Travelling in Northeast India

Consisting of 7 states also called 'Seven Sisters' comprising of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura, North East India has some real surprises for the travelers coming here. Not so much established on the travelers map, yet the North Eastern India, has its own charm that will sweep you off your feet. North East India Tourism holds various tourist attractions and famous places to visit that you are going to know in this North East India Travel Info Guide.
Assam

Witness a striking contrast in the land of “AHOMS”. Renowned for the unique flora and fauna, wide expanse, lush hillocks, turbulent waterfalls, aromatized tea gardens, and stimulating fairs and festivals and yet more to experience.

Famous Places: Guwahati City, Dibrugarh City, Hajo City, Tezpur City, Sibsagar City, Kaziranga National Park Wildlife tour, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Manas National Park, Mananda temple, Kamakhya Temple, Assam Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Assam State Museum, Majuli Island (Largest fresh water river island in the world), Bramaputra River, Elephant Rocks, Cole Park, Fancy Bazaar, GS road (Guwahati-Shillong road), (Shopping), Uzan Bazaar (Eating Joints)

For more information follow link
http://www.north-east-india.com/assam
Kaziranga National Park

Kaziranga National Park – 8 hours away from Guwahati city is a world heritage site, the park hosts two-thirds of the world’s Great One-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga also boasts the highest density of tigers among the protected areas in the world and was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006.

The park is home to large breeding populations of elephants, wild water buffalo and swamp deer. Kaziranga National Park is located in parts of Golaghat, Nagaon and Sonitpur districts of Assam. It is about 240 km east of Guwahati. It takes 5-7 hours to reach from Guwahati city. There are jeep safari and elephant safari that can take visitors around the park.

For more information visit the following link http://kaziranga.assam.gov.in/wp/entry-fees-2015/

Accommodation

Infinity
Infinity, Kaziranga architectural design is reminiscent of old Assamese houses.
Link: http://www.kaziranga.co.in/infinit.php

Wild Grass
Wild Grass resort is a lovely staying arena around the jade slender
Link: http://www.kaziranga.co.in/grass.php

Jupuri Ghar
It is simple, homely and all about wood and bamboo
Link: http://www.kaziranga.co.in/ghar.php
Brahmaputra River

The **Brahmaputra River** *(named as the Son of the Creator of the Cosmos, in Hindu mythology)* is one of the holiest rivers of the World! In Guwahati you can just choose to spend time for enjoying the cool breeze on the river banks or take a serene boat/ferry ride in the vast river. The ferry ghat or ferry station can be reached from two back gates of IIT, the faculty gate or KV gate. Auto rickshaws are available at these gates.

Cruise

**Alfresco Grand**
*There are candlelight cruise, Lunch cruise, dinner cruise and island party*

For more info and booking follow link: [http://www.alfrescogrand.com/](http://www.alfrescogrand.com/)

**M.V. Mahabaahu... Brahmaputra River Cruise**
*There are 2 nights cruise and 3 days cruise that takes travelers to places. Cabins always clean, neat & tidy, presented with a variety of exotic food.*

For more info and booking follow link: [http://www.mahabaahucruiseindia.com](http://www.mahabaahucruiseindia.com)
Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden

Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden is located on the outer fringes of the busy city and is the largest Zoo in the North-East, spread over 175 hectares. A home to diverse species of herbs, palms, shrubs and conifers, it spreads over an area of 85 hectares. One of the main attraction of this place is the Orchid house which boasts of a collection of more than 40 varieties of rare orchids gathered from the entire North East region of the country.

**Entry Fee:** Rs.10  
**Camera Fee:** Rs.20  
**Timings:**  
**Summer:** 07.00am to 4.30 pm  
**Winter:** 08.00am to 04.00 pm
Kamakhya Temple

Kamakhya devi Temple is located on the Nilachal hill of Guwahati. The Goddess Kamakhya is quite popular and numbers of devotees come here to seek the blessings of the Her Holiness. It is a Hilltop, Hindu temple complex with distinctive domed roofs, originally dating from the 7th century.

**Address:** Kamakhya, Guwahati, Assam, situated at 16 km from IIT Guwahati.

**Phone:** 0361 273 4624
Other Temples

Basistha ashram temple

Basistha ashram temple is the must visit temple without which any pilgrimage trip will be incomplete. It is located in the south-east corner of Guwahati city and is a Shiva mandir constructed by Ahom King Rajeswar Singha in 1764.

Janardana Temple

The Janardana Temple is nestled amongst the lush greenery of the Shukleshwar hillocks, which is near to the Shukleshwar Ghat of the Brahmaputra River. It is famous for its unique architecture. The temple has an idol of Buddha, installed inside the main Hall of the temple.
Kalakshetra has been envisioned as a centre, an institution for the grand exposition of all aspects of Assamese life and culture. Named after the great saint-poet of the 15th century Assam. Kalakshetra aims to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social linguistic identity and heritage of Assamese people.
Assam State Museum is situated near the Dighalipukhuri water tank in Guwahati. This museum is dedicated to the culture and heritage of Assam and offers old traditions of the state.
Pobitora or Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife reserve in the Morigaon district of the state of Assam in India. It is located about 30 km east of Guwahati. The Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is about 48 km by road from Guwahati.
Majuli or Majoli is the biggest river island in the world in the Brahmaputra River, Assam, India and also 1st island district of the country.
The island of Majuli is situated at a distance of 200 kilometers to the east of Guwahati.

Jorhat, an important town within the state, falls nearest to the island, being hardly 20 kilometers away. For reaching Majuli, you will first have to reach Jorhat, by air, by rail or by road. From there, regular ferries operate every day to take people to the island.

For more information follow link
http://www.bharatonline.com/assam/majuli
How you can travel within Guwahati

Guwahati City Bus
City bus service in Guwahati is very good and efficient. You will find bus stops in all the famous points in the city. It is the best and cheapest way to travel in Guwahati. Depending on the distance of travel the buses take minimum fare of INR 3 and maximum fare of INR 30

Auto in Guwahati
You can also opt for autos to travel within the city. The local autos here do not have meters so negotiate upon a price before boarding. They are comparatively pricier than buses but it is a good way to take an auto to avoid the crowd and when you are not sure of your way around the city.

Cycle Rickshaw
Rickshaws are found in every nook and corner in the city. They will take you from one place to the other at a minimal. The rickshaws here are quite comfortable and the best option for short distances. The minimum fare they would charge from you would start from 10 INR.
Popular places in Guwahati

**Fancy Bazaar**
In the western part of the city-center is a busy commercial district for wholesale and retail. The place is also the hub for wholesale products ranging from food, garments, to hardware and building materials. Guwahati travel guide provide the auto to visit this market.

**Pan Bazaar**
A major wholesale market for drugs and pharmaceutical products, and a hub for printing and publication. Guwahati travel guide provide the auto and Taxi to visit this pan bazaar.

**Noonmati**
This place of Guwahati is famous because of many temples, of which three are famous; one of them is the Sai Baba Mandir near the Noonmati over-bridge which is located on top of a hill and has scenic beauty. The second one is known as Ganesh Mandir devoted to Hindu Gods. It is decorated with white marbles among lush green trees in a residential area called New Guwahati. The third temple is known as Hanuman Mandir and is devoted to Hindu God Lord Hanuman. Guwahati travel guide has main office in this place. Which open from 6 A.M. to 2 A.M.

**G S Road**
It is now also one of the most important and expensive pieces of property in Guwahati, containing some of the most commercially important buildings.

**Beltola Bazaar**
A traditional weekly fruits and vegetables market with historic importance. The market is an important traditional trading point between the people from the Khasi hills (Meghalaya) and local people.
Arunachal Pradesh

Termed as the “Land of Rising Sun”, Arunachal Pradesh has attractions of deep woodlocks, deep dales, and enchanting plateaus. The state also beckons the adventure freaks. This unexplored destination awaits for your visit. It is situated at 700km from Guwahati. It takes 14hrs 16 min to reach from Guwahati by car.

Famous Places: Itanagar, Tawang, Bomdila, Bhalukpong / Tipi, Malinithan, Ziro, Haflong City, Tawang Monastery, Urgelling Monastery, Namdhaa National Park, Pakhui Sanctuary, Itanagar Sanctuary, Sessa Orchid Sanctuary And Mouling National Park

How to Reach

By Rail: It is well connected with rest of India. The closest railway station is Harmuty located at a distance of 33 km from Itanagar the capital of the state.

By Air: Lilabari Airport of Assam is the nearest airport for the state.

By Road: A good connectivity by bus is provided by Arunachal State Transport and Private transport operators. A direct bus facility from Guwahati (381km)

Best Time to Visit: The best time for Arunachal Pradesh travel is October to April.

For more information follow link
http://www.north-east-india.com/arunachal-pradesh/
Manipur is a “Land of Jewels”. It is located between the hilly ranges. Blessed with natural charm and spectacular views it is a home to some rare flora and fauna attractions. Cultural heritage tours of this diversified land will take you to the land of Radha and Krishna in Manipur. It is located at 489 km from Guwahati city. It takes 12h 21mins to reach by car

**Famous Places:** Imphal City, Bishnupur City, Chandel City, Senapati City, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Manipur Zoological Garden, Paona Bazar, Loktak lake, Kakching

**How to Reach**
- **By Air:** Imphal the capital of the state is connected by air to important cities like Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Aizawal and Silchar
- **By Rail:** Imphal cannot be reached directly by rail. You can reach upto Guwahati and Dimapur by rail and from there onwards take a bus or flight to reach Imphal
- **By Road:** Bus services operated by Manipur State Road Transport Corporation(MSRTC) connect Imphal to Guwahati, Silchar, Dimapur and Komiha

For more information follow link
Meghalaya

The “Abode of Clouds” is a small and marooned state located on the border of Assam. An enriching experience is sure for you when traveling in the lovely and pretty Meghalaya. It is situated at 98km from Guwahati time 2h 36 mins by car

Famous Places: Shillong City, Cherapunjee, Mawlynnong (Cleanest Village in Asia, living root bridge), Dawki, Jakrem hot springs, Laitlum Valley, Jowai, Ward’s lake, Umiam lake, Shillong Golf course, Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures, Police Bazaar (Shopping), Noh-ka-Likai Waterfall, Krangsuri Waterfall, Elephant Falls, Mawsmai caves, Mawlyngbna, Ranikor Beach

How to Reach
By Road: The state has a good Road Network which encompasses the state conveniently. NH 40 connects the state with Guwahati and other cities of the country. Sumos costing INR 170 per head and cabs costing INR 300 per head are available in Paltan Bazzar. Buses are available at ISBT in the Bypass road

Best Time to Visit: The best time for Meghalaya travel is September to February
For more information follow link http://www.north-east-india.com/meghalaya
Travel to Mizoram, a place with numerous historical interest, folklore, legends and stories which are passed on from generation to generation. The land of Mizoram is entirely bewitching and breathtaking that can make it a perfect holiday tour. Mizoram is just lovely. The capital is located at 483 km and it takes 14h 24mins to reach by car.

Famous Places: Aizwal City, Lawngtlai City, Lunglei City, Champai City, Kolasib City, Phawngpui Hill View Attractions, Sibuta Lung - A Historic Stone Sculpture, Budha's Image, Pangzawl, Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary, Pukzing Tour Cave, Palak Lake, Rengdil Lake Travel.

How to Reach

By Air: Aizwal is thoroughly connected by flights from major cities like Kolkata, Imphal and Guwahati.
By Rail: the closest railway station for Aizwal is Silchar in Assam. There are many trains from Guwahati also which take 19 hours to reach Aizwal.
By Road: Aizwal is accessible from Shillong and Guwahati by road. Aizwal is connected by buses and taxies with Silchar through NH 54.

For more information follow link
http://www.north-east-india.com/mizoram
Offering tremendous opportunity for tourism, Nagaland, is alluring land in truest sense. Vibrant Sunrise and Sunset, exquisite flora and fauna forms the picturesque landscape of Nagaland and makes a reason to visit. It is situated at 432km from Guwahati and it takes 7hrs 58 mins to reach by car

**Famous Places:** Dimapur, Kohima City, Peren City, Kiphire City, Saramati Peak (Highest Peak of Nagaland), Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary, Cave at Salomi, Cave at Mimi, Sukhayap (Lover's Paradise), Wawade Waterfalls, Twin Stones, Yingphi, State Museum, Zoological Park, Ruzaphema (shopping), Triple Falls, Itankagi Wildlife Sanctuary, Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

**How to Reach**
- **By Air:** Dimapur is the only airport in Nagaland India
- **By Rail:** The important railhead in Nagaland India is Dimapur on the North Eastern Railway Track.
- **By Road:** The towns and villages of Nagaland India are connected by the Nagaland State Transport Association.

You can travel by buses which are frequent from Dimapur to Guwahati, Shillong

**Best Time to Visit:** September to April

**Entry Formalities:** Inner line permit for Indian visitors and Restricted Area Permit for Foreigners.

For more information follow link [http://www.north-east-india.com/nagaland](http://www.north-east-india.com/nagaland)
Tripura

This charming hill station gives you info on home of Bodos. Tripura has many travel attractions for tourists. It attracts flock of tourist to the virgin terrains. Journeying in Tripua will be a truly awesome experience. The capital is located at 556km from Guwahati city and it takes 17hrs to reach by car.


How to Reach

By Air: Agartala, the state capital has the main airport where many public and private airlines operate regular flights. The state has 3 more airports in Khowai, Kamalpur and Kailashahar where small chartered-planes can land easily.

By Rail: The nearest railway station is Kumarghat at a distance of 140 km. from Agartala. This railway station is connected to Guwahati.

By Road: NH 44 connects Agartala to Guwahati via Shillong

For more information follow link
http://www.north-east-india.com/tripura
Travel tour of Sikkim will take you to the second smallest state with huge opportunity of tourism. All you want to know about Sikkim tourism is here. Sikkim is truly charming and appealing. Sikkim is completely exceptional and extraordinary. It is located at 570 km from Guwahati and takes 12hrs 44mins to reach by car.

Famous Places: Gangtok, Pelling, Kalimpong, Jorethang, Yuksom, Namchi, Nathula (India China border), Rumtek Monastery, Pemayangtse Monastery, mthang Valley, Chungthang, Lachung, Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary, Thangu, Gurudongmar lake, Chopta Valley, Ravangla (Village Tourism), Rinchenpong, Reshi Hot Springs, For shopping: Old Market, Lall Market, M.G. Road, Gangtok Market, Gramin Vikas Agency and New Marke

How to Reach
By Air: The nearest airport Bagdogra, near Siliguri in West Bengal, is connected by air to New Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati.

By Rail: Siliguri (114 kms) and New Jalpaiguri (125 kms) are the two closest railway stations connecting Kolkata, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, Guwahati and other important cities in India with Sikkim.

By Road: The state is connected by road to Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Siliguri. Also a bus service is offered by The Sikkim Nationalized Transport (SNT) from all major cities and towns in North Bengal to Gangtok.

For more information follow link
http://www.north-east-india.com/sikkim