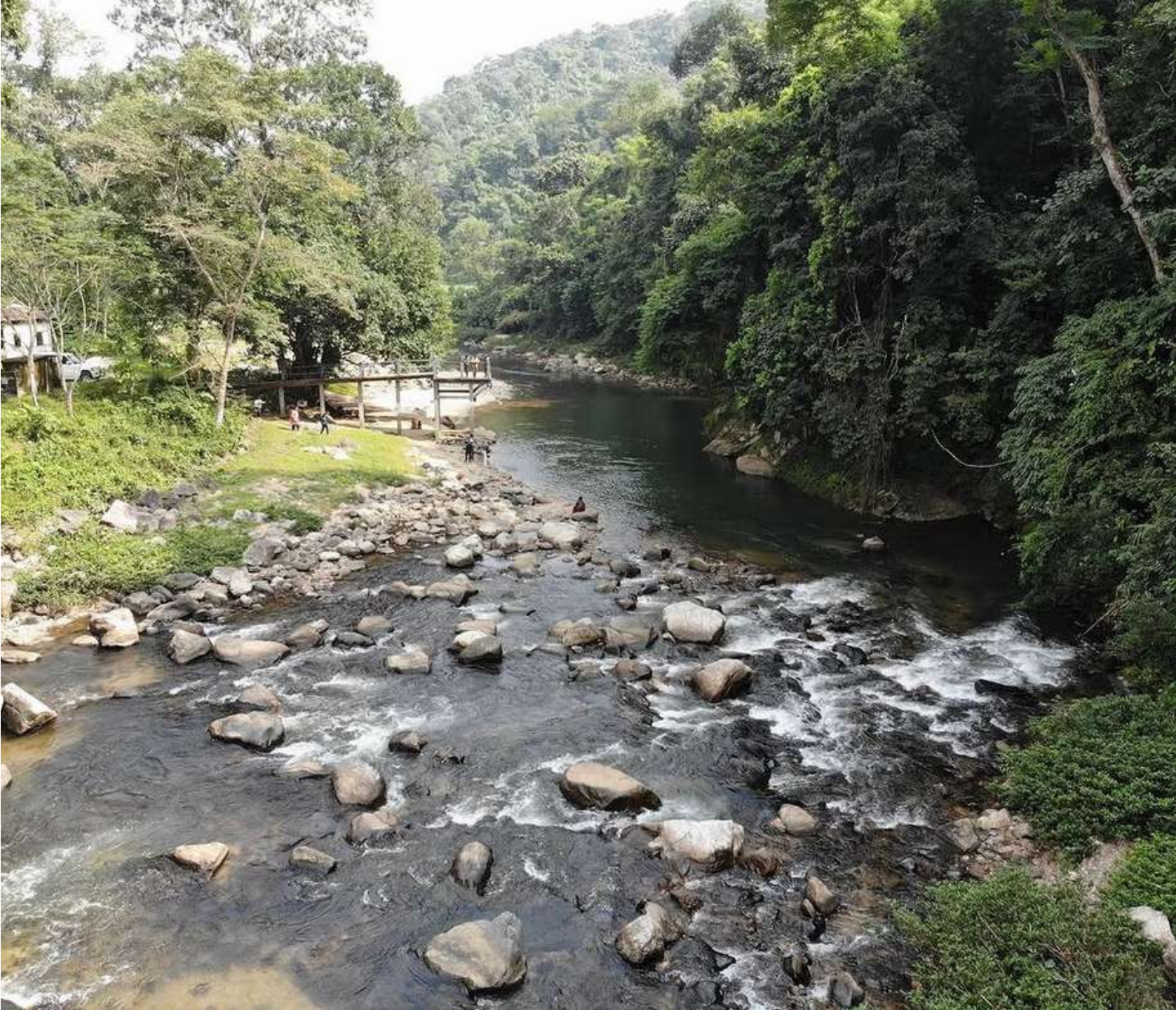
- Accommodation in carefully selected stays and thoughtfully curated properties on a double-sharing basis throughout the journey.
- Comfortable transportation from Day 1 to Day 6 in a Swift Dzire or Toyota Innova, depending on the group size.
- Daily breakfast from Day 2 to Day 6.
- Traditional local lunch on Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, and Day 5.
- A guided Farm-to-Table Experience, led by a local gourmet, offering insights into Garo food traditions, indigenous ingredients, seasonal produce, and regional culinary heritage.
- Guided Gondenggre Village Experience on Day 3, including a village walk, meaningful interactions with the local community, and in-depth cultural storytelling from a knowledgeable local storyteller.
- Selbalgre Cultural Immersion on Day 4, including a guided Sacred Forest walk, traditional lunch, and interactions.



- Rombagre Fish Sanctuary visit, and Traditional Music School programme on Day 4.
- Slow Living in Tura Experience on Day 5, including guided demonstrations of traditional rice beer brewing and Karitchi preparation, cultural storytelling, followed by a curated local produce platter and wine-pairing experience.
- Knowledgeable local guides, storytellers, and translators during all guided experiences.
- Community support fees, village access contributions, and local experience charges wherever applicable.
- Traditional local brews during Day 3 and Day 5 experiences.
- Entry fees and permits for all experiences included in the itinerary.
- All applicable taxes.



- Airfare, train tickets, or any travel to and from the trip's starting and ending points.
- Meals and beverages not specifically mentioned under Inclusions.
- Any additional food experiences, snacks, or beverages ordered outside the itinerary.
- Tips and gratuities for drivers, local guides, hotel staff, and community hosts (entirely at the guest's discretion).
- Personal expenses, including laundry, telephone calls, shopping, toiletries, medicines, and other incidental expenses.
- Camera, photography, or videography permit fees, wherever applicable.
- Entry fees or activities not specifically mentioned under Inclusions.



- Travel insurance, medical insurance, or evacuation costs.
- Any medical expenses incurred during the journey due to illness, injury, pre-existing medical conditions, or emergencies.
- Any costs arising due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, including but not limited to adverse weather, road closures, natural calamities, political unrest, flight or train delays/cancellations, vehicle breakdowns, or changes in government regulations.
- Any expense arising from changes to the itinerary requested by the guest during the trip.
- Anything not expressly mentioned under Inclusions.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seasonal Notes

Day 2 - Of Farms, Flavours & Everyday Life.

Between February and April, as the farms transition into a new growing cycle, fresh produce may not be available for harvesting. During this period, the Farm-to-Table experience follows the same journey from ingredient to plate, with seasonal produce sourced from the local market instead of the fields. The storytelling, cooking session, and shared meal remain unchanged, ensuring the experience stays just as authentic and immersive.

Day 3 - Gondenggre Village Escape.

Between April and September, this experience remains weather dependent, as sections of the approach road involve off-road driving. The experience may be adjusted depending on road and weather conditions to ensure guest safety and comfort.



Day 4 - Selbalgre & Rombagre Cultural Immersion.

During the monsoon, leeches may be present along the forest trail. Guests are advised to wear appropriate footwear and follow the guidance of the local experience facilitator.

Day 5 - Of Brews, Flavours & Slow Afternoons.

In the event of rain, the afternoon curated local produce platter and wine-pairing experience will be hosted indoors at the homestay instead of the farm, ensuring the experience remains just as intimate and enjoyable.

Best time to visit

This journey is best experienced between October and April, when the weather is generally pleasant and outdoor experiences can be enjoyed comfortably. The post-monsoon months bring lush green landscapes, while winter offers cool mornings and comfortable afternoons.



Travellers visiting between May and September can expect rainfall, making the region even greener. However, certain experiences, such as the visit to Gondenggre Village or Darechikgre Sunset Viewpoint, may be adjusted depending on road and weather conditions to ensure safety and comfort.

November is particularly rewarding, as it coincides with the primary harvest season in the Garo Hills, making farm and food experiences especially vibrant.

Accommodation details

Throughout the journey, you'll stay at carefully selected accommodations that reflect the warmth and character of the Garo Hills. While comfort remains a priority, these properties have been chosen for the experiences they offer, their hospitality, and their connection to the local community rather than luxury amenities.

Rooms are provided on a double sharing basis, with clean facilities and essential modern comforts to ensure a comfortable stay.



Road conditions

Road conditions in the Garo Hills vary throughout the journey. While the main highways and town roads are generally in good condition, some village roads may be narrow, uneven, or include short stretches of off-road driving, especially during or after the monsoon season.

These routes are part of what makes the region less explored and contribute to the character of the experience. We recommend approaching the journey with a flexible mindset and allowing extra time where required.

Mobile network availability

Mobile connectivity is generally available in towns, including Tura, with Jio and Airtel generally offering reliable coverage. However, network availability may become intermittent or unavailable in remote villages and forested areas.



We encourage guests to embrace these moments as an opportunity to disconnect from their devices and connect more deeply with the people, landscapes, and experiences around them.

Packing recommendations

We recommend carrying:

- Comfortable clothing suitable for warm days and cooler evenings.
- A light jacket or fleece, especially between November and March.
- Comfortable walking shoes or sandals with good grip.
- A reusable water bottle.
- Personal medications and basic toiletries.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat or cap.



- Insect repellent.
- A small daypack for daily excursions.
- Rain protection, such as an umbrella or rain jacket, particularly between April and September.
- A power bank for charging electronic devices.
- A torch or headlamp.

Physical activity level

This itinerary is designed to be easy to moderate and is suitable for most travellers with a reasonable level of fitness.

Experiences involve leisurely village walks, farm visits, and short guided walks through forests. The Selbalgre Cultural Immersion includes approximately 30 minutes of walking on natural forest trails. Comfortable footwear is recommended throughout the journey.



Responsible travel guidelines

This journey is built around meaningful interactions with local communities and respect for their traditions.

We request all travellers to,

- Seek permission before photographing people or private spaces.
- Dress modestly while visiting villages and community spaces.
- Respect local customs, traditions, and religious beliefs.
- Avoid littering and minimise the use of single-use plastics.
- Support local artisans and businesses wherever possible.
- Follow the guidance of local hosts and experienced facilitators.
- Approach every interaction with curiosity, openness, and respect.

Our aim is not only to explore the Garo Hills but also to ensure that our presence contributes positively to the communities who so generously welcome us.



Pace of the journey

This is intentionally a slow-paced journey. Not every part of the day is structured around a fixed activity, particularly during the later part of Day 5. There is space to rest, wander, stop for a coffee, sit by a riverside, or simply spend time with your hosts. Some experiences may also unfold differently depending on weather, season, and local circumstances.



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!

A vibrant, sunlit tropical garden scene. In the foreground, large banana leaves frame the left side. A dirt path leads into the background. To the right, a wooden picnic table is partially visible. In the center, a hammock is strung between two trees. Further back, another hammock and a small wooden bench are nestled among dense green foliage. The background shows a misty mountain range under a blue sky with soft clouds. The text 'FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS' is overlaid in white, serif, all-caps font.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is this journey for me?

This journey has been designed for travellers who enjoy slowing down and experiencing a destination beyond its attractions. Rather than rushing from one sightseeing point to another, you'll spend time connecting with local communities, understanding Garo food traditions, exploring villages, and enjoying meaningful conversations with your hosts.

If you're looking for a fast-paced itinerary packed with sightseeing, this may not be the right experience. But if you enjoy authentic local experiences, relaxed mornings, and discovering a place through its people, food, culture, and everyday life, this journey has been thoughtfully created for you.

Is there any age limit for this experience?

This itinerary is best suited for adult travellers who enjoy slow-paced and immersive experiences. Most experiences are relaxed and suitable for travellers with a basic level of fitness. However, participants should be comfortable walking through villages, farms, and uneven natural trails.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What level of fitness is required?

This is an easy to moderate experience.

Most activities involve leisurely village walks, farm visits, and short walks through natural landscapes. The Selbalgre Cultural Immersion includes approximately 30 minutes of walking through a Sacred Forest on natural trails.

No prior trekking experience is required, but comfortable walking shoes with good grip are recommended.

What kind of accommodation will we be staying in?

Throughout the journey, you'll stay at a carefully selected homestay located on the secluded outskirts of Tura. Surrounded by bamboo groves, small farms, trees, and flowering plants, the property offers a peaceful setting away from the bustle of town while retaining the comforts of a premium stay.

The property is professionally managed, while the owners bring a deep connection to the Garo Hills through their knowledge of the tribe, agriculture, food, stories, and rural communities. The property is also closely connected with local artisans, village headmen, and rural development initiatives, adding another layer of local context to your stay.

The homestay combines a traditional and modern kitchen, allowing for a versatile culinary experience, while its surroundings offer opportunities to experience the quieter side of life around Tura.

Please note that this is a homestay rather than a conventional hotel. The property prioritises a respectful, mindful clientele and maintains a quiet and personal atmosphere. Guests are therefore encouraged to approach the space and its surroundings with the same consideration.

Accommodation Note: The homestay featured in this itinerary is our preferred property and is subject to availability. In the event that it is unavailable for your travel dates, we may arrange an alternative property of a similar standard and character in or around Tura. We will ensure that the alternative meets our comfort and service standards and remains aligned with the overall character of the journey.

How does room sharing work?

Accommodation is provided on a double-sharing basis. Single occupancy may be available at an additional cost, subject to availability.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who are the hosts?

Our preferred homestay is hosted by women who have a deep connection to Garo culture, agriculture, food, and local communities. The owner brings extensive knowledge of the tribe, its food traditions, stories, and rural life, while remaining closely connected with local artisans, village headmen, and rural development initiatives.

Her professional responsibilities mean that she may not always be present at the property, but she remains closely involved in the wider ecosystem around the homestay.

Please note: This host-specific experience is subject to the availability of the preferred homestay. If an alternative accommodation is arranged, the host and property-specific interactions described above may not be available.

What kind of food can I expect? Are vegetarian meals available?

Food forms one of the highlights of this journey.

Expect simple, wholesome meals prepared using seasonal local ingredients. Throughout the experience, you'll discover traditional Garo recipes, indigenous produce, locally grown vegetables, and regional cooking techniques.

Yes, vegetarian meals are available and can be arranged with prior notice. While the region offers a variety of vegetables and plant-based ingredients, vegetarian options may be more limited in certain locations.

Can weather affect the experiences?

Yes. The Garo Hills receive consistent heavy seasonal rainfall, particularly during the monsoon months, and weather conditions may occasionally influence certain outdoor experiences.

Between April and September, the Gondenggre Village experience may be adjusted depending on road and weather conditions, as sections of the approach involve off-road driving. Darechikgre Sunset Viewpoint may also be skipped if conditions are unsuitable.

In case of rainfall, the curated local produce platter and wine-pairing experience on Day 5 may be hosted indoors at the homestay instead of the farm.

Any changes are made with guest safety, comfort, and the quality of the experience in mind.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What kind of weather can I expect?

The Garo Hills experience warm and humid summers, while winters are pleasantly cool and comfortable.

Summer temperatures typically range between 25°C and 30°C, while winter temperatures generally range between 12°C and 18°C. January is usually the coldest period, with mornings and evenings often feeling noticeably cooler than December.

What is the Farm-to-Table Experience? Is it seasonal?

The Farm-to-Table Experience is one of the signature highlights of this journey, offering an insight into the agricultural traditions and food culture of the Garo Hills. Accompanied by your host, you'll explore a working farm and learn about seasonal crops, indigenous ingredients, and traditional farming practices that continue to shape everyday Garo life. Depending on the time of your visit, you may also have the opportunity to harvest fresh produce alongside your host before it makes its way into the kitchen.

Even though November coincides with the primary harvest season in the Garo Hills, the experience is particularly vibrant and rewarding between June and August, when the fields are active and the agricultural cycle is in full swing.

During the winter months, while the primary harvest has passed, seasonal vegetables and fresh produce continue to be cultivated and harvested, although the variety may be more limited.

Between February and April, the farms are generally transitioning from the post-harvest period into a new growing cycle. During this time, fresh produce may not be ready for harvesting from the fields. The experience therefore follows the same journey from ingredient to plate, with seasonal produce sourced from the local market instead. You'll explore and understand the ingredients before bringing them back to the kitchen for the same guided cooking and culinary experience.

The experience concludes with a traditional meal prepared using locally sourced ingredients, accompanied by conversations that offer a deeper understanding of Garo food traditions, indigenous ingredients, and the cultural significance of what is grown and shared around the table.

Should I carry cash?

Yes. Although UPI payments are accepted in many places around Tura, we recommend carrying around 5000 in cash for personal expenses, shopping, snacks, or situations where digital payments may not work reliably in remote areas.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I have mobile network connectivity?

Mobile connectivity is generally available in towns, including Tura, with Jio and Airtel generally offering reliable coverage.

Network availability may become intermittent or unavailable while travelling through remote villages and forested areas. Wi-Fi availability also varies between properties.

We encourage guests to embrace these moments as an opportunity to disconnect and fully immerse themselves in the people, landscapes, and experiences around them.

What are the road conditions like?

Most of the journey is along well-maintained main roads. However, certain village roads are narrow or uneven and include short off-road stretches, particularly during or after the monsoon season.

These roads are part of accessing remote communities and experiences that remain away from mainstream tourism. A flexible mindset is recommended, as travel times may occasionally vary depending on road and weather conditions.

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