

MANIPUR: NATURE'S LOVE



Manipur is the land of the unexpected, a land of unparalleled serenity. Immerse yourself as you go beyond the tourist trail and experience the gliding of the phumdis (floating islands) on Loktak lake, enjoy a leisurely lunch in a local fisherman's home near the lake, the joy of catching a glimpse of the sangai or dancing deer only found in Manipur and much more. Take time off to shop at a 16th century market, and bring back not just souvenirs but precious memories. This is a place to unplug, unwind and experience Manipur like a native.

ITINERARY

Day 1- 5 December – Imphal Arrival (D)

All arrivals to reach Imphal between 1400 – 1500 hours.

On arrival, you will be met by our local representative and the transfer to the hotel will be arranged for you

You will be booked at the **Hotel Classic Grande** or similar.

In the early evening, we will head out to visit the **grounds where the polo horses are kept** and the temple dedicated to the polo god.

Evening at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 2- 6 December – Imphal - Moirang (B,L,D)

This morning, check out and transfer to **Moirang** (approx. 1 ½ hours)

As we head out, enroute we will visit the Japanese war memorial and the INA museum. Both give a wonderful introduction to the state and its history.

On arrival in Moirang, you will be booked at the Hotel **Classic Sendra** or similar

Check into your hotel and freshen up.

We will then proceed to a local fisherman's home situated near the Loktak lake to view the local costumes (you can even try them on) and enjoy a traditional lunch here.

In the afternoon, post lunch, we will visit the **Keibul Lamjao National Park** to spot the Sangai deer via a **canoe ride** inside the sanctuary.

The Keibul Lamjao, the only floating national park in the world, is home to the last of the brow-antlered deer (Rucervus eldii eldii), one of the most endangered deer in the world. Known for the patches and rings of biomass called phumdis, the park is a wetland ecosystem. The lake provides livelihood for as many as 4,000 fishermen and their families, who live along its banks in small huts.

Evening relax at the hotel and take walks around the property or just take in the stunning views.

Late evening we will arrange a local Manipuri performance for you.

Tonight, enjoy a local Thali Dinner.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 3- 7 December – Moirang - Imphal (B,L,D)

After breakfast this morning, we will check out and drive back to Imphal.

In Imphal, we will visit the **RKCS Art Gallery**, a wonderful private gallery with stunning canvases that visually depict the history of the state.

Lunch will be at a popular local restaurant.

Post lunch, we will check into the **Hotel Classic Grande** or similar.

Early this evening, we will head out to visit **IMA market**, an absolute treat for all visitors to Imphal

*The IMA Keithal market is a **unique 500 year old all women's market** run by 3000 "Imas" or mothers. This vibrant, bustling market is split two sections on either side of road. Vegetables, fruits, fish and household groceries are sold on one side and exquisite handlooms and household tools on the other.*

The IMA market is great place to pick up baskets, textiles and little gifts to take back home. It needs to be explored leisurely, so good walking shoes are recommended. (Only cash is accepted)

Later, we head back to the hotel to relax and enjoy dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 4- 8 December – Imphal – Day Trek & Weaver Visit (B,L,D)

This morning we start the day with a **trek** to take in the views of the hillsides of Manipur. This is a moderate three – four hour trek.

Return to the hotel in time for lunch and to relax post your trek.

In the early evening, we will head out to the **Nongpok Shanjenbam Langei village** to visit the Langei project started by a local from the village. The village employs a 100 weavers of the Meitei community and provides a free crèche and sports facilities for the children of the weavers. Experience a demonstration and even try your hand at the back strap loom. It also has a small restaurant that uses produce grown locally. We will enjoy a local dinner here in the village before returning to the hotel

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5- 9 December - Dimapur Departure (B)

After breakfast, we will check out, we will visit the **Kangla Fort** regarded as a sacred site by the Meitei community. It was also the seat of power for the kings of Manipur and subsequently for the British. The grounds are beautiful with lovely examples of varied architecture. Time permitting, we will also visit the **Govindajee temple**, designed with two gold plated domes and centered with the main deity Govindaji who is said to be the incarnation of Lord Krishna, and his consort Radha.

After that you will be taken to Imphal International Airport to catch your onward flights. (Transfer for flights departing 1430 – 1530)

**** Return home with wonderful memories of your holiday ****

Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: Rs 63,500

Single supplement: Rs. 22,900

Inclusions

- 4 nights accommodation in the hotels mentioned or similar
- Daily Breakfast
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 to Breakfast on Day 5
- Services of a tour escort
- A local guide throughout the tour
- Sightseeing tours as mentioned
- All entrance fees
- All local permits & taxes

Exclusions

- Airfare to Imphal & back
- Tips to the driver / guide
- Drinks with meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Inclusions”
- 5% GST

Please note:

- Due to Covid restrictions, we may need to re-plan the itinerary and it may require certain cost adjustments
- If you have knee problems, you will need a hiking pole for the trek.
- All guests are required to get a Covid Test done and sent to us within 72 to 48 hours prior to departure.
- **We require a minimum of 8 people to operate the group.**



HIGHLIGHTS



- Visit the beautiful Loktak Lake
- Visit the world's only floating national park - Keibul Lamjao National Park
- An opportunity to spot the Sangai deer
- Enjoy a local Manipuri performance
- Visit the unique IMA Market in Imphal
- Interact with & visit the weavers of the Meitei community
- A short trek to enjoy stunning views of the hillside



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