

# Mysteries of Nagaland



## Highlights

- Picnic Lunch on the Mount Pulie Badze trek
- Interactive session with local young artists and artisans in Kohima
- An authentic rustic village homestay experience.
- Visit a local sustainable, permaculture farm
- An opportunity to savour local delicacies
- Interact and visit the artisans of the Tenyimei community of Diezphe
- Cooking demonstration with a local chef

*Nagaland is one of India's most beautiful states. Sometimes referred to as the Switzerland of the east, it is a land of rolling hills and lush valleys. Nagaland is engulfed in mystery, inhabited by vibrant people each fiercely proud of their identity. Folklore still abounds, with stories passed down from generation to generation and music is an integral part of their life.*

*On this journey, we will appreciate a pocket of India that is so rarely experienced. This land of proud warriors, weavers and green pristine hills is like a chapter that one always wants to read again and again. Our journey is calling you to come unravel its mysteries and explore a different way of life.*

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1- 12 April (Mon): Dimapur Arrival – Kohima (L,D)**

*All arrivals to reach Dimapur between 1300 – 1400 hours.*

On arrival, we will have lunch in Dimapur and then head to Kohima (approx. 3 hours)

You will be booked at the **Hotel Vivor** or similar.

Check in and relax.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel

### **Day 2- 13 April (Tue): Kohima (B,L,D)**

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast we will drive an hour away to do the **Mount Pulie Badze trek**. This hour long trek offers breath-taking views overlooking the city of Kohima.

At the top, we will enjoy a lovely **picnic lunch** and take in some fresh air in scenic surroundings.

We will then return to Kohima and in the early evening we will visit the local market. This is the main market in Kohima (open air) selling vegetables, indigenous tools, fruits etc. You will get to see several local crafts too like baskets and wooden plates, which they use daily.

Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 3- 14 April (Wed): Kohima (B,L,D)**

After breakfast this morning we will head out on a **Heritage walk of Kohima**. We will visit the war cemetery and the museum and interact with our local guide to understand the role the region played during the second world war.

Lunch will be in a local restaurant.

Early this evening, we will participate in an **interactive session with local young artists** and artisans who will display their works and talk to us about their culture and a deeper understanding into their life and work. This will be arranged in a café along with tea/ coffee and will continue into the late evening where a local young band will perform. Western music is very popular in the northeast and no trip to the east is complete without a jam session.

Dinner in a café. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 4- 15 April (Thu): Kohima to Khonoma / Kigwema (B,L,D)**

We will check out of the hotel post breakfast and drive 2 hours Check out and drive 2 hours to the village of Khonoma or Kigwema (an hour), the home of the Angami tribe where their beautiful old traditional huts have been well preserved.

For the Angami tribe, hunting was their sacred cultural practice. But with the hunting ban, there came a gradual shift in their lifestyle.

Here we will arrange for you to stay in local homes for an **authentic rustic village experience**. The stay will be clean and comfortable but basic. The group will be divided into 3- 4 homes. *This is the best way to get an insight into their lifestyle.*

Post lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy a heritage walk around the village, exploring the rustic lifestyle, interact with your hosts.

In the evening enjoy a local cultural performance, traditional dinner and the rice beer, either outdoors or in a private residence.

Overnight at Homestay.

### **Day 5- 16 April (Fri): Khonoma / Kigwema - Dimapur (B,L,D)**

Morning Nature walks through the paddy fields. This is a wonderful experience and is wonderful for bird watching and seeing the local farmers at work.

We will try and arrange breakfast outdoors for this day.

After breakfast, check out and drive towards Dimapur (2 hours)

Lunch will be en route.

We will visit a **permaculture farm**. Nagaland is known for its headway into sustainable agricultural practices and like the rest of the tribal regions in the north-east follow holistic farming practices in harmony with their natural environment. This is a wonderful way to explore and learn about their farming practises.

From here, we head to our hotel, **Niathu Resort or similar**.

Check into the hotel by early evening and relax by the poolside.

Dinner at the hotel.

### **Day 6- 17 April (Sat): Dimapur (B,L,D)**

This morning, after breakfast, you will visit Diezphe village (1 hour away)

The **Tenyimei community of Diezphe** are the primary inhabitants of the village and they are well known for their excellent craftsmanship, with deft woodcarving, bamboo and cane work and other forms of handloom and handicrafts products.

At Diezphe, you will enjoy a wonderful, interactive session with weavers that are a part of an organization that employs and encourages local women to weave and earn an income from. Enjoy the demonstration and an opportunity to buy direct.

This will be 2-3 hrs.

A simple lunch will be provided here.

Later this evening, you will join a well known **local chef at his residence for a slow-cook local food demonstration** and dinner. He will show you the art of adding a smoky fragrance to your food, tips on grills and introduce you to indigenous ingredients. Enjoy a traditional Naga-style dinner tonight

Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 7- 18 April (Sun): Dimapur Departure (B)**

This morning, the transfer to the airport will be arranged for you. *All departures from Dimapur to be between 0900 – 1000 hours.*

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

**Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: Rs 76,900**

**Single supplement: Rs. 27,500**

#### **Inclusions**

- 6 nights accommodation in the hotels mentioned or similar
- Daily Breakfast
- All meals from Lunch on Day 1 to Breakfast on Day 7
- Services of a tour escort
- A local Naga guide throughout the tour
- Sightseeing tours as mentioned
- All entrance fees
- All local permits & taxes

#### **Exclusions**

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

#### **Please note:**

- Accommodation in the homestay is very basic and the services and facilities are different from typical hotels.
- Due to Covid restrictions, some monuments and places may not permit us to enter and we may need to re-plan the itinerary.
- 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 12 people to operate the group.
- Should you be affected with Covid after paying for the tour, affected guests can move their vacation to any other itinerary in 2021 without penalty. Should you wish to get a refund, we will retain Rs 10,000 as a service fee and refund the rest.

## **BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS**

1. Full payment will be required at the time of booking.

## **CANCELLATION & REFUNDS**

1. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
2. Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Cancellation effected between 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 will attract a cancellation fee of Rs 30000 pp
  - b. Cancellation effected between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 and will attract a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour cost.
  - c. Cancellation effected after 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 will attract a cancellation charge of 100% of the tour cost.
  - d. No refund will be due after commencement of travel.
3. Refunds due can take upto 4 weeks to process.

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