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## **Packages:**

## Nameri & Kaziranga National Park

<u>Route</u>: Guwahati – Wild Mahseer (Balipara) – Nameri National Park – Kaziranga National Park – Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary – Guwahati airport

#### ITINERARY (05 Nights/ 06 Days)

#### Day 01: Guwahati - Wild Mahseer Tea Bungalow (220 km / 4 ½ hrs approx)

**D**Arrival at Guwahati airport. On arrival meet by our driver and transfer to Wild Mahseer Tea bungalow to stay overnight. Check into your room and later walk around the property. Dinner and overnight.

Spread over 22 acres of land and surrounded by tea gardens, Wild Mahseer is a British era tea bungalow nestled in Adabari tea Estate, the 145 years old cultural inheritance and Eastern Himalayan Botanic Ark. Named after one of the toughest game fish of the world, Wild Mahseer is the perfect heritage stay where history and nature is the host for the visitors.

## Day 02: Wild Mahseer - Nameri National Park day excursion (20 km / 45 minutes approx)

**B L D**Early morning drive to Nameri National Park to trek inside the national park. Packed breakfast will be served on this day. Later return to the starting point and drive 25 km upstream and raft down the Jia Bhorelli River. Return to your hotel on the break of day light. Dinner and overnight.

Nameri is a scenic park in the foot of Eastern Himalaya in the Assam-Arunachal border. It touches the Pakke Tiger reserve in the south-east boundary. The park has a great variety of mammals like elephants, tigers, Indian gaur, 4 species of deer, Capped langur etc. This park is also known for its birdlife. Nameri is the place to watch the elusive and endangered White-winged Duck. Among the other parks, Nameri has the highest number of this species in the world along with more than 350 species of birds.

#### Day 03: Wild Mahseer – Kaziranga National Park (85 km / 2 hrs approx)

**B L D**After breakfast transfer to Kaziranga National Park, known for the world's largest population of Indian One Horned Rhinoceros. On arrival check into hotel. Lunch will be served at the resort. Post lunch go for a jeep safari to the nearest range of the park. Return to the lodge by dusk. Overnight.

The UNESCO World Heritage site, **Kaziranga National Park** hosts two-thirds of the world's Great One-horned rhinoceros also known for the highest density of tigers among the protected areas in the world

and of course swamp deer (barasingha), Elephant and wild water buffalos too. Bordered by Brahmaputra River on the north and Karbi hills on the south, this nature reserve is one of the finest national parks in the country. Apart from the mammals, this park is also home to a variety of migratory birds, water birds, predators, scavengers, and game birds.

#### **Day 04: Kaziranga National Park**

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Today morning and evening go for game drive inside the park. Lunch will be served in the lodge before going for the second game drive. Return to the lodge by dusk. Dinner & overnight.

**Note:** This is for your information that elephant ride is regulated and controlled by the forest dept. Govt. of Assam. As such we do not have any control for booking of elephant ride in advance. Every evening the Forest Department open the counter to distribute ticket for the next day early morning elephant ride.

Day 05: Kaziranga National Park – day trip to Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary (125 km / 3 hrs approx) B L D Early morning with packed breakfast drive for 03 hours to Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary for a jungle walk inside the Sanctuary to look out for the Hoolock Gibbon, stamped tail macaque, lion tailed macaque, capped Langur found here. Return to the lodge for lunch. Post lunch drive for less than an hour to Silghat to embark on your country boat to explore a small part of the mighty Brahmaputra River. Experience its scenic beauty with different avian species. Also watch out for the playful Gangetic River Dolphins. During the cruise your accompanying naturalist will help you to spot different birds and possibly Dolphins too. As dusk approaches, we will make our way back to Silghat. Enjoy the sunset with your choice of tea or coffee with cookies as we approach the shore. Disembark and drive back to your lodge.

**Note:** Dolphin boat ride is exclusively for the in-house guests of Diphlu River Lodge.

Day 06: Kaziranga National Park – Guwahati airport (220 km / 4 ½ hrs approx)

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Post breakfast transfer to Guwahati airport to board your scheduled flight for onward journey.

#### Tour ends.

## Note:

- Elephant ride is subject to availability and permission granted by the forest department.
- Please note that some of the sights/itinerary may change due to time limit, weather, national holidays, and special events. We maintain the rights to alter the itinerary since tours are made in advance and unforeseen circumstances that mandate change may arise. Itinerary changes are made to improve your overall travel experience.

# Guwahati to Guwahati (2 Nights 3 Days River Cruise)

**Itinerary:** Two Nights & Three Days Cruise

## Brahmaputra Cruise with visit to weavers' village of Sualkuchi

**Day 01:** Arrive to embark your private and exclusive river boat by 10 AM. The boat will be waiting for you near Uzanbazar Ghat/ Pandu Ghat and our Manager and his team will meet you with a welcome drink.

We shall start by sailing toward the Peacock Island, known to be one of the smallest inhabited river islands of the world. The beautiful Umananda Temple on the island is dedicated to Shiva and his consort Parvati.

After the Peacock Island visit, come back aboard the cruise boat and start sailing toward Aswaklanta Temple. Located on the North bank of Guwahati, this beautiful early 18th century temple is built atop a hill offering beautiful scenic views of the Guwahati city on the south bank. After exploring this famous temple site on foot we shall walk a little distance to visit the nearby Hindu Vashnavite Monastery of Auniati Satra.

Return to your boat where a simple lunch cooked by our onboard chef will be waiting for you.

Sail downstream while you relax on the sundeck and enjoy the sunset with a cup of tea or coffee as you like. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 02:** Early morning start sailing downstream towards the little town of Sualkuchi and after breakfast, visit its silk weaving workshops accompanied by your Manager cum guide on your mountain bikes/bicycles/e-rickshaw to see the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon to spinning to dyeing and finally to hand weaving into exquisite saris and dress lengths.

Also known as the textile center of Assam, Sualkuchi is famous for its high quality Muga, Pat and Eri silk products. Local attires like 'Mekhela Chador', 'Sari' and 'Gamosa' are made from these indigenous silk materials which have a great demand throughout Assam and India.

After exploring Sualkuchi return to the boat. Lunch will be served on-board. PM visit a river side Assamese village of Vijaynagar. You can enjoy the sunset on the sundeck with tea, coffee and snacks. Tonight, you will be served specially prepared dinner onboard. Anchor nearby Guwahati.

**Day 03:** After breakfast, sail toward Guwahati and disembark near Uzanbazar Ghat/ Pandu Ghat, Guwahati.

Embarkation point: Uzanbazar/ Pandu Ghat, Guwahati

Disembarkation point: Uzanbazar/ Pandu Ghat, Guwahati

#### NOTE:

1) Itineraries are subject to river & weather conditions.

2) Cruise Manager will make changes to the itinerary if required.

# Guwahati to Guwahati ( 2 Nights 3 Days Rural Countryside & Wildlife River Cruise)

Upstream itinerary: Two Nights & Three Days Cruise - Rural Countryside and Wildlife

**DAY 1:** Arrive at Uzanbazar Ghat in Guwahati and embark aboard MV Rudra Singha by 10 AM. Start sailing towards Peacock Island, one of the smallest inhabited river islands in the world. The beautiful Umananda Temple on the island is dedicated to Lord Shiva and his consort Parvati.

After Peacock Island, sail downstream towards the little town of Sualkuchi and after lunch, visit its silk weaving workshops accompanied by your Manager cum guide on your mountain bikes/bicycles or erickshaw to see the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon to spinning to dyeing and finally to hand weaving into exquisite saris and dress lengths.

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We will also set to sail upstream. Enjoy the sunset on the sundeck with tea, coffee and snacks served there. The boat will be anchored nearby to a sandbank. Dinner will be served onboard.

**DAY 2:** Today sail upstream this morning past jungle-covered hills, and turn into the Mayong River. After breakfast, disembark and using safari jeep we reach the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary entry point. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, known for its sizable population of one-horned rhinos; we shall be unlucky if we do not spot some of these amazing armored beasts on a jeep safari around the park. Return to your boat for lunch and enjoy your time at the sundeck. If time permits visit a river side village. Tonight, stop near the park and be treated to a specially prepared farewell dinner on board.

**Day 03:** Sail downstream to Guwahati in the morning and disembark after breakfast near Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati.

**Embarkation point:** Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati

**Disembarkation point:** Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati

# NOTE:

- 1) Itineraries are subject to river & weather conditions.
- 2) Cruise Manager will make changes to the itinerary if required.

## **Guwahati to Guwahati (3 Nights & 4 Days Cruise)**

**Upstream itinerary:** Three Nights & Four Days Cruise

**Destination:** Guwahati – Sualkuchi – Pobitora - Guwahati

**Day 01:** Arrive at Uzanbazar Ghat in Guwahati and embark on MV Rudra Singha by 10 AM. Start sailing towards Peacock Island, one of the smallest inhabited river islands in the world. The beautiful Umananda Temple on the island is dedicated to Lord Shiva and his consort Parvati. After Peacock Island, start sailing towards Aswaklanta Temple, an 18th century hilltop temple. Explore this temple and then walk a little distance to visit a nearby Hindu Vaishnavite Monastery of Auniati Satra.

Enjoy lunch and cruise downstream, moored close to the village of Vijaynagar. Explore this small Assamese town on your mountain bikes/bicycles before returning to the boat in the evening. Dinner and overnight on the boat.

**Day 02:** Cruise upstream this morning to the silk-weaving town of Sualkuchi. Explore this town on your mountain bikes/bicycles and witness the entire process of silk manufacture, from cocoon to spinning and dyeing, and to hand-weaving into exquisite saris (mekhela chador). Re-board the boat and start sailing upstream to Ganesh Pahar. Dinner and overnight on the boat.

**Day 03:** After breakfast, arrive at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and using safari jeep we reach the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary entry point. This small park has a sizeable population of one-horned rhinos, and we shall be unlucky if we do not spot some of these amazing armoured beasts on a jeep safari. Return to your boat for lunch and enjoy your time at the sundeck. Later visit a riverside village. Tonight, stop near the park and be treated to a specially prepared farewell dinner onboard.

**Day 04:** Sail downstream to Guwahati in the morning and disembark after breakfast near Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati.

Embarkation point: Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati

Disembarkation point: Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati

#### NOTE:

1) Itineraries are subject to river & weather conditions.

Cruise Manager will make changes to the itinerary if required.

#### **Guwahati to Silghat (3 Nights & 4 Days Cruise)**

**Upstream itinerary:** Three Nights & Four Days Cruise

**Destination:** Guwahati – Sualkuchi – Tezpur - Silghat

**Day 01:** Arrive to embark your private and exclusive river houseboat by 10 AM. The boat will be waiting for you near Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati and our Manager and his team will meet you with a welcome drink.

We shall start by sailing toward the Peacock Island, known to be one of the smallest inhabited river islands of the world. The beautiful Umananda Temple on the island is dedicated to Shiva and his consort Parvati.

After the Peacock Island visit, come back aboard the cruise boat and start sailing toward Aswaklanta Temple. Located on the North bank of Guwahati, this beautiful early 18th-century temple is built atop a hill offering beautiful scenic views of the Guwahati city on the south bank. After exploring this famous temple site on foot, we shall walk a little distance to visit the nearby Hindu Vaishnavite Monastery of Auniati Satra.

Return to your boat and sail downstream towards the little town of Sualkuchi and after lunch, visit its silk weaving workshops accompanied by your Manager cum guide on your mountain bikes to see the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon to spinning to dyeing and finally to hand weaving into exquisite saris and dress lengths. Also known as the textile center of Assam, Sualkuchi is famous for its high-quality Muga, Pat and Eri silk products. Local attires like 'Mekhela Chador', 'Sari' and 'Gamosa' are made from these indigenous silk materials which have a great demand throughout Assam and India.

After exploring Sualkuchi return to the boat. We will also set to sail upstream. Enjoy the sunset on the sundeck with tea, coffee and snacks served there. The boat will be anchored nearby to a sandbank. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 02:** Today we sail upstream. After breakfast, disembark and visit the riverside village with your accompanying boat manager cum guide. Return to the boat and continue sailing upstream. While sailing lunch will be served onboard. Spend the rest of the day relaxing on the sundeck; enjoy the sunset with a cup of tea or coffee with cookies. The boat will be anchored nearby riverside village. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 03:** We will sail up to Tezpur. Post lunch visits Tezpur and explore the 6th century Da Parbatia temple ruins with its beautifully carved portal. Later, visit the Cole Park with its medieval stone carvings saved from sites all over the region, and passing the bungalow once lived in by Alexander Bruce, a pioneer of the tea industry. Our ship will be waiting at the town's waterfront for us to reboard. Today you will be served specially prepared farewell dinner onboard.

Day 04: On arrival at Silghat disembark after breakfast for your onward journey.

Embarkation point: Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati

**Disembarkation point:** Silghat near Kaziranga

## NOTE:

1) Itineraries are subject to river & weather conditions.

2) Cruise Manager will make changes to the itinerary if required.

## Guwahati to Silghat Cruise & Diphlu River Lodge Itinerary

**Itinerary:** Six Nights & Seven Days

**Destination:** Guwahati – Sualkuchi – Tezpur –Silghat – Kaziranga (Diphlu River Lodge)

"MV Rudra Singha" is built by local craftsmen in the traditional style of Assamese Pansoinau (flat-bottomed large boat), entirely made of local wood and elegantly appointed with local weavings. The houseboat is perfect for couples and small families to explore the Brahmaputra river and the numerous attractions close to the river banks.

The houseboat has a 121-sq. ft. private cabin for double or twin occupancy and a living area or lounge with a sofa cum bed, where 02 kids/adult can sleep. Both the living area and the cabin is air-conditioned offering panoramic views.

There is one private bathroom for the guest's, which can be accessed by all the guests, i.e. guests staying in the cabin and living area. The vessel has a shaded dining area and an open sitting area on the sun deck. The living area and cabin both has separate doors for privacy.

While our guests explore the Brahmaputra river and the numerous attractions close to its banks, a crew of four – Captain, sailor, chef and cruise manager cum guide – will be present at all times to ensure the guest's comfort.

**Day 01:** Arrive to embark your private and exclusive river houseboat by 10 AM. The boat will be waiting for you near Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati and our Manager and his team will meet you with a welcome drink.

We shall start by sailing toward the Peacock Island, known to be one of the smallest inhabited river islands of the world. The beautiful Umananda Temple on the island is dedicated to Shiva and his consort Parvati.

After the Peacock Island visit, come back aboard the cruise boat and start sailing toward Aswaklanta Temple. Located on the North bank of Guwahati, this beautiful early 18th-century temple is built atop a hill offering beautiful scenic views of the Guwahati city on the south bank. After exploring this famous temple site on foot, we shall walk a little distance to visit the nearby Hindu Vaishnavite Monastery of Auniati Satra.

Return to your boat where a simple lunch cooked by our onboard chef will be waiting for you. Sail downstream towards the little town of Sualkuchi and after lunch, visit its silk weaving workshops accompanied by your Manager cum guide on your mountain bikes/bicycles to see the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon to spinning to dyeing and finally to hand weaving into exquisite saris and dress lengths.

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After exploring Sualkuchi return to the boat. We will also set to sail upstream. Enjoy the sunset on the sundeck with tea, coffee and snacks served there. The boat will be anchored nearby to a sandbank. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 02:** Today we sail upstream. After breakfast, disembark and visit the riverside village with your accompanying boat manager cum guide. Return to the boat and continue sailing upstream. While sailing lunch will be served onboard. Spend the rest of the day relaxing on the sundeck; enjoy the sunset with a cup of tea or coffee with cookies. The boat will be anchored nearby riverside village. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 03:** We will sail up to Tezpur. Post lunch visits Tezpur and explore the 6th century Da Parbatia temple ruins with its beautifully carved portal. Later, visit the Cole Park with its medieval stone carvings saved from sites all over the region, and passing the bungalow once lived in by Alexander Bruce, a pioneer of the tea industry. Our ship will be waiting at the town's waterfront for us to reboard. Today you will be served specially prepared farewell dinner onboard.

**Day 04:** On arrival at Silghat, after breakfast ddisembark and drive for an hour to reach Diphlu River Lodge in Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Complete your check-in and enjoy your lunch at Diphlu River Lodge. Post lunch, go for an afternoon Jeep Safari in the Western Range of the National Park. Return to the lodge. Evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

**Day 05:** Next morning, go for ajeep safari in the Central Range of the Kaziranga National Park. Return to the lodge. After a leisurely lunch at the lodge, embark on an afternoon jeep safari in another Range of the National Park. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

**Day 06:** The following day, in the morning, go on another jeep safari inside the Kaziranga National Park. Return to the lodge for lunch before setting off for an afternoon jeep safari to another range of the park. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Day 07:On your final morning, after breakfast and check-out of the lodge

**NOTE:** Itinerary dependent on river conditions.

Embarkation point – MV Rudra Singha: Uzanbazar Ghat, Guwahati

Disembarkation point – MV Rudra Singha: Silghat near Kaziranga

**NOTE:** Itinerary dependent on river conditions.

### **Guwahati to Nemati (7 Nights 8 Days)**

"MV RudraSingha" is built by local craftsmen in the traditional style of Assamese Pansoinau (flat-bottomed large boat), entirely made of local wood and elegantly appointed with local weavings. The houseboat is perfect for couples and small families to explore the Brahmaputra river and the numerous attractions close to the river banks.

The houseboat has a 121-sq. ft. private cabin for double or twin occupancy and a living area or lounge with a sofa cum bed, where 2 adults/kids can sleep. Both the living area and the cabin is air-conditioned offering panoramic views.

There is one private bathroom for the guest's, which can be accessed by all the guests, i.e. guests staying in the cabin and living area. The vessel has a shaded dining area and an open sitting area on the sun deck. The living area and cabin both has separate doors for privacy.

While our guests explore the Brahmaputra river and the numerous attractions close to its banks, a crew of four – Captain, sailor, chef and cruise manager cum guide – will be present at all times to ensure the guest's comfort.

**Upstream itinerary:** Seven Nights & Eight Days Cruise

**Destination:** Guwahati – Sualkuchi – Tezpur – Kaziranga - Majuli

**Day 01:** Arrive to embark your private and exclusive river houseboat by 10 AM. The boat will be waiting for you near Pandu port Guwahati and our Manager and his team will meet you with a welcome drink.

We shall start cruising downstream towards the little town of Sualkuchi, visit its silk weaving workshops accompanied by your Manager cum guide on your mountain bikes to see the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon to spinning to dyeing and finally to hand weaving into exquisite saris and dress lengths.

Also known as the textile center of Assam, Sualkuchi is famous for its high-quality Muga, Pat and Eri silk products. Local attires like 'Mekhela Chador', 'Sari' and 'Gamosa' are made from these indigenous silk materials which have a great demand throughout Assam and India.

After exploring Sualkuchi return to the boat and enjoy lunch cooked by our onboard chef while cruising upstream.

Later in the afternoon visit the Peacock Island, known to be one of the smallest inhabited river islands of the world. The beautiful Umananda Temple on the island is dedicated to Shiva and

his consort Parvati. After the Peacock Island visit, come back aboard the cruise boat and start sailing toward Aswaklanta Temple. Located on the North bank of Guwahati, this beautiful early 18th-century temple is built atop a hill offering beautiful scenic views of the Guwahati city on the south bank. After exploring this famous temple site on foot, we shall walk a little distance to visit the nearby Hindu Vaishnavite Monastery of AuniatiSatra.

Cruise upstream enjoy the sunset on the sundeck with tea, coffee and snacks served there. The boat will be anchored nearby to a sandbank. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 02:** Today we cruise upstream. After breakfast, disembark and visit the riverside village with your accompanying boat manager cum guide. Return to the boat and continue cruising upstream. While sailing lunch will be served onboard. Spend the rest of the day relaxing on the sundeck; enjoy the sunset with a cup of tea or coffee with cookies. The boat will be anchored nearby riverside village. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 03:** AM cruise upstream to Tezpur. Post lunch visits Tezpur and explores the 6th century Da Parbatia temple ruins with its beautifully carved portal. Later, visit the Cole Park with its medieval stone carvings saved from sites all over the region, and passing the bungalow once lived in by Alexander Bruce, a pioneer of the tea industry. Our ship will be waiting at the town's waterfront for us to re-board. The boat will be anchored nearby Silghat. Dinner will be served onboard.

**Day 04:** This morning, we will arrive at Silghat. Disembark with packed breakfast and will go for a Morning Jeep safari in the Burapahar range of the Kaziranga National Park, this range provides ample chances to spot the only Ape of India - Hoolock Gibbon during Jeep Safari.

After jeep safari, we will drive to Diphlu River Lodge for lunch (Diphlu River Lodge is our own property at Kaziranga). Post lunch at Lodge, go for an afternoon Jeep Safari inside the Western range of the Kaziranga National Park, this range has the highest density of rhinoceros, a right place to see rhino during Jeep Safari. Return to your boat by sunset. The boat will be anchored nearby Silghat. Dinner will be served onboard.

Covering an area of approximately 430 sq kms, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kaziranga National Park is home to the world's largest population of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros as well as the Indian Wild Water Buffalo. It has also earned the distinction of having the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers (one every five sq. km.) making this park an incredibly rich biodiversity hotspot. With its marshy swamps and thickets of elephant grass, this park supports large populations of Indian elephants, Indian bison, swamp deer, and Capped Langurs.

**Day 05:** AM cruise upstream to Viswanath. Post breakfast disembark to visit the little temple town of Vishnath, known for its fine Ahom-period temple. Take a walk ashore.Return to ship and continuing cruise uptream with Kaziranga National Park on the left bank. Wild elephants may sometimes be spotted and, once, memorably, even a tiger straight from the ship.

**Day 06:** AM continue cruising upstream. Post breakfast, if the river condition allows, we shall try to make a short visit to a local village. We will also serve you the beautifully cooked lunch onboard. Today again, anchor the boat near a riverside village. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 07:** Post breakfast start sailing upstream and should reach Majuli by noon. Post lunch visits the Vaishnavite Hindu monasteries of Majuli, Auniati monastery, Uttar Kamalabari monastery, Shamaguri monastery. Enroute we shall also visit a local Mishing tribal village. Return to the vessel and sail to a nearby sandbank depending upon the river conditions. Today you will be served specially prepared farewell dinner onboard with complimentary wine.

Majuli is rich in culture, treasured for its centuries-old neo-Vaishnavite monasteries, known to stage dramas and make the Assamese folk theatre masks of bamboo and clay. The island covers an area of 880 sq km, ranging between 10-15km in width—it is estimated that about a third of its area has been eroded by the Brahmaputra in the last 40 years. Majuli is home to 1.68 lakh people, most of whom belong to the Mishing tribe, and also the Deori and Sonowal Kachri tribes.

**Day 08:** Today after breakfast sail for an hour to reach Neamati Ghat on the opposite bank and disembark.

**Embarkation point:** Pandu Ghat, Guwahati **Disembarkation point:** Neamati Ghat, Jorhat

#### NOTE:

- 1) Laundry service is not available in our boat
- 2) Itineraries are subject to river & weather conditions.
- 3) Cruise Manager will make changes to the itinerary if required.

## Silghat to Guwahati ( 3 Nights 4 Days River Cruise Itinerary)

**Downstream itinerary:** Three Nights & Four Days Cruise

**Destination:** Silghat – Nameri NP – Tezpur – Sualkuchi – Guwahati

**Day 01:** Arrive at Silghat. On arrival embark your exclusive houseboat MV Rudra Singha by 8 AM. The crew with boat manager cum guide will greet you with a glass of welcome drink. Start sailing towards Tezpur. Disembark at the waterfront of Tezpur town and drive an hour to the Nameri National Park located at the foot of the blue hills of Himalaya.

Today, lunch will be served outside. Post lunch, trek inside the park to see some of the endangered bird species of Himalaya before returning to our boat. Drive back to the boat. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Rudra Singha.

**Day 02:** This morning, after breakfast visit the Tezpur town and explore the Cole Park with its medieval stone carvings saved from sites all over the region, and passing the bungalow once lived in by Alexander Bruce, a pioneer of the tea industry. Our ship will be waiting at the town's waterfront for us to re-board. On reaching at the boat sail downstream. Lunch will be served onboard. Post lunch time permitting visit a local Assamese village. Enjoy the sunset on the boat with a cup of tea & coffee served with snacks. The boat will be moored near to a sandbank. Dinner and overnight onboard MV Rudra Singha.

**Day 03:** Morning post breakfast we shall continue sailing downstream towards Sualkuchi. While sailing downstream, enjoy the river life while passing the fisherman's boat. Also try to identify the bird species that you might see during sail. Lunch will be served onboard.

Post lunch visit its silk weaving workshops accompanied by your Manager cum guide on your mountain bikes/bicycles or e-rickshaw to see the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon

to spinning to dyeing and finally to hand weaving into exquisite saris and dress lengths. Also known as the textile center of Assam, Sualkuchi is famous for its high-quality Muga, Pat and Eri silk products. Local attires like 'Mekhela Chador', 'Sari' and 'Gamosa' are made from these indigenous silk materials which have a great demand throughout Assam and India.

After exploring Sualkuchi return to the boat and sail towards Guwahati. Enjoy the sunset on the sundeck with tea, coffee and snacks served there. Tonight, the boat will be moored near to a sandbank and you will be treated with a specially cooked farewell dinner. Overnight onboard MV Rudra Singha.

**Day 04:** Today morning after breakfast disembark at Uzanbazar/Pandu Ghat, Guwahati for onward journey.

Embarkation point: Silghat (near Kaziranga)

Disembarkation point: Uzanbazar Ghat/ Pandu Ghat, Guwahati

#### NOTE:

- 1) Itinerary is subject to river & weather conditions.
- 2) Cruise Manager will make changes to the itinerary if required.

# **Tea Tour With Wildlife Itinerrary**

ITINERARY: 07 nights/ 08 days

**Route:** Dibrugarh (arrival) – Jorhat – Majuli – Kaziranga National Park – Wild Mahseer (Balipara) – Guwahati fly out

#### Day 01: Dibrugarh

Arrival at Dibrugarh airport. On arrival meet by our representative and transfer to hotel. Check into hotel on arrival. Later visit a nearby ethnic village to experience the way of life of the local people. Later we can also visit the hotels located in Dibrugarh town. Overnight in Dibrugarh.

#### Day 02: Dibrugarh – Jorhat (140 km / 4 hrs approx)

Today morning we can go for a walk in the tea garden and if the factory is operational we can also visit a nearby tea factory. Later proceed to Jorhat. Enroute visit the ruins of Sibsagar, a historical city and the capital of the mighty Ahoms, who ruled Assam for more than 600 years before the advent of the British. The town, which literally means 'the ocean of Lord Shiva', is strewn with the tell-tale ruins of Ahom palaces and monuments. Sivasagar today is also an important centre for the tea and oil industries. On arrival in Jorhat check into a resort overlooking the beautiful golf course located in the middle of the tea garden. Later we can also visit the other nearby properties built during British era. Overnight.

#### Day 03: Jorhat – Majuli (45 minutes drive + 1 ½ hr in ferry approx)

Today after early breakfast drive to Neamati ghat to take a ferry to Majuli Island, a microcosm of Assamese culture, Majuli represents rural idyll in Assam. A stronghold of the peaceful religion of neo-Vaishnavism, the elegant island satras — some for celibate monks, some for families — showcase a unique way of life where the faithful live simply, offering worship through gayan-bayan (songs and musical instruments) and readings. In Majuli we shall visit the Vaishnavite monasteries.

We shall also visit **mask making monastery:** This monastery still practice its ancient methods of making masks, generally worn during 'Bhaona' – a traditional form of theatrical play but always with a religious message. These masks are made from locally sourced bamboo, clay and a mixture of paper to give the desired shape. Overnight.

## Day 04: Majuli – Kaziranga National Park (1 ½ hr in ferry + 110 km / 2 ½ hrs approx)

After breakfast transfer to the ferry point to take a ferry to reach the mainland. On arrival in Jorhat first drive to Puroni Bheti tea & Farm retreat and look around the property located amidst the Haroochorai Tea Estate. Later proceed to Kaziranga National Park. On arrival check into your hotel. Refreshing, followed by lunch. Post lunch visit Kaziranga Orchid and Biodiversity Park. Time permitting we can also visit some of the nearby hotels & resorts in Kaziranga National Park. Overnight.

#### **Day 05: Kaziranga National Park**

Today morning we shall go for a game drive inside the park. Return to your resort by lunch time. Post lunch rest of the day will be dedicated on visiting the other properties located near to the different ranges of the National Park. Overnight.

## Day 06: Kaziranga National Park – Wild Mahseer (Balipara) (103 km / 2 ½ hrs approx)

Today transfer to Wild Mahseer Tea bungalow. Enroute we shall stop at the river front to experience the dolphin boat ride on the Brahmaputra River. During this  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  to 2 hrs boat ride we shall try to spot the Gangetic river dolphin with other avifaunal species. Later precede your journey to Wild Mahseer. Check into your room on arrival. Afterward walk around the property. Dinner and overnight.

Spread over 22 acres of land and surrounded by tea gardens, Wild Mahseer is a British era tea bungalow nestled in Adabari tea Estate, the 145 years old cultural inheritance and Eastern Himalayan Botanic Ark. Named after one of the toughest game fish of the world, Wild Mahseer is the perfect heritage stay where history and nature is the host for the visitors.

## Day 07: Wild Mahseer – Guwahati (220 km / ½ hrs approx)

Today Early morning drive to Nameri National Park and from the range office of the park drive 25 km upstream and raft down the Jia Bhorelli River. Return to your bungalow, check out and drive towards Guwahati. Time permitting, we can go for evening river cruise on the Brahmaputra River (sunset/sundown). Overnight.

# Day 08: Guwahati fly out

Today morning visit Kamakhya temple, devoted to the eternal feminine, the goddess of desire whose name is Kamakhya, granter of desires. The Temple symbolizes the "fusion of faiths and practices" of Aryan and non-Aryan elements in Assam. The different names associated with the goddess are names of local Aryan and non-Aryan goddesses. The famous Shakti shrine of India. Later visit some of the properties in Guwahati before proceeding towards the airport to catch your evening flight.

#### **Tour Ends**

#### Note:

- This itinerary is not a confirmation of services. We shall proceed with your booking once we have received confirmation from you with advance payment and if rooms are unavailable in the original hotels, we shall provide equivalent/ alternative hotels.

- Tea factory visit is subject to weather condition and factory in operational.
- Tea factories are closed on Mondays and no tea leaves are plucked on Sundays.
- Tea factories are closed from mid December to end March due to tea leaves not pluckedin sufficient quantities.
- In case the factory remains closed in the time of our visit, guests can still go for a leisure walk in the tea plantation.
- All cruise activities are subject to weather and river conditions.
- Kaziranga National Park remains closed for the monsoon from May till October and opens from 1st of November for visitors. However, park may be open by mid October depending upon weather condition.
- Please note that some of the sights/itinerary may change due to time limit, weather, national holidays, and special events. We maintain the rights to alter the itinerary since tours are made in advance and unforeseen circumstances that mandate change may arise. Itinerary changes are made to improve your overall travel experience.
- Clients must be fully insured to cover the costs of medical emergencies/ evacuation, expenses incurred by any amendment of tour itinerary (addition or reduction of number of days) necessitated by weather conditions, prevailing road conditions, political or bureaucratic situations, natural calamities, change in flight schedule, mechanical malfunction, or any such unanticipated events or any Acts of God.