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A Footloose Gypsy Trip to Meghalaya & Assam

(8 Days and 9 Nights)

Day wise Itinerary: -

<u>Day 1</u>: - Arrive at Guwahati (capital of Assam and drive to Shillong (3 hours), a lovely hill-station in the state of Meghalaya. The road winds through green hills and crosses beautiful Umium Lake. Arrive at Shillong late evening and check into your lovely guesthouse.

Overnight: Shillong Guest House

<u>Day 2</u>: - 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 a limestone cave with stalactites and stalagmites. Late afternoon arrive at Cherrapunjee Resort a lovely resort overlooking the Bangladesh plains.

Overnight: Cherrapunjee Holiday Resort or equivalent.

<u>Day 3</u>: - 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 (8-9 hours) you can take a dip in a natural pool. On the way you will see three interesting villages and can stop to interact with the locals. Come back to the resort for a well-deserved rest.

Overnight: Cherrapunjee Holiday Resort or equivalent.





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<u>Day 4</u>: - Drive across the plateau to the village of Mawllynong, considered the cleanest village in Asia. This village is really a special place - the villagers have made it so clean and green, it is like a piece of paradise! Walks to the watchtower made entirely of bamboo, and take in the wonderful view. Visit the border market where goods are traded from Bangladesh.

Overnight: - Mawllynong guest house.

<u>Day 5</u>: - Drive back to Shillong (2 hours). Along the way, visit the colorful local markets, run entirely by women (the Khasis are a matriarchal society), selling (and chewing) betel nuts, pineapples and oranges (locally grown). At Shillong, visit the St. Mary's Church, and in the afternoon see the local archery.

Overnight: - Shillong Guest House.

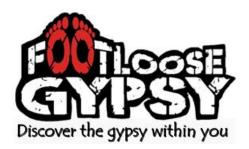
Day 6: - After an early breakfast, drive to Kaziranga National Park (6-7 hours), driving through rural scenery. Reach late afternoon and leisure.

Overnight: Kaziranga, Bon-habi or equivalent.

Day 7:- Early morning Safari on elephant back to the National Park where you will see one-horned rhinos, wild Asiatic buffaloes, elephants as well as other flora and fauna unique to this part of the world. Afternoon jeep-safari into the National Park.

Overnight: Kaziranga, Bon-habi or equivalent.





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<u>Day 8</u>: - After breakfast, drive back to Guwahati, capital of the state of Assam (7 hrs). Evening shopping and leisure at the comfortable and welcoming guest-house. Walk down to the river-side (river Brahmaputra).

Overnight: Guwahati

<u>Day 9</u>: - Drop-off to airport.

