



10-DAY ITINERARY

THE GRAND ASSAM CIRCUIT

 Guwahati • Kaziranga • Haflong • Dibru-Saikhowa • Majuli • Shillong

BEST FOR

Wildlife Enthusiasts | Culture Seekers | Adventure + Relaxation

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Quick Snapshot

Best Time To Visit: October – April

Weather: Clear skies, 10°C – 28°C

Arrival Options

 **Airport:** Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (GAU)

 **Railway:** Guwahati Junction (GHY)

 **Pre-book** airport transfer & plan buffer days for long drives

DAY 1: GUWAHATI

- Morning:** Land at **Guwahati airport**, transfer to hotel. Light lunch and rest after travel.
- Afternoon:** Visit **Kamakhya Temple**—one of the 51 Shakti Peethas. Plan for 1-2 hours including climb and darshan. Dress modestly.
- Evening:** **Sunset cruise on the Brahmaputra River.** Witness Asia's widest river turn golden. End with an authentic Assamese dinner (masor tenga & pithas).

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Walk through Fancy Bazaar in the evening—experience local life, textiles, and street food. Try pani puri with a Northeast twist.

SKIP/AVOID

Don't visit Kamakhya during Ambubachi Mela (June)—temple closes for 3 days and crowds are extreme.

DAY 2: KAZIRANGA

- Morning:** Depart 7 AM sharp. Scenic 5-hour drive (220 km) through **Assam's countryside and tea estates**. Stop for breakfast en route at Nagaon.
- Afternoon:** Arrive **Kaziranga** by 1 PM. Check into eco-resort. Lunch and short rest. Visit local tea estate, meet tea pickers, taste fresh Assam orthodox tea.
- Evening:** Relaxed evening at resort. Some resorts offer **Bihu cultural dance performances**. Early dinner and sleep.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Tea garden tour with a local guide who explains the entire orthodox tea-making process—from plucking to processing.

SKIP/AVOID

Don't book afternoon safari for Day 2—you'll be tired from the drive. Rest up for tomorrow's morning safari.

DAY 3: KAZIRANGA SAFARI DAY

- **Morning:** **Jeep safari** (Central Range—highest rhino density). Expect to see one-horned rhinos, wild elephants, swamp deer, water buffalo. Carry binoculars and camera. Return for breakfast.
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Kaziranga Orchid Park** or the Interpretation Center to learn about the ecosystem. Afternoon rest.
- **Evening:** **Nature walk** near resort boundary (guided). Watch sunset over grasslands. Dinner and storytelling session with naturalists at resort.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Early morning mist over grasslands creates magical wildlife encounters. Listen to the sounds—birds, elephants trumpeting, deer calls.

SKIP/AVOID

Don't wear bright colors (red, yellow, orange)—animals get alerted. Stick to khaki, olive, or brown. Don't expect tigers—they're extremely rare in Kaziranga.

DAY 4: KAZIRANGA EXPLORATION

- **Morning:** Elephant safari (if available and comfortable with concept—it's traditional but controversial). Alternative: Second jeep safari in Western Range (different landscape, fewer tourists)
- **Afternoon:** Explore nearby Assamese villages. Interact with locals, see traditional crafts (weaving, pottery).
- **Evening:** Return to resort. Free evening—spa treatment (if resort offers), birding walk, or simply relax. Pack for tomorrow's long drive to Haflong.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Visit a Mishing tribal village near Kaziranga. See traditional stilt houses, taste local rice beer.

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DAY 5: HAFLONG

- **Morning:** Depart 7 AM. **Long scenic drive:** 190 km / 5-6 hours through changing landscapes—plains to hills. Stop at Hojai for breakfast. Enter Dima Hasao district (tribal heartland).
- **Afternoon:** Arrive Haflong, check into hillside resort. Later, walk around **Haflong Lake**. Rent paddle boat (optional).
- **Evening:** **Watch sunset over surrounding hills.** Explore Haflong town's small market—unique tribal handicrafts, bamboo products, and local snacks. Try jadoh (rice and meat dish)

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Haflong is Assam's only hill station. Interact with Dimasa and Zeme Naga tribes. Experience a completely different culture from plains Assam.

SKIP/AVOID

Roads can be challenging—don't attempt this drive during heavy monsoon (July-August). Also, mobile connectivity is patchy—inform family beforehand.

DAY 6: HAFLONG SIGHTSEEING + JATINGA

- **Morning:** Breakfast with mountain views. Visit **Haflong Peak for panoramic views** of Haflong Lake, Borail Range, and the valleys below. 2-3 hours round trip.
- **Afternoon:** Drive to **Jatinga village**. Famous for the mysterious "bird suicide" phenomenon, the village offers stunning valley views and tribal culture.
- **Evening:** Return to Haflong. Free evening—spa, read a book with mountain views, or explore more of the town. Try **Dima Hasao's famous bamboo shoot curry**.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Visit during the Bushu festival (January) if timing works—experience authentic Dimasa tribal New Year celebrations with traditional dances and rice beer.

SKIP/AVOID

Don't expect high-end facilities in Haflong—it's rustic and charming. Come with the mindset of experiencing offbeat Northeast, not luxury hill resort.

DAY 7: DIBRU-SAIKHOWA

- **Morning:** Depart 6:30 AM. Breakfast stop at Silchar or Lanka. **Drive through remote Assam** countryside—paddy fields, small towns, river bridges.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive Tinsukia/Guijan by 3 PM. Check into eco-lodge near **Dibru-Saikhowa National Park**. Evening nature walk to spot migratory birds.
- **Evening:** Briefing session about tomorrow's boat safari. Dibru-Saikhowa is a riverine ecosystem—completely different from Kaziranga's grasslands. Prepare for early wake-up.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Stay in a homestay near the park if available—experience genuine Assamese hospitality and home-cooked meals with fresh river fish.

SKIP/AVOID

This is a long drive day. Don't overplan activities for Day 7 evening. Keep it light and rest up for the boat safari tomorrow.

DAY 8: DIBRU-SAIKHOWA BOAT SAFARI

- **Morning:** **Boat safari through Dibru-Saikhowa's** waterways and wetlands. Spot: feral horses, Gangetic dolphins, water birds. Safari lasts 3-4 hours. Return for late breakfast.
- **Afternoon:** **Visit nearby tribal villages.** See traditional fishing techniques and boat-making. Alternatively, explore tea estates around Tinsukia.
- **Evening:** **Sunset boat ride** on Lohit or Dibru River (shorter, more relaxed than morning safari). Watch the sky change colors over endless wetlands. Back to lodge for dinner.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Dibru-Saikhowa is a birder's paradise—over 350 bird species recorded. Carry a good bird identification book or app. Spot rare species like greater adjutant stork.

SKIP/AVOID

Don't compare this to Kaziranga—they're completely different ecosystems. Dibru-Saikhowa is about birdlife, aquatic ecosystems, and serene waterscapes, not big mammals.

DAY 9: MAJULI ISLAND

- Morning:** Depart 7 AM. Drive to Neamatighat 11 AM: Board **ferry to Majuli Island**—the world's largest river island. 1-hour scenic crossing of the mighty Brahmaputra.
- Afternoon:** Check into the staycation. Later, **visit Kamalabari Satra**—witness monks practicing traditional Assamese dance-drama (Sattriya).
- Evening:** **Cycle through Majuli's villages** (or hire a local guide with vehicle). Watch sunset over Brahmaputra from the island's edge. Dinner with cultural performance (if homestay arranges).

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Majuli is the cultural heart of Assamese civilization—home to Vaishnavite satras (monasteries) established in 15th-16th century. Experience living, breathing heritage.

SKIP/AVOID

Majuli is eroding due to Brahmaputra's currents—it's losing land every year. Visit soon. Also, ferry timings are weather-dependent; always have a buffer.

DAY 10: JORHAT - DEPARTURE

- Morning:** **Visit Samaguri Satra** (mask-making tradition). Watch artisans create traditional masks used in Raas Leela performances. Buy authentic souvenirs.
- Afternoon:** **Ferry back to Neamatighat.** Drive to Jorhat (30 km / 45 min). Lunch at Jorhat. 2 PM: Depart for Guwahati Airport.
- Evening:** **Arrive Guwahati.** Direct airport drop for departure. OR if you have time: Quick dinner in the city and last-minute shopping for Assam silk and tea before flight.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Majuli's mask-making and pottery are UNESCO-recognized intangible cultural heritage. These centuries-old traditions are practiced by only a few families now.

SKIP/AVOID

Don't book an early afternoon flight from Guwahati on Day 10—the drive from Majuli is long and unpredictable. Always keep 7-8 hour buffer.

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