



A CWH TRIP FOR FIRST TIMERS TO ARUNACHAL COVERING DIRANG AND TAWANG. 21 – 28 OCT.



THE ARUNACHAL INITIATION

There must be something special about Arunachal. Don't you think so? Its the land kissed by the rising Sun first. Countless Buddhist prayer flags flutter on passes and in monasteries. There are thick jungles, wild rivers and snow covered mountains. We start from Guwahati and go all the way to the crown jewel – Tawang, and further to the stunning high altitude lakes towards the Tibet border. The beautiful monpa village of Dirang and the tiger reserve at Nameri will be our stops on the way.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Challenging but stunning road journey to Tawang
- High altitude lakes on Tibet border
- The wide, beautiful Sangti valley and monpa stone homes in Dirang
- Interesting stops on the road trip

A BRIEF OVERVIEW



The lore of Arunachal

Surrounded by 3 countries: China, Bhutan and Myanmar, more than 80% of its area is under forest cover, criss-crossed by 5 rivers, home to some of the rarest orchids in the world and has more than 26 tribes and sub-tribes. Its exotic and very raw.



Tawang

At a cool 3500M, Tawang monastery is amongst the biggest in the world and enjoys spectacular views of the Himalaya. There are also exquisite carpets and masks at the numerous craft centres and mouth watering cuisine. Not to forget the high altitude lakes towards the Tibet border.



Dirang

Dirang is a hidden gem. A small town on the road to Tawang, it has exotic stone homes of the Monpa tribe, sangti valley with unique form of agriculture, varieties of birds which bird watchers die for and much more. A perfect stop-over.



The road journey

Arunachal for first timers is best explored by road and that is exactly what we will be doing. From 5th century ruins, to rare orchids centre, tribal villages, monasteries, high passes and lakes, we try and cover the best of Arunachal in the time we have.

ITINERARY:

7 DAY TRIP, 4 DAYS OFF WORK (2 WEEKENDS)



Book your flight tickets to Guwahati and back

21-23 OCT	<p>The journey to Tawang –</p> <p>21st Oct - Fly into Guwahati. Plan to arrive latest by 12:30 pm. Drive to Orang. ~ 4 hours.</p> <p>22nd Oct – Drive to and stay in Bomdila/ Dirang. ~ 4 hours.</p> <p>23rd Oct – Drive to and reach Tawang. ~ 7 hours.</p>	<p>The long drive to Tawang on the newly built trans-Himalaya highway gives us an opportunity to break the journey and explore various facets of Arunachal on the way.</p> <p>Buddhism takes its routes firmly as we continue north-west towards Bomdila and there are some very nice monasteries on the way.</p> <p>Today is an epic day as we climb the road to Sela pass at 4200M, also known as dragon-gate. Will visit a glacial lake and the war memorial on the way. Time estimates are at best, just estimates.</p>
24-25 OCT	<p>In and around Tawang –</p> <p>24th Oct – Rest day in Tawang</p> <p>25th Oct – Visit to the alpine lakes above Tawang.</p>	<p>A well deserved rest day in Tawang. We visit the monastery, amongst the largest of its kind and soak in the Tawang mantra – take it easy. The monastery overlooks the serene Chu valley and Bhutan.</p> <p>We are well and truly in high, remote Himalaya as we go for a day trip to this exceptionally scenic trans-Himalayan region. There are quite a few lakes on the way and if the weather holds up, it's a treat.</p>
26-27 OCT	<p>The return –</p> <p>26th Oct – Drive back across the Sela pass to Dirang. ~ 6 hours.</p> <p>27th Oct – Drive to Nameri national park. ~ 5 hours.</p>	<p>The monpa stone village, Sangti valley Yak breeding centre and much more.</p> <p>Surprises never end on this trip and we are up for a big one today. We stay in the exotic bamboo huts of the eco-camp at Nameri jungle reserve, Assam. An open air dinner of traditional Assamese delicacies while enjoying the warmth of the bonfire will surely be a fitting end to the trip.</p>
28 OCT	<p>Drive to Guwahati to catch the flight/ train back. ~ 4 hrs</p>	<p>Book your flight/ train out of Guwahati after 3 pm.</p>

Note – Road conditions, weather and the remoteness of the region means the itinerary is subjected to changes.

COST FOR THE TRIP:

Stay and food

On twin-sharing basis, throughout the trip. Food not included when in transit. Snacks, bottled water, etc., not included.

Permits

All the necessary permits and paperwork will be pre-arranged for you. Will need your id copies.

Transportation

Throughout the trip in SUVs from Guwahati. 4 per car.

The cost of the trip =
Rs 45000/- per person
including all taxes.

Note: The group size will be limited to 12. Bookings are done on first come first serve basis and hence no deadlines. Confirm your place by making the full payment in advance. Read our [cancellation policy](#) and fill the [release document](#).

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WHAT TO GET ALONG?

October is amongst the best times to visit Arunachal as it stands resplendent in its autumn beauty. The views are crystal clear, the weather settled and the warm Sun just about perfect. Temperature ranges from 5-25 degree C and the chances of rain are very little. Woolen sweater, cap and gloves will be required in addition to a good pair of walking shoes. A complete list will be provided on signing up.

MAKING A CONTRIBUTION:

There is always a way of giving back to the place and people where we go for our holidays. We are organizing the entire trip in association with a regional inclusive tourism organization. This ensures that only locals will be hired as staff, for transportation, boarding and lodging. A substantial part of the trip fee thus goes directly in the local economy. You can also contribute by buying handicrafts, woolens, etc., directly from the villages we will be staying in.

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Pics from our earlier trip to Arunachal, [here](#)

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NOTE

All CWH trips have a strict no-alcohol policy. And no instant noodles, etc.