

Himalaya, North India - The Eastern Arc (M-ID: 2735)

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from €1,940.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

15 days

This tour leads through four of the most northeastern states of India: Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Assam and Meghalaya.

We ride through the dense forests of Nagaland, over dried out riverbeds of the State Arunachal Pradesh, through the green hilly tea plantations of Assam and the wettest area in the world in Meghalaya!

The Northeast States have one of the highest densities of different cultures and languages in all of India. During the tour we will ride through the areas of the Galo, Adi, Idu, Khanti, Konyak, Ao, Lotha, Angami, Karbi, Dimasa, Jaintia and Khasi tribes - just to name a few! Each day takes us through a new tribal territory, and each people is very different from the previous one. Great landscapes, unique nature and lots of riding fun await us.

PROGRAM:

Day 1 - Dibrugarh

Your port of arrival is the Dibrugarh Airport of Upper Assam. Your guide will meet you at the airport and assist in your transfer to your hotel for the night. Once you have checked in and had a rest, we will introduce you to your bike and do the necessary adjustments you need. Following this we will have a briefing regarding the days to come.

Activity: Transfer/ Bike fitting / Briefing

Overnight: Hotel

Day 2 - Dibrugarh - Pasighat (170 km - 5 hours)

We start the day by crossing the Mighty Brahmaputra on the newly constructed 5 km long Bogibeel bridge. For the first 120 Kms we are in Assam, crossing territories of the Mishing, Ahom and Boro people. You will be riding through typical rural Assam with lush paddy and mustard fields.

Following this we enter Arunachal Pradesh at the Ruksin Gates, here we need to stop and do our entry formalities. Today is a little shorter ride on good roads and with perfect conditions to acclimatize as well as familiarize with the motorcycle and the riding conditions. Our destination for the day is a quaint lodge perched high above the mighty Siang River. The Siang as known in Arunachal Pradesh is the main tributary of the Brahmaputra, upriver in Tibet it is known as the Yarlung Tsangpo.

Overnight: Eco cottages

Day 3 - Pasighat - Wakro (distance: 240km/ 7 – 8 hours)

Your first long day takes you across territories of four unique tribes to the little settlement of Wakro which literally means "where the bamboo grows". This is easily one of the most picturesque days as you cross the three easternmost tributaries of the Brahmaputra. Wide vistas of the Himalayan range and its lesser hills on three sides and the Brahmaputra valley on the fourth. First, we have the Siang River, then comes the Dibang followed by the Lohit. Each of which is a mighty glacier fed Himalayan River. Our destination for this day is a little eco lodge in the outskirts of Wakro. There is a small organic green tea factory in the vicinity making some of the best green teas of this region.

Overnight: Eco Lodge

Day 4 - Wakro - Margeritha (distance: 170 Km / 6 – 7 hours)

Another beautiful day on small backroads of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Start the day with a visit to the organic

tea factory to understand the process of green tea manufacturing. Following this we ride. The first 60 km is a totally forested path between the Kamlang and Namdapha National Parks, two of the great wildlife parks of eastern India. Here you will find a couple of small Miju Mishmi villages with their typical longhouses. The next 30 kms takes us through small villages and a boat crossing across the Noa Dihing River. Enroute we visit a carpet weaving centre at the local Tibetan Refugee Colony. Our destination for the day is a village called Inthong home to the Singpho Tribe.

Overnight: Eco Lodge

Day 5 - Margeritha – Mon (distance: 170Km / 7-8 hours)

Today we make our way into eastern Nagaland. The township of Mon is the central town for the Konyak Nagas. The Konyaks spread across this part of Nagaland, parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Myanmar are a martial race known as fierce warriors who in the days gone used to be headhunters. Even today the chief decides for the Konyaks across both sides of the border. This is a fairly long day with most of it spend in the plains parallel to the Patkai Range. Today we will pass one of the first oil towns of Asia, ride through rice paddies and tea estates of Assam and into the forested tracts of Nagaland. The roads conditions aren't at their best in this part of Assam; however, it is even worse as we enter Nagaland.

Overnight: Eco cottages

Day 6 - Mon Local Tour (distance: around 100km)

We use his day to explore around the Konyak areas. We have a couple of local visits planned. We first head towards the Myanmar border to the Longwa Village. Longwa is one of the larger Konyak villages situated on a spur on the Myanmar border, half the village being on the Indian side whereas the other half on the Myanmar side. Following this we visit the Local markets at Mon.

Overnight: eco cottages

Day 7 Mon - Mokokchung (distance: 170 Km / 7 – 8 hours)

Heading deeper into Nagaland we make for Mokokchung. The bustling township of Mokokchung is one of the major towns in Nagaland and is the nerve centre of the Ao people. The day's ride takes us on a combination of deep forested Jeep tracks and single lane state roads. A fair amount of today's riding will be in wild country with deep muddy roads and a few human settlements. You will most likely see extraordinarily little to no other traffic on the first section of the day.

Overnight: Lodge

Day 8 - Mokokchung - Kohima (distance: 170 km / 7 – 8 hours)

In modern history Kohima has been famously known as the turning point in the Asia pacific theatre of WW2, it is often referred to as the 'Stalingrad of the east' where the Japanese war machinery finally met its match and hence started its decline. The 'Battle of Kohima' and specifically

the 'Battle of the tennis court' are examples of famous battles fought in this theatre. A good day of riding again, we take you to Kohima via the Doyang reservoir mostly on village tracks. This area has become famous for the annual migration of the Amur Falcons who rest here for 40 days fattening up for their flight from Siberia to Africa. In the months of Oct-Nov the skies turn black with the frenzy of millions of these falcons.

Overnight: Homestay

Day 9 - Kohima - Diphu (distance: 170 km / 7 - 8 hours)

We start the day with a couple of local visits. First, we visit the Kisama heritage village, a local market in Kohima and the Khonoma Village before heading towards our destination for the day. Our destination Diphu is the headquarters of the Karbi Hills of Assam. This is the land of the Karbi Tribe.

Overnight: Homestay

Day 10 - Diphu – Haflong (distance: 160 km / 6 – 7 hours)

Our destination for the day is Haflong popularly known as the only hill station of Assam. The days ride takes us through Karbi Anglong and then into the Dima Hsao district. The second half of the day will be on newly built four lane highways which will someday connect India with South East Asia. Enroute we will come across settlements of Karbi, Dimasa, Rengma among other tribes. Enroute we visit some of the ruins of the erstwhile Dimasa Kingdom.

Overnight: Homestay

Day 11 - Haflong - Jowai (Lalong) (distance: 180 km / 8 – 9 hours)

Another beautiful day of riding, we start through the forested North Cachar hill tract following which we climb up to the Jaintia Plateau. Enroute we cross the Umrangso reservoir with phenomenal views all around. The Jaintia hills is the easternmost hill range of Meghalaya, the traditional territory of the Jaintia Tribe. We end our day in a little village called Lalong.

Overnight: Eco Cottages

Day 12 - Jowai (Lalong) to Sohra (Cherrapunjee) (distance: 180 km / 7 – 8 hours)

Our destination for the day is Cherrapunji which has the distinction of receiving some of the highest rainfall ever recorded. We will ride close to the Bangladesh border on excellent roads with very little traffic. We shall stop over at a small Khasi village enroute for a scrumptious traditional meal. Cherrapunji has much to offer, including the natural root bridges and some of the deepest caves in India. For a large part of the day we will be riding along the Bangladesh border. Enroute we visit the Krang Shuri Waterfall, Mwilynnong village and the largest root bridge of the region.

Overnight: Eco Cottages

Day 13 - Sohra (Cherapunjee) local

A rest day, with an optional hike to the living root bridges.

This region other than being the wettest place on earth during the monsoons is also home to the Living root bridges. Over centuries the Khasi folk of this region have been entwining the roots of the Ficus Elastica trees to build bridges across the fast-flowing streams that are found all over. Other options are visits to the Mawsmat cave and the border town of Shella in the Indo – Bangla border.

Activity: Hike

Overnight: Eco Cottages

Day 14 - Sohra (Cherapunjee)- Guwahati (distance: 200 km 7 - 8 hours)

The last day of riding takes you back to the Brahmaputra valley. Our destination for this day is Guwahati, the capital of Assam and the largest city of the region. Ride takes you on sweeping roads through the east and west Khasi hill districts of Meghalaya, enroute we visit a couple of beautiful waterfalls. Upon arrival check in to your Hotel while the team dispatches with the bikes.

Overnight: Hotel

Day 15 - Departure

Your port of departure is the Guwahati airport.

Activity: Airport Transfer – 1hr / Depart

Countries	India
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Camping
	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
	on request
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

For 2 participants: price per rider in shared twin/double room (rental motorcycle incl.)	€2,340.00
For 2 participants: price per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	€1,840.00
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Reduced prices with a higher number of participants:	
from 4 participants: per rider in shared twin/double room (rental motorcycle incl.)	€1,940.00
from 4 participants: per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	€1,440.00
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Single room (surcharge per person)	€300.00
German speaking tour guide (surcharge per tour)	€900.00
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Price for single traveler (with Backup Camper, Mechanic, Guide on bike):	€3,540.00
Price for single traveler (without mechanic, With Backup Camper, Guide on bike):	€2,340.00

Included

all accommodations - 14 nights

all meals (14 x breakfast, 14 x lunch, 14 x dinner)

Refreshments and water throughout the whole tour

Rental motorcycle: Royal Enfield Himalayan motorcycle: with gasoline and transport costs (Guwahati to Dibrugarh)

Tour guide (English-speaking), German-speaking accompanying person at extra charge, see prices

Mechanic

Equipment, spare parts and gasoline

First aid kit

escort vehicle - Pickup Truck

Airport: Pickup and drop

Fees & Toll: All

Entry permit for foreigners

Not included

Everything that is not listed under services

Visa

international flight

unmentioned food and drink

More details

Number of participants: from 2 persons

Requirements: Good motorcycling skills are required. Sometimes rivers have to be crossed and there are jeep tracks and sometimes poorly developed roads. Every day 6-7 hours and more are spent on the motorcycle.

Total days: 15

Riding days: 12

Total distance: < 2000 km

Average daily distances: 180 km

Average daily riding time: 6 – 7 h

Airport in: Dibrugarh (Assam)

Airport out: Guwahati (Assam)

We are happy to assist you with the organisation of your arrival and departure.

Best time: October to March

* For the tour date 22.10.2022 - 05.11.2022, the German-speaking tour guide is already included in the price