Tawang Trip

Guwahati - Dirang - Tawang - Sangti - Guwahati

Group PackagesGroup Tour

Tour Basics •

Duration: 06 Days 05 Nights	**Route:** Guwahati - Dirang - Tawang - Sangti - Guwahati

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About This Trip •

Tucked away in the northeastern Himalayas, near the Indo-China border, Tawang is one of India's most enchanting destinations. Located at an altitude of 3,048 meters (10,000 feet), this small town in Arunachal Pradesh is renowned for its monasteries, breathtaking landscapes, and rich cultural heritage. Often described as a heavenly Himalayan escape, Tawang attracts spiritual seekers, adventure enthusiasts, and nature lovers alike.

With snow-capped peaks, serene lakes, roaring waterfalls, and vibrant monasteries, Tawang offers a blend of adventure, culture, and spirituality that few places in India can match.

Why Visit Tawang

- Spiritual Significance: Tawang is home to the Tawang Monastery, the largest monastery in India and the second-largest in Asia. It is a major Buddhist pilgrimage site and an important centre of Monpa culture and Tibetan Buddhism.
- Stunning Landscapes: From Bumla Pass to Madhuri Lake and Sangti Valley, Tawang offers scenic vistas of snow-laden peaks, rivers, and valleys.
- Historical Importance: The region has a rich history, including border conflicts, the 1962 Indo-China War, and the Dalai Lama's escape from Tibet, which makes sites like Bumla Pass historically significant.
- Adventure Activities: Trekking, river-side camping, and high-altitude excursions are popular,

especially to destinations like Penga Teng Tso Lake, Madhuri Lake, and Nuranang Falls.

Top Attractions in Tawang

1. Tawang Monastery

- Established in 1680, it is a hub of Buddhist learning and culture.
- Houses ancient scriptures, statues of Buddha, and murals.
- Visitors can witness monastic rituals, butter lamp ceremonies, and chanting.

2. Bumla Pass

- Located 37 km from Tawang, this Indo-China border pass is historically significant.
- Famous for its stunning high-altitude landscapes and snow-covered terrain.
- Only accessible with an army-issued permit.

3. Madhuri Lake (Sangetsar / Shonga-Tser Lake)

- A glacial lake at 13,400 ft, known for its turquoise waters and surrounding snow-capped peaks.
- Perfect for photography, picnics, and short nature walks.

4. Penga Teng Tso Lake

- Another pristine glacial lake, en route to Bumla Pass.
- Ideal for meditation, photography, and scenic relaxation.

5. Nuranang Falls (Jang Waterfalls)

- A 100-meter high waterfall, one of Arunachal Pradesh’s most spectacular cascades.
- Popular for photography, short trekking, and riverside picnics.

6. Sangti Valley

- Known as the Valley of Peace, it features lush meadows, flowing rivers, and Monpa villages.
- Famous for bird watching, camping, and offbeat trekking experiences.

7. Tawang War Memorial

- A tribute to Indian soldiers who fought in the 1962 Indo-China War.
- Offers panoramic views of Tawang town and the surrounding valleys.

Best Time to Visit Tawang

Season	Experience
Spring (March – May)	Pleasant weather, blooming flowers, and clear views of mountains.
Summer (June – August)	Green valleys, flowing rivers, occasional rains, and snowmelt streams.
Autumn (September – November)	Crisp air, clear skies, ideal for trekking, sightseeing, and photography.
Winter (December – February)	It is cold and snowy, offering stunning snow-covered landscapes. Road accessibility may be limited.

Best Time to Visit: March to June and September to November

Things to Do in Tawang

- Visit Monasteries: Explore Tawang Monastery, Urgelling Monastery, and other smaller monasteries for spiritual experiences.
- **High-Altitude Trekking:** Trek to Bumla Pass, Madhuri Lake, and Penga Teng Tso Lake.
- **Adventure Activities:** Try river-side camping, photography, and nature walks in valleys like Sangti.
- **Explore Villages:** Interact with Monpa communities to learn about local culture and traditions.
- **Waterfall Excursions:** Visit Nuranang Falls for a refreshing stop on the way to Bumla or Madhuri Lake.

How to Reach Tawang

- By Road: Well-connected via Guwahati ? Tezpur ? Bomdila ? Tawang highway. Shared taxis and private vehicles are standard.
- **By Air:** Tezpur Airport (Assam) is the nearest airport, about 330 km from Tawang. From there, hire a taxi or join a guided tour.
- **By Train:** The nearest railway station is Rangapara North (Assam), 310 km from Tawang.

Pro Tip: Tawang is a restricted area, and all travellers need to obtain an Inner Line Permit (ILP) in advance, available from Guwahati, Tezpur, or Tawang town.

Where to Stay in Tawang

- Luxury Stays: The Mystica Tawang, offering modern amenities and panoramic views.
- Mid-Range: Hotel Dungphu Resort, providing comfort with scenic surroundings.
- Budget: Tawang Tourist Lodge and guesthouses near Tawang town.
- Eco-Stays: Homestays in Sangti Valley or nearby villages for cultural immersion.

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Tawang is more than just a town; it is a Himalayan experience that combines spirituality, adventure, and natural beauty. From serene lakes and roaring waterfalls to monastic wisdom and cultural richness, every corner of Tawang tells a story of peace, resilience, and awe-inspiring landscapes.
Whether you are a photographer chasing Himalayan vistas, a trekker exploring high-altitude passes, or a spiritual seeker visiting Buddhist monasteries, Tawang offers memorable experiences for all kinds of travellers.
Standing amidst its snow-capped peaks, pristine rivers, and vibrant Buddhist monasteries, you'll understand why Tawang is often called the crown jewel of Arunachal Pradesh.

Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 18,999.00	~~INR 20,999.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Guwahati → Dirang | Dist: 256km | Time: 07–08 hrs

- Meet our trip representative at the designated pickup point in Guwahati.
- Begin your scenic journey towards Dirang, passing through the beautiful hill town of Bomdila.
- Enjoy the changing landscapes as you drive from the plains of Assam to the Himalayan foothills of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Reach Dirang, check into your hotel, and relax after the journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Stay at the hotel in Bomdila/Dirang

Day 2: Bomdila/Dirang → Tawang | Dist: 169km | Time: 04–05 hrs

- After breakfast, head towards Tawang.
- En route, you will cross Sela Pass, a mountain pass that remains snow-covered in winter.
- Also, stop at Sela Lake, a scenic spot ideal for photography.
- Pay homage at the Jaswant Garh War Memorial, built in honour of the brave soldier Jaswant Singh Rawat.
- Continue the drive to Tawang, enjoying the scenic mountain views along the route.

Meals: Breakfast
Night: Stay at the hotel in Tawang

Day 3: Tawang Sightseeing

- After breakfast, you will go sightseeing in Tawang.
- Visit the iconic Tawang Monastery, the largest monastery in India and an important spiritual centre.

- Stop by the grand Buddha Statue, a peaceful spot offering panoramic views of the town.
- Explore the Sixth Dalai Lama Gompa, a vital monastery marking the birthplace of the Sixth Dalai Lama.
- Visit the Tawang War Memorial, a tribute to the heroes of the 1962 Indo-China War.

Meals: Breakfast
Night: Stay at the hotel in Tawang

Day 4: Bumla Pass and Madhuri Lake | Bumla Pass and Madhuri Lake

- After breakfast, set out on an exciting day trip to Bumla Pass, located on the Indo-China border (subject to permits and weather conditions).
- On the way, pause at Penga Teng Tso Lake, a stunning glacial lake encircled by snow-capped peaks.
- Later, visit the scenic Madhuri Lake (Shonga-Tser Lake), named after actress Madhuri Dixit, who filmed a scene here for the movie *Koyla*.
- Enjoy the stunning landscapes and the peaceful ambience of these high-altitude lakes before returning to Tawang.

Meals: Breakfast
Night: Stay at the hotel in Tawang

Day 5: Tawang→ Sangti | Dist: 139km | Time: 04–05 hrs

- Post breakfast, proceed to check out of the hotel and head towards the scenic Sangti Valley.
- On the way, take a break at the beautiful Jang Waterfalls, also known as Nuranang Falls, a popular scenic spot perfect for photos.
- Continue the drive through the mountains and valleys until you reach Sangti.
- On reaching Sangti, check into your hotel and unwind for the evening.

Meals: Breakfast
Night: Stay at the hotel in Sangti

Day 6: Departure | Dist: 306km | Time: 09–10 hrs

- After breakfast, check out of the hotel and begin your return drive to Guwahati.
- Enjoy the scenic journey as you descend from the mountains to the plains.
- On reaching Guwahati, it’s time to conclude your trip.

- Bid goodbye to the enchanting landscapes of Arunachal Pradesh, taking home countless memories from this unforgettable journey.

Meals: Breakfast
Night: Nil

Inclusions •

Accommodation will be on a double or triple-sharing basis at the listed hotels or homestays, as per the itinerary.

Daily breakfast as outlined in the travel plan.

A vehicle will be provided for all transfers and scheduled sightseeing activities.

All local tours and excursions mentioned in the itinerary.

All necessary permits and entry passes are required during the trip.

Exclusions •

Dinner and Lunch are not covered.

Bumla pass permits and Union cab charges.

5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) is extra and not included in the package cost.

Fuel and toll charges are to be borne by the traveller in case of self-driving vehicles.

Expenses for returning early if you choose to exit the trip mid-way.

Personal expenditures such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, or similar.

Any unforeseen expenses due to natural disasters like landslides or road closures.

Anything not explicitly listed in the ‘Inclusions’ section.

Charges for room heaters, if required.

Travel insurance coverage is not part of the package.

Entry fees to monasteries and other attractions are not included.

FAQs •

Q: How do I reach Tawang from Guwahati?

A: Most Tawang tour packages start from Guwahati. You can reach Tawang by road via Bomdila and Dirang. It usually takes two days to reach Tawang from Guwahati, with an overnight halt in Dirang.

Q: Is the Tawang trip safe for solo travellers and families?

A: Yes, the Tawang trip is safe for solo travellers and families. However, since it involves high-altitude travel and off-road drives, it's recommended to follow the Tawang travel guide closely and travel with experienced operators.

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Q: Do I need permits for a Tawang trip?

A: Yes, an Inner Line Permit (ILP) is mandatory for all Indian tourists visiting Arunachal Pradesh. In addition to the Inner Line Permit, you'll need a special permit for Bumla Pass, as it's a sensitive border area under army control.

Q: What is included in the Tawang tour package?

A: Most Tawang tour packages include accommodation, transportation from Guwahati, driver charges, sightseeing as per the Tawang itinerary, and all necessary permits (except for the Bumla Pass).

Q: How difficult is the road trip to Tawang?

A: The Tawang trip involves long drives through the mountains. The roads are narrow, featuring off-road patches, water crossings, and steep climbs, especially at Sela Pass.

Q: Why is Bumla Pass not included in all Tawang tour packages?

A: Bumla Pass requires special permission from the army, and only vehicles registered with the army are allowed. That's why most Tawang tour packages keep it as an optional add-on at extra cost.

Q: What is the altitude of Tawang, and is AMS (Altitude Sickness) a concern?

A: Tawang is situated at an altitude of 3,048 meters (10,000 feet). Mild symptoms of Altitude Mountain Sickness (AMS) are common during the Tawang trip, especially at Sela Pass and Bumla Pass.

Q: Which places are covered in a typical Tawang tour itinerary?

A: A typical Tawang trip itinerary covers key destinations, including Dirang, Bomdila, Sela Pass, Sela Lake, the renowned Tawang Monastery, and the Tawang War Memorial.

Q: What kind of accommodation is provided in the Tawang tour package?

A: Most Tawang tour packages offer comfortable hotels, homestays, or guesthouses on a double-sharing basis. You can request a single room at an extra cost. Expect basic amenities, as Tawang is a remote region.

Q: Can I customise the Tawang tour package for my group?

A: Yes, the Tawang tour package is customizable. You can choose your travel dates, group size, and special requests, such as private vehicles or longer stays in places like Sangti Valley or Dirang.

Q: What should I pack for the Tawang trip?

A: For the Tawang trip, please carry warm clothes, thermals, a windproof jacket, trekking shoes, a reusable water bottle, personal medications, and valid identification. In winter, gloves and snow boots are recommended.

Q: Is there snowfall in Tawang?

A: Yes, Tawang and Sela Pass witness heavy snowfall from December to March, turning the region into a winter wonderland. If you're looking to experience snow, this is the best time for a Tawang trip.

Q: Is there a mobile network and internet during the Tawang trip?

A: In Tawang, BSNL and Airtel offer the best network connectivity, but coverage is limited in remote areas. Internet speed is generally slow.

Q: Is the Tawang trip suitable for elderly people?

A: The Tawang trip involves long drives and high-altitude travel, which can be tiring for elderly people. However, if they are physically fit and have no severe medical issues, they can enjoy the Tawang tour comfortably with proper precautions.

Q: What is the cost of a Tawang tour package?

A: The average Tawang tour package cost ranges from ?18,000 to ?22,000 per person, depending on the group size, hotel category, and whether Bumla Pass is included.

Q: Is oxygen required for the Tawang trip?

A: Generally, oxygen support is not required for a Tawang trip. Still, if you have breathing issues or heart conditions, it's advisable to consult a doctor and carry a portable oxygen source as a precaution.

Q: Can I do a bike trip to Tawang?

A: Yes, many adventure seekers choose a Tawang bike trip. However, it's recommended only for experienced riders due to rough terrain, steep climbs, and changing weather conditions.

Q: Can foreigners visit Tawang?

A: Yes, but foreigners need a Protected Area Permit (PAP) instead of an Inner Line Permit. The Tawang trip for foreign tourists requires prior approval from the government.

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