

# Meghalaya Tour Package

Guwahati - Shillong - Cherrapunji - Dwaki - Shillong - Guwahati

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## Tour Basics •

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# About This Trip •

Nestled in India's northeastern corner, Meghalaya is a land of mist-covered mountains, verdant landscapes, sparkling waterfalls, and rich tribal heritage. The name *Meghalaya* translates to "Abode of Clouds", and true to its name, the state is blessed with a dramatic interplay of sun, rain, and clouds almost year-round.

#### Places to visit in Meghalaya

#### ?1. Shillong

Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya, is often referred to as the Scotland of the East due to its colonial charm, pine-covered hills, and cool climate. It offers vibrant street life, a rich musical culture, cosy cafés, and scenic spots like Shillong Peak, Elephant Falls, and Ward's Lake. It's the gateway to Meghalaya exploration.

#### ?2. Umiam Lake

Umiam Lake, located just before entering Shillong, is a serene man-made reservoir surrounded by pine forests and gentle hills. Ideal for boating, picnics, and photography, this spot is perfect for relaxation. The lake looks especially magical at sunrise and is a must-visit for nature lovers and road-trippers heading to Shillong.

#### ?3. Cherrapunji (Sohra)



Cherrapunji is world-famous for its heavy rainfall, lush landscapes, and towering waterfalls. It's home to iconic spots like Nohkalikai Falls, Seven Sisters Falls, and limestone caves such as Mawsmai and Arwah. The region offers panoramic cliff views over the Bangladesh plains and a calm, misty ambience all year round.

#### ?4. Nohkalikai Falls

Standing at 340 meters, Nohkalikai is India's tallest plunge waterfall, dramatically cascading off a forested cliff into a turquoise pool. Its name is rooted in a heartbreaking Khasi folklore that tells the tale of sorrow and loss, giving the place a deep emotional significance beyond its natural beauty. The viewpoint offers a breathtaking panorama of clouds, valleys, and rainfall-fed cliffs, making it one of Meghalaya's most photographed natural wonders.

## ?5. Seven Sisters Falls (Nohsngithiang)

This waterfall flows in seven segments over towering limestone cliffs in Cherrapunji. Best viewed during the monsoon, it appears like seven ribbons of water cascading side by side. The falls symbolise the seven northeastern states and are a dramatic visual treat during Meghalaya's rainy season.

#### ?6. Mawsmai Caves

Mawsmai Caves are well-lit limestone caves near Cherrapunji, showcasing stunning stalactite and stalagmite formations. They're easy to navigate and great for beginners to cave exploration. The extraordinary, damp chambers offer a glimpse into Meghalaya's geological history and are a favourite among families and nature enthusiasts.

#### ?7. Arwah Caves

Located amidst dense forest near Cherrapunji, Arwah Caves are larger and more adventurous than Mawsmai. Known for fossilised shells and fish embedded in rock walls, the caves require a short trek through nature. With minimal tourist crowds, these caves provide a more untouched and adventurous experience, allowing visitors to explore their raw, natural formations in peaceful solitude.

#### ?8. Double Decker Living Root Bridge (Nongriat)

This incredible bridge in Nongriat village is made from living tree roots that have been woven over decades by the Khasi tribes. Reaching it requires a 3,000-step trek from Tyrna village. Surrounded by waterfalls and forest pools, it's an iconic symbol of bioengineering and Meghalaya's harmony with nature.

## ?9. Tyrna Village



Tyrna is the starting point of the trek to the Double Decker Root Bridge. A peaceful Khasi village nestled in the hills, it serves as the base for hikers seeking adventure. The journey from Tyrna takes you through forest trails, bamboo bridges, and stunning valley views, making it a dream come true for nature lovers.

#### ?10. Dawki

Dawki is a border town renowned for its crystal-clear Umngot River, where boats seem to float in mid-air. It's also a trade route with Bangladesh and offers scenic views of the international border. The annual boat race in Dawki draws attention from both tourists and locals.

## ?11. Shnongpdeng

Located just a few kilometres from Dawki, Shnongpdeng is a serene riverside village renowned for its peaceful ambience, making it an ideal destination for camping, swimming, and adventure sports such as kayaking and cliff jumping amidst the crystal-clear waters of the Umngot River.

The Umngot River here is even clearer, perfect for kayaking, cliff jumping, and stargazing. It's a peaceful escape surrounded by hills, ideal for travellers seeking both relaxation and adventure.

## ?12. Mawlynnong

Often referred to as "Asia's Cleanest Village," Mawlynnong is a model of sustainable tourism. It's famous for spotless streets, bamboo dustbins, and flower-laden homes. The village features a skywalk made of bamboo for panoramic views and also boasts a nearby living root bridge. A cultural and ecological delight.

#### ?13. Mawphlang Sacred Forest

Located near Shillong, Mawphlang is an ancient forest revered for its protection by tribal beliefs. Nothing is allowed to be taken out, not even a leaf. The forest is home to rare medicinal plants, giant trees, and monoliths. A guided walk reveals the profound spiritual and ecological importance of the Khasi heritage.

#### ?14. Laitlum Canyons

About an hour from Shillong, Laitlum offers dramatic cliff views, deep gorges, and sweeping valleys. The spot is especially popular for capturing sunrise and sunset views." "Laitlum" means "End of the Hills" in Khasi. The area is excellent for trekking and immersing in untouched natural beauty.

#### ?15. Nartiang Monoliths



Located in the Jaintia Hills, Nartiang is home to one of the largest collections of monoliths in India. These ancient stone slabs and pillars are believed to be memorials of past kings and warriors. The site reflects the history and spiritual traditions of the Jaintia kingdom.

?16. Balpakram National Park (Garo Hills)

Situated in the Garo Hills, Balpakram is renowned for its diverse wildlife and rich cultural heritage, including its mythology. It's often called the "Land of Spirits." Home to species such as the red panda, elephant, and leopard, the park is a biodiversity hotspot and a sacred ground for the local Garo communities.

# **Getting There**

- By Air: The Nearest airport is Shillong (Umroi) or Guwahati (better connectivity).
- By Road: Well-connected to Assam via scenic highways.
- Permits: No Inner Line Permit (ILP) required for Indian tourists.

# Departure Dates •

**DEC:** 22, 30

**JAN:** 16, 30

# Stay Categories & Options •

**Deluxe** Persons: 2 INR 22,999.00 INR 24,999.00 Save INR 2,000.00

# Itinerary •

Day 1: Guwahati → Shillong | Dist: 100 km | Time: 03–04 hrs

Arrive at Guwahati Airport by noon.



- Begin your journey to Shillong, often referred to as the Scotland of the East, for its lush hills and colonial charm.
- En route, stop at the scenic Umiam Lake to relax, enjoy the tranquil views, and capture stunning photographs.
- Check in at your hotel/homestay in Shillong.
- In the evening, you are free to explore Police Bazar and taste Khasi cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Stay at the hotel in Shillong

Day 2: Shillong → Cherrapunjee | Dist: 60 km | Time: 02 hrs

- Depart early for Cherrapunji, the wettest place on Earth and visit
- Wah Kaba Falls, Seven Sisters Falls, Nohkalikai Falls India's tallest plunge waterfall and Awasmai Caves. Walk through ancient limestone formations.
- Optional: Explore Eco Park or Arwah Caves.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Stay at the hotel in Cherrapunji

Day 3: Trek to Double Decker Root Bridge (Nongriat Village) | Early morning

- Begin early from Tyrna village.
- Trek approx. 3,500 steps to reach the Double Decker Living Root Bridge.
- Experience natural pools, lush forest canopies, and thrilling adventures.
- Return by evening to Cherrapunjee for rest.

Meals: Breakfast



Night: Stay at the hotel in Cherrapunji

# Day 4: Cherrapunjee → Shnongpdeng (Dawki) | Dist: 90 km | Time: 03 hrs

- After breakfast, you will visit Mawsmai Caves and Mawer to Mawlynnong Village.
- Afterwards, set out for Shnongpdeng, a tranquil hamlet near Dawki, where the shimmering Umngot River flows so clear it mirrors the sky.
- After reaching Shnongpdeng (Dawki), check into the camps and enjoy your dinner under a sky full of stars.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner Night: Stay in the tents at Dawki

# Day 5: Water Sports and Phe-Phe Waterfall

- Savour your morning breakfast while soaking in the breathtaking view of the river's crystalclear waters.
- Activities: Boating in glass-clear waters, Cliff jumping, zip lining, kayaking (optional) and relaxing riverside or camping overnight.
- Explore the nearby Indo-Bangladesh border if time permits.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Stay at the hotel in Shillong

# Day 6: Shnongpdeng → Shillong → Guwahati Departure | Dist: 210 km | Time: 06-08 hrs

- After breakfast, drive back to Shillong for a quick brunch or café stop.
- Proceed to Guwahati Airport in time for your evening departure by flight or train.
- The trip ends with lifelong memories of Meghalaya's natural beauty and adventure.



Meals: Breakfast Night: Nil

# Inclusions •

Transportation: Comfortable tempo traveller or SUV for all transfers and sightseeing (as per group size).

Accommodation: 2 nights in Shillong, 2 nights in Cherrapunjee and 1 night in Shnongpdeng (camping).

Meals: Daily breakfast and Dinner on day 04.

Driver / Trip Leader: Experienced driver familiar with mountain roads and a Friendly trip captain/quide (for group departures).

Sightseeing: Umiam Lake, Elephant Falls, Shillong Peak, Nohkalikai Falls, Mawsmai Caves, Seven Sisters Falls, Double Decker Living Root Bridge Trek, Dawki & Umngot River activities (boating included if mentioned).

Basic Amenities: Camps with sleeping bags and/or mattresses (Shnongpdeng).

Bonfire (weather permitting).

First-aid kit.

Adventure activities at Shnongpdeng (like kayaking, cliff jumping, ziplining, payable on spot).

## Exclusions •

Airfare or train tickets to and from Guwahati.

Meals not mentioned in the inclusions (Lunches and dinners unless specified).

GST 5%.

Entry fees to attractions, as well as camera/video charges at monuments.

Cost arising due to natural calamities, roadblocks, landslides, or political disturbances.

Personal expenses, such as shopping, snacks, tips, laundry, etc.

Portage, additional stay due to flight delays or a change in itinerary.

Travel insurance, medical expenses, or emergency evacuation charges.

Anything not mentioned under "Inclusions"

# FAQs •



Q: What are the best places to visit in Meghalaya?

A: Meghalaya is home to some truly breathtaking destinations, including Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki, Shnongpdeng, Mawlynnong, and the iconic Double Decker Living Root Bridge in Nongriat.

Q: What is the best time to visit Meghalaya?

A: October to April is the perfect season to explore Meghalaya, with comfortable weather, clear skies, and favourable trekking conditions. For lush greenery and full waterfalls, May to September.

Q: How many days are enough for a Meghalaya tour package?

A: An ideal Meghalaya tour typically spans 5 to 7 days, allowing you to explore highlights such as Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki, Mawlynnong, and the iconic Living Root Bridges.

Q: Is Meghalaya suitable for a road trip?

A: A Meghalaya road trip is among the most scenic journeys in India, with winding hill roads, cloud-kissed valleys, dense forests, and countless waterfalls along the way. Every turn reveals breathtaking views, making it a paradise for nature lovers

Q: Is Dawki worth visiting?

A: Yes! Dawki is famous for the Umngot River, renowned for its crystal-clear waters. Boating in Dawki is a must-do in every Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki tour.

Q: Do I need any permits to visit Meghalaya?

A: No permit is required for Indian tourists to visit Meghalaya. However, it's recommended to carry valid ID proof at all times, especially during check-ins or visits near the Bangladesh border (e.g., Dawki).

Q: What are the top things to do in the Meghalaya tour package?

A: Trekking to Living Root Bridges. Boating in Dawki. Exploring caves like Mawsmai and Arwah. Visiting waterfalls in Cherrapunji. Camping in Shnongpdeng. Walking on sky bridges in Mawlynnong.

Q: Which airport is closest to Meghalaya?

A: The nearest airport is Shillong Airport (Umroi), but it has limited connectivity. Most travellers arrive via Guwahati Airport, which is about 3 hours from Shillong and has excellent connections across India.

Q: Is Meghalaya safe for solo or female travellers?

A: Yes, Meghalaya is among the safest destinations in Northeast India, especially for solo and female travellers. The local communities are known for their warmth and hospitality, and incidents involving tourists are extremely rare.

Q: What should I pack for a Meghalaya trip?

A: Pack comfortable clothing, a light jacket for cooler evenings, a raincoat or umbrella, sturdy trekking shoes, a power bank, a flashlight, and any essential personal medications.

Q: Are ATMs and mobile networks easily available?



A: ATMs can be easily found in main towns, such as Shillong and Cherrapunji, but are limited or unavailable in remote villages like Mawlynnong or Shnongpdeng.

Q: What are some hidden gems in Meghalaya?

A: Some offbeat places to visit in Meghalaya include: Laitlum Canyons Mawphlang Sacred Forest Nartiang Monoliths Balpakram National Park These spots offer fewer crowds and deeper cultural or natural experiences.

Q: Is Meghalaya a good honeymoon destination?

A: Yes! With its misty hills, waterfalls, river camps, and peaceful villages, Meghalaya honeymoon packages are increasingly popular among couples seeking a unique, nature-filled romantic getaway.

Q: Can I customise my Meghalaya tour package?

A: Many travel companies offer customizable Meghalaya tour packages tailored to your interests, whether you're seeking trekking adventures, peaceful getaways, romantic honeymoons, or immersive cultural experiences.

Q: What is the cost of a Meghalaya trip?

A: The average cost of a Meghalaya trip ranges from ?12,000 to ?25,000 per person for a 5–6 day tour, depending on accommodation, travel style (private or group), and inclusions. Budget and luxury options are available.

Q: What is the average temperature in Meghalaya throughout the year?

A: The average temperature in Meghalaya ranges from 4°C to 25°C, depending on the season and altitude. Summers remain calm and pleasant, whereas winters can be quite chilly, especially in higher-altitude regions like Cherrapunji and Shillong.

Q: Does it snow in Meghalaya?

A: No, snowfall is extremely rare in Meghalaya. While places like Shillong, Laitlyngkot, and Cherrapunji experience frost and cold winds in winter, snowfall does not occur due to the state's subtropical highland climate.

Q: What's the temperature in Cherrapunji during the monsoon?

A: During the monsoon season (June to September), Cherrapunji's temperature ranges from 10°C to 18°C. It's one of the wettest places on Earth, so the weather is cool, misty, and extremely humid.

**Q:** Is it safe to travel during the rainy season?

A: Yes, but be cautious. Meghalaya receives heavy rain, especially in June to September. While the waterfalls and landscapes are stunning, roads may become slippery and foggy. Carry waterproof gear and always check weather updates before starting your day.

# Get in Touch •

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