

Scotland of the East (Shillong) and Cherrapunjee



Double Decker Living Root Bridge

Quick Itinerary

Day 1:- Arrive at Guwahati, drive to Shillong

Day 2:- Shillong local sightseeing and drive to Cherrapunjee

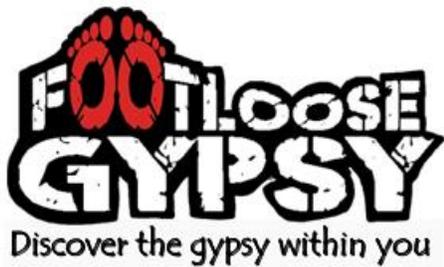
Day 3:- Hike to Double Decker Living Root Bridge

Day 4:- Drive to Mawllynong, village hike.

Day 5:- Long hike to fishing pond; fishing

Day 6:- Drive to Guwahati. Visit to local archery centre.

Day 7:- Airport drop-off



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Day 1:- Arrive at Guwahati, drive to Shillong (3 hours), a lovely hill-station in the state of Meghalaya. The road winds through green hills and crosses the beautiful Umium Lake. Along the way, visit the colorful local markets, run entirely by women (the Khasis are a matriarchal society), selling betel nuts, pineapples and oranges (locally grown).

Overnight: - Shillong- Guest house.

Day 2:- Drive to Cherrapunjee on the Shillong plateau- this is the place that receives highest amount of rainfall in the world. Enjoy a short hike to the Elephant falls and Shillong Peak covered in mist. Explore limestone caves with stalactites and stalagmites. Late afternoon arrive at Cherrapunjee Resort, a lovely resort overlooking the plains of Bangladesh.

Overnight: - Cherrapunjee Holiday Resort.

Day 3:- Half/full day hike to the living root bridges- these are bridges made by Khasis entwining the roots of living trees. If you go for the day long hike (5-6 hours) you can take a dip in the natural swimming pools. On the way you will see three interesting villages where one can stop and interact with the locals. Later come back to the resort for a well deserved rest.

In the evening enjoy folk dance and song performances by the Khasi boys.

Overnight: - Cherrapunjee Holiday Resort.

Day 4:- Drive across the plateau to the village of Mawyllynong, considered the cleanest village in Asia. The village is really a special place- the villagers have made it so clean and green; it is like a piece of Paradise! Walk to the watch tower made entirely of Bamboo. Later visit the border market where goods are traded from Bangladesh. Stay at the community built Guest house, made of bamboo and thatch (but with modern conveniences), and with a machan.

Overnight: - Mawyllynong Guest House.

Day 5:- After breakfast, hike along village trails to the fishing ponds (3-4 hrs), through a forest path. Picnic lunch, followed by fishing at the pond. Enjoy the mist and clouds; this is a place like no other, and as yet unused by anybody but the villagers.

Overnight: - Mawyllynong Guest House.

Day 6:- After breakfast, head to Shillong (2 hours), and stop at Umium lake for lunch. Come back to Guwahati to your guest house (3 hours), reaching by late afternoon.

Overnight: - Guwahati Guest House

Day 7:- Departure from Guwahati.