

North East India & Khasi Hills Pilgrimage (Main Trip) March 12 – March 22, 2020



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

Thursday, March 12 – Day 1: GAUHATI – SHILLONG

Arrive/gather at Gauhati airport. Golden Triangle participants will arrive at 12PM. Transfer to motor coach for 3-hour drive from Gauhati airport to Shillong. Hotel check-in. Group dinner with local Khasi ministers, orientation & introductions. Overnight – Hotel Centre Point. (D) **Note: when making your own flight arrangements, plan to arrive at Gauhati airport no later than 12PM to share this transfer with the group.**

Friday, March 13 – Day 2: SHILLONG

Breakfast at hotel. Morning tour of Don Bosco Museum of indigenous cultures. Group lunch back at the hotel followed by afternoon shopping excursion & walkabout in central Shillong through the nearby Police Bazaar to vibrant city market. Free time to explore the market and shops. Free evening – dinner on your own. Overnight Shillong – Hotel Centre Point. (BL)

Saturday, March 14 – Day 3: SHILLONG

Breakfast at hotel. Morning tour of nearby tea garden (awaiting confirmation) otherwise visits to Shillong's Unitarian churches. 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)

Sunday, March 15 – Day 4: SHILLONG

After breakfast, travelers with partner churches outside of Shillong will be transported to their respective towns and villages. Free morning in Shillong for everyone else. Afternoon worship services with partners or in one of the Shillong congregations. Late

lunch/reception following. Transportation back to the city for out of town worshippers. Free evening, dinner on your own. Overnight Shillong – Hotel Centre Point. (BL)

Monday, March 16 – Day 5: 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 to Jowai where we visit the Jowai Unitarian Church & Margaret Barr Unitarian school. Group dinner & overnight – Jowai – Highwinds Resort. (BLD)

Tuesday, March 17– Day 6: 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 “Children’s Village” before continuing to the Cherrapunjee National Park. (2 hours) Dinner & overnight Cheerapunjee Holiday Resort. (BLD)

Wednesday, March 18 - Day 7: CHERRAPUNJEE

Full day in Cherrapunjee (beautiful 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 or more of the famous Khasi “living bridges”. (There is a less difficult walk to a nearby living bridge that is under reconstruction). Sack lunch. Dinner & overnight Cheerapunjee Holiday Resort. (BLD)

Thursday, March 19 – Day 8: CHEERAPUNJEE – VILLAGES - SHILLONG

Depart Cheerapunjee after breakfast. 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 Shillong for home stays in the city. Meal(s) with partners or on your own. (BLD)

Friday, March 20 – Day 9: VILLAGES - SHILLONG

Breakfast with partners/hosts. Free day with hosts to share their surroundings and get more familiar. Afternoon return to Hotel Centre Point. Time to freshen up and repack before we gather for a farewell group dinner. Overnight Shillong – Hotel Centre Point (BD)

Saturday, March 21 - 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 or directly to International terminal for those with evening flights. Dinner on your own. Overnight Delhi – Hotel Lemon Tree Airport for those flying on Sunday. (B)

Sunday, March 22 - Day 11: DELHI departures

Travel day. Breakfast at hotel before catching flights home.

11 days / 10 nights NE India (Main) Pilgrimage	COST
Land cost + one-way domestic airline (<i>double occupancy</i>)	US\$ 1629 per person + \$150 non-refundable registration fee
Supplement for Single Room	US\$ 375

ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE:

- 10 Nights Bed & Breakfast in hotels as listed (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** - current airfare projected is \$170 and is built into the trip fee, but this is subject to change as we get nearer to booking.
- 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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