

Feb 2018: UU Pilgrimage to NE India & Khasi Hills



Tentative Itinerary – Hotels may change due to availability at time of booking. Activities may switch days based on weather, road conditions or other factors.

Saturday, February 24 – Day 01: GAUHATI – SHILLONG.

Arrive/gather at Gauhati airport. Golden triangle participants will arrive at 12PM. If you are making your own flight arrangements please plan to arrive no later than this is you wish to share the transfer with the group. Transfer to motor coach for 3-4 hour drive from Gauhati airport to Shillong. Hotel check-in. Group dinner with local Khasi ministers, orientation & introductions. Overnight – Hotel Centre Point

Sunday, February 25 – Day 02: SHILLONG

Breakfast at hotel. Morning tour of Don Bosco Museum of indigenous cultures. Group lunch back at the hotel followed by afternoon services at Shillong Unitarian church(s). Free evening – dinner on your own. Overnight Shillong – Hotel Centre Point. (BL)

Monday, February, 26 – Day 03: SHILLONG

Breakfast at hotel. Morning shopping excursion & walkabout in central Shillong through the nearby Police Bazaar to vibrant city market. Free time to explore the market and & shops. Group lunch followed by free time to shop and order your custom-tailored clothing from local merchants and/or stroll around Ward Lake.

Afternoon conversation with UUNEI leaders on Khasi Unitarian history and theology, and UUNEI polity. Dinner on your own. Overnight Shillong – Hotel Centre Point. (BL)

Tuesday, February 27– Day 04: SHILLONG - JOWAI

Breakfast at the hotel before checking out. Depart for Jowai (2 hours). Just outside of Jowai we detour to visit Monolith Park where hundreds of ancient stone monoliths provide striking evidence of the indigenous tribal religion. Group lunch before continuing on to Jowai where we visit the Jowai Unitarian Church & Margaret Barr Unitarian school. Group dinner & overnight – Jowai – Orchid Inn. (BLD)

Wednesday, February 28 – Day 05: JOWAI – KHARANG - CHEERAPUNJEE

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning drive to Kharang (2 hours). Visits to the local Unitarian church & school. Tour and lunch at the Unitarian-run “Children’s Village” before continuing on to the Cherrapunjee National Park. (2 - 3 hours) Overnight Cheerapunjee Holiday Resort. (BLD)

Thursday, March 1 – Day 06: CHERRAPUNJEE

Full day in Cherrapunjee (beautiful area of hills, gorges and waterfalls); points of interest such as Nohkalikai Falls (2nd highest in India) and Nohsngithiang Falls (beautiful views of Bangladesh on clear days). There will also be a guided (very strenuous) hike to one of the famous Khasi “living bridges”. (There is a less difficult walk to a nearby living bridge that is under reconstruction). Dinner & overnight Cheerapunjee Holiday Resort. (BLD)

Friday, March 2 – Day 07: CHEERAPUNJEE – VILLAGES - SHILLONG

Depart Cheerapunjee after breakfast. Before leaving the area we will visit the new Unitarian church. Sack lunch. Exact itinerary and destinations for this day will be determined by the group composition. Those pilgrims with partner churches in NE India where home stays are possible will be delivered to their villages. Travelers without partner churches or whose partners are unable to host visitors overnight will return to the Hotel Centre Point. Dinner with partners or on your own. (BL)

Saturday, March 3 – Day 08: VILLAGES - SHILLONG

Breakfast with partners or at hotel. Partner day for those with partner churches. Free day in Shillong for those remaining in town. Possible visit to nearby high-hill tea garden. Lunch & dinner on your own or with partners.

Sunday, March 4 – Day 09

Free morning for those remaining in Shillong. Morning departures for services with partners that are unable to host visitors. Those travelers without partner churches will attend services at Nongphaimar or Madan Laban churches in Shillong. Afternoon activities & lunch with hosting congregations before we gather back in Shillong for a farewell group dinner & overnight Shillong – Hotel Centre Point (BD)

Monday, March 05 - Day 10: SHILLONG - DELHI

Travel day. Breakfast at hotel before retracing our route to Gauhati airport for early afternoon flight to Delhi. Late PM arrival in Delhi.

Transfer to airport hotel. Dinner on your own. Overnight Delhi – Hotel Lemon Tree Airportcy. (B)

Tuesday, March 06 - Day 11: DELHI departures

Travel day. Breakfast at hotel before catching your flight home.

10 nights / 11 days NE India Pilgrimage	COST
Land cost + one way domestic airline (double occupancy)	US\$ 1589 Net per person + \$150 registration fee
Supplement for Single Room	US\$ 350 Net per single Room

ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE:

- 10 Nights Bed & Breakfast in hotels mentioned or similar based on availability at time of booking.
- Additional meals as listed in itinerary
- Ground transportation to & from all group activities.
- One – way domestic airline flight from Gauhati to Delhi. (**Subject to an up-charge**. The current airfare projected is \$140 and is built into the trip fee. This is subject to change over time. Later registrants may pay more).
- Local English speaking guide(s)
- Trip leader(s)

NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- International airfare to/from Delhi.
- Domestic airfare from Delhi to Gauhati.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Gratuities
- Any expenses of purely personal nature like, laundry, telephone/fax calls, Insurance, room service. Any other service or item not specified above or in the attached Itinerary.

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