

Guwahati, Shillong and Cherrapunji Tour

Guwahati Shillong Cherrapunji tour to three of the most popular travel destinations of North East India.



Overview

Guwahati-Shillong-Cherrapunji is a popular North-East Indian city for vacation. The cities far from the bustling crowd city are full of natural beauty. The natural greenery, natural waterfalls, fresh air, natural plains, natural caves, and diverse flora and fauna are visually pleasing. Come and join us on the 5 days **Guwahati, Shillong and Cherrapunji Tou**r and experience the wonders of nature in its natural way. Forget all the worries and enjoy the tour with a peaceful mind and create some great memories.

Guwahati is the biggest city in Assam state in India. It is the *Gateway to North-East India*. The city lies between the foothills of the Shillong plateau and the banks of the Brahmaputra River. The city has beautiful landscapes with a suitable climate for tourists to visit.

Shillong is a famous hill station in the northeastern part of <u>India</u>. The capital as well as the *Gateway of Meghalaya* is popularly called the *Scotland of the East*. The city surrounded by hills has fresh air and a pleasant climate making it a popular vacation destination. The picturesque locations, amazing waterfalls,



crystal clear lakes, friendly people, and culture make this city lively and desirable to visit.

<u>Cherrapunji</u> is considered one of the wettest places on the earth. The city has some awesome landmarks to travel to. The tallest waterfall in India lies here. Besides, the stunning views of waterfalls in different forms and tiers are major attractions. The weather is pleasant and the city offers the natural scenery in its original form. The natural plains and lush green vegetation add beauty to this city.

Highlights

- **Tour Type:** Private Tour, flexible and customized
- Guide & Driver: English-speaking guide, experienced driver & air-conditioned vehicle
- Accommodation: 3 to 5-star well-selected hotels, also your own choice
- Meals: Mix choice of local cuisines & western-style food
- **Shillong:** 3 nights with Umiam Lake, Mawsmai Cave, Thangkharang Park, Shiva rock, Seven Sister Waterfalls (Nohsngithiang, Butterfly Museum and Botanical Garden
- **Guwahati:** 1 night with Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati Zoo, Assam State Museum and many more.

Outline

- 1. Choose your own departure date
- 2. Select the comfort level of accommodation
- 3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
- 4. Modify any aspect of the tour as needed
- 5. Flexible travel route (start from Guwahati and end to Varanasi/Delhi or vice-versa

Your Journey day by day

Day 01: Guwahati to Shillong (3hrs drive)

Upon reaching the Guwahati Airport, you are welcomed by our representative. After fulfilling all the formalities, a scenic 3-hour drive to Shillong in a private vehicle. Enjoy the surrounding views and stunning landscapes. Transfer to the hotel and rest for a while.

If time permits, a short visit to Umiam Lake for refreshment. Locals called it Dam Site. The reservoir was built for hydroelectric power generation. The artificial lake is famous for water sports like rafting, kayaking, boating, water cycling, and scooting. Enjoy the wonderful scenery in the surrounding by boating. Witness the diverse flora and some species of birds flying around. Return to a hotel and stay overnight.

Note: Travelers traveling from Bhutan to Guwahati can visit through the following route:

By Road: Thimphu-Gelephu-New Bongai gaon- Guwahati



Day 02: Shillong to Cherrapunji (1.5hrs), return to Shillong (1.5hrs)

After breakfast, head towards Cherrapunji for an excursion. The place is commonly called Sohra. A full-day tour begins with a visit to the Nohkalikai Falls. The tallest plunge waterfall in India is impressive.

Then, a visit to the attractive cave called Mawsmai Cave. The fully lit cave in its natural formation makes it distinct from other caves. This cave is home to bats, insects, and some flora species.

A tour of the Thangkharang Park famous for its natural scenery of plains and green valleys and Kynrem Falls. The Khoh Ramrah Rock popularly called Shiva rock is another attraction here. The park is home to various species of plants and trees. A great place to get a close-up sight of Bangladesh plains.

The tour ends with a visit to the Seven Sister Waterfalls (Nohsngithiang Falls). The waterfall plunges from a high and rocky cliff in seven stages naming it seven sister waterfalls. When it rains, the view is more enthralling making a loud sound. A glimpse of a rainbow penetrating it after rainfall is magical. The waterfalls rush through green vegetation on the limestone from the cliff.

Return to Shillong and stay overnight in a hotel.

Day 03: Excursion to Shillong

The full-day excursion to Shillong commences after breakfast. A short hike to the highest point of Shillong which is Shillong Peak (1962m). The peak is in a semi-circular form and offers an exclusive view from the top. The lush green vegetation, Himalayas, Bangladesh plains, waterfalls, and panoramic city view are worth watching. Witness the religious sacred U Shulong site dedicated to the local deity Leishyllong. Horse riding facility is also available to reach Shillong Peak. Carrying some packed snacks is a great idea.

After the awesome view, return and visit the Mary Help of Christians Cathedral. The high arches, stained glass windows, and aesthetic design of the church are marvelous. The two levels of a chapel and colossal cathedral church are one of the most attractive churches in Shillong.

Next, a visit to the Butterfly Museum, a treat spot for nature and butterfly lovers. It is also called the Entomological Museum. The great collections of colorful butterflies, spiders, moths, and beetle species are here. A unique experience for tourists to witness diverse species in one place.

The three-tier waterfall Elephant Falls is at the foot of an elephant-shaped stone. The attractive part of this waterfall is that it falls in three successions. The waterfall view looks stunning from different vantage points.

Then, end the tour by visiting a horseshoe-shaped Ward Lake. A great place for boating and enjoying the natural scenery. The green garden with abundant flower beds in the vicinity of the Botanical Garden is astounding. The rare collections of orchids and other varieties of flora are attractions in the Botanical Garden. Also, tour around the small aviary to view a colorful collection of rare avifauna species. The wooden bridge in the middle of the lake gives an awesome view. One can also feed the fish in the lake.



In the evening, stroll around Bara Bazaar and Police Bazaar for shopping. Stay overnight at a hotel.

Day 04: Shillong to Guwahati (3hrs drive)

After breakfast, a pleasant drive to Guwahati in a private vehicle for about 3 hours. Upon reaching Guwahati, freshen up in a hotel. Have lunch or some snacks. A visit to the famous Shakti peeth called Kamakhya Temple. This sacred temple is one of the oldest and holds great cultural importance. The beautifully decorated temple it impressive designs have a massive dome. The *Ambubachi festival* is celebrated grandly in this temple. Attend a festival if you are here around that time.

From here, head towards Guwahati Zoo. The zoo is home to 113 diverse species of the animal kingdom. More than 900 animals, birds, and reptiles are there in the zoo. The zoo is situated in the vicinity of the botanical garden. Thus, not only animals but varieties of plants and trees are home to this zoo. Some exotic animals like one-horned rhinos, giraffes, and African ostriches are prime attractions.

After spending some fun time in the zoo, a time to visit Assam State Museum. The perfect place that gives insights into ancient and modern history, and culture of North-East India. It displays amazing artifacts and sculptors of the 5th to 12th century and some from the Second World War too.

At last, a visit to the Guwahati Planetarium. The explanation of the expanding universe in detail is a new and unique experience inside the planetarium. The Sky watching sessions and projected shows with special themes are a major highlight. *Cosmic collision, Journey to the Stars, and Are we alone? Search for Life!* is some show theme. The shows are available in Assamese, Hindi, and English languages. To experience the world of the universe is magical. A perfect way to end the Guwahati tour.

In the evening, explore the nearby markets. Visit the Maati Centre, Pragjyoti Assam Emporium, and NEDFi Haat for handloom products, handicrafts items, traditional clothing, local artworks, and organic aroma products. Don't miss out to explore Fancy Bazaar which is popular as Chandni Chowk of Guwahati. The famous place to buy Assamese Shawl (Gamchha), designer clothes, handicraft goods, bamboo pickles, and many more. Also, enjoy various street foods and sweets as there are several food joints here. After joyous sightseeing around Guwahati return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Note: Tourists traveling to Bhutan can have a short half-day trip to Guwahati and proceed to Guwahati Airport for a scheduled flight to Paro, Bhutan. Also, other tourists can do half-day Guwahati sightseeing and return to their respective destinations. Our representative bids farewell and drops you off at an airport or station in a private vehicle.

Day 05: Final departure from Guwahati

The fun-filled 5 days Guwahati-Shillong-Cherrapunji Tour comes to an end. After breakfast, our representative transfers you to the airport or station in a private vehicle for the final departure. Hope you had a great time and create some unforgettable memories during this short tour.

FAQS

How can we reach Guwahati, Shilong, and Cherrapunji?



The fastest way to reach Guwahati is via flight. Guwahati airport has connections to all major cities in India. Alternatively, the train is the second best way and is simply accessible from the major cities in India. Some tourists & citizens traveling from Bhutan and Bangladesh through the border use bus service as means of transportation.

Shillong's distance from Guwahati is about 100 km and Cherrapunji from Shillong is about 53 km. A private vehicle for a comfortable ride or local vehicles from Guwahati to Shillong and Shillong to Cherrapunji is the best means to reach these destinations.

Is taxi travel safe from Guwahati to Shillong?

Yes, Sure. The taxi travel from Guwahati to Shillong is safe and comfortable for small groups. Just a reminder, do proper planning to reach Shillong on time.

Can I customize the tour package?

Absolutely Yes. You can customize the tour package and prepare your itinerary with schedules. You can add and remove the days and sightseeing destinations, and change the accommodation, & transportation to fit your budget and requirements. All arrangements should be made before the tour.

Which are the tourist attractions on Guwahati-Shillong-Cherrapunji Tour?

There are many tourist attractions on Guwahati-Shillong-Cherrapunji Tour. Below we have mentioned some of the tourist attractions that we have included in our tour package.

Guwahati: Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati zoo, Assam State Museum, Guwahati Planetarium, Fancy Bazaar

Shillong: Shillong Peak, Umiam Lake, Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, Butterfly Museum, Elephant Falls, Ward Lake, Botanical Garden

Cherrapunji: Nohkalikai Falls, Mawsmai Cave, Thangkharang Park, Seven Sister Waterfalls (Nohsngithiang Falls)

What is the cost of the tour package?

The cost of the tour package depends on your choice, like hotels, number of days tour travel, tour activities, number of travelers etc. So feel free to contact us of your queries, then we will calculate the cost for you or your group.



Can I plan the tour with family?

Sure. The places to visit on the Guwahati-Shillong-Cherrapunji Tour are on the flats and have little elevation. An easy and comfortable walk on the well-paved roads. Only a long walk requires toward Shillong Peak Hike. But, no need to worry as the facility for Horse riding is there to reach at the peak. All the destinations are at fewer distances and mostly drive through a private vehicle to reach there.

Is the tour suitable for a honeymoon?

Undoubtedly, the tour is perfect for honeymoon couples. The memorable tour due to the romantic weather, beautiful landscapes, natural beauty, wonderful destinations, and suitable accommodation & transportation facilities.

What is the best month to visit?

September to May is considered the best month to visit. The climate is favorable and moderate. The weather is amusing and cool. The breeze of the wind is cold yet refreshing.

What are the languages spoken?

Mainly the Assamese, Garo, Nepali, and Hindi languages and partially speak in English too. You can easily communicate in simple and basic English as they understand it.

How is the climate of Cherrapunji?

Cherrapunji is considered one of the wettest places on the earth. There is heavy rainfall throughout the year. Thus, the climate remains cool, pleasant, and favorable throughout the year.

How is the climate of Guwahati and Shillong?

The climate of Guwahati and Shillong remains moderate and warm throughout the year. But, expect more rainfall during summer in Guwahati. Guwahati is a little warmer than Shillong. Nonetheless, both places are suitable to travel to witness the natural beauty as the weather favors. We still recommend September to May as the best time to travel.

Does the tour package includes all pick-up and drops off service?

Yes, the tour package includes all pick-up and drop-off services from and to the airport/station. The private vehicle is used throughout the tour for transportation.

