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## HIGHLIGHTS

Assam, the mystic land of plains with green rolling hills and dense forests, is the gateway to the northeast part of India. The mighty roaring Brahmaputra River has its origin near Mansarovar Lake and Mount Kailash, is prayed by four religions (Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Bonpas). Brahmaputra River flows through Tibet, Assam, and Bangladesh. Assam, a rich land of flora and fauna, beautiful rivers and blue hills, is renowned for its Tea Plantation.

The Brahmaputra River is the only river in the world from which you can see 7400 meters high snow-covered mountains of Himalayas. Apart from the Zambezi River of Africa, it is the only river, from which boat, elephant and jeep safaris are conducted. The visit to the ancient palaces, monasteries, temples, tribal villages and tea estates gives a great Cultures experiences.

## ITINERARY DETAILS

### DAY 01

#### **Guwahati Arrival - Kamakhya Temple - MV Mahabaahu - Peacock Island - Sail**

Arrive at Guwahati International Airport and with packed lunch we drive to the Kamakhya Temple. This Temple is devoted to the eternal Feminine- the goddess of desire whose name is Kama Khya, granter of desires.

After the Temple visit, we drive towards Pandu Port where an Assamese welcome aboard the MV Mahabaahu awaits us. After the essential safety briefing and a short presentation on the Peacock Island that is famous for its highly endangered Golden Langur, we check into our cabins.

All gather on the open deck to enjoy the first sail and scan the river for a fleeting sight of the Gangetic Dolphins. We visit the Peacock Island and return to MV Mahabaahu where we enjoy a talk on 'Kamakhya and the Occult in Assam'

An evening in the Soma Lounge followed by the 'Kamrup Swaagat Bhoj'—a sit down welcome dinner completes the day.

## DAY 02

### A Village Visit - Full Day Sail

Wake up at morning, enjoy Yoga on the deck for an hour and move on to breakfast, while MV Mahabaahu heads on through the hills towards an island. This island is predominantly occupied by a Bangla speaking Muslims, who are involved in extensive farming.

After breakfast, enjoy a talk on Assam, its geographical location, and how it is acclaiming recognition in national and international.

After a visit to this village, return to the ship for Lunch and sail towards Orang Point.

Enjoy a talk on 'The River Brahmaputra and the tribal life', over a cup of tea with some snacks.

We will anchor on a deserted island for this evening and enjoy sitting around a bonfire to indulge in barbequed snacks.

## DAY 03

### Sail to Silghat - Tea Estate & Jute Mill Visit

As MV Mahabaahu sails early, enjoy Yoga on the deck and then move on to breakfast. Enjoy the talk on 'Wildlife in Kaziranga and India'.

We will sail on for a couple of hours. Enjoy a relaxed lunch and reach Silghat. Enjoy a talk on 'Tea and Jute in Assam'. Later, we will take a short drive to Kaliabore Tea Estate. Kaliabore Tea Estate is a vast expanse of an undulating estate with tea bushes. Watch the tribal women picking tea leaves. Proceed to the Tea Factory, to see the process of finally producing the Assam Tea.

**NOTE :** (The Tea Factory is not operational from mid-December to mid-February)

We return to where the ship is anchored. Close to it, visit Co-Operative Jute Mill. This Jute Mill is an interesting place to understand how the Jute fiber takes the form of very eco-friendly gunny bags.

By sunset, enjoy a cultural evening on the ship. We will have an early dinner and later retire in the evening.

Rise very early today. Have a warm cup of tea with some snacks. Later on, drive towards the Kaziranga National Park. Kaziranga National Park is home to about 180 different mammals including Asiatic wild buffaloes, deer, tiger, wild elephants and a rich variety of birds. But the most prized inhabitant of Kaziranga National Park is greater One-Horned Indian Rhinoceros.

Reach the Kohora Mihimukh range of the National Park and be ready to start your morning adventure. Elephant-back safari is a once-in-a-lifetime experience where we will search for the rhinoceros, tigers, swamp deer, hog deer, a large number of very interesting birds and much more.

Have breakfast at a resort in Kaziranga. After that, drive towards Bagori, the Western Range of Kaziranga. Get into the Open Jeeps for some more wildlife adventure with an extensive coverage of this magnificent park.

Return back to MV Mahabaahu for a leisurely lunch and a relaxed afternoon.

NOTE: (Kaziranga National Park is closed in May and October Month. During these two months, we will do a Jeep Safari on the outskirts of Kaziranga National Park. As Elephant safari is not possible, you can go for Elephant Joyride. We have an additional Boat Safari in a very picturesque area at the confluence of Brahmaputra and Diphlu River.)

After taking afternoon rest, get together for a talk on 'Silk in Assam'. We will reach the shores of Bishwanath Ghat. Visit the Shiva Dol in reverence of Lord Shiva. Enjoy a walk through the Weavers' village.

Return to the ship to enjoy an evening on a deserted island. Later on, be ready for the delicious dinner.

This morning also, MV Mahabaahu will sail early towards the Eastern Range of Kaziranga for Boat Safari. Enjoy breakfast and have a talk on 'The River Brahmaputra and the life that exists alongside'.

We will proceed for the safari in our tenders for the next two hours. One can see roof turtles on driftwood, elephants, wild buffaloes, rhinos, water lizards, otters, darters, pied kingfishers, white-throated kingfishers, serpent eagles and much more.

The sightings are always determined by the weather conditions.

Return for the lunch.

At evening, enjoy the Chef's Cooking demonstration. Later on, enjoy the talk on 'Majuli', the seat of Vaishnav culture.

An evening on a deserted island and a bonfire are always unusual. Enjoy the delicious dinner on MV Mahabaahu.

**NOTE: (Bonfire may be avoided if a suitable sandbank cannot be found or if we experience inclement weather conditions).**

Wake up at morning and enjoy Yoga. After a delicious breakfast, sail towards the Mishing village and Majuli. Majuli is a cosmos of Assamese culture where many philosophies co-exist.

Enjoy a talk on 'Majuli' the seat of Vaishnav culture. Later on, set off in our tenders to the Mishing Village.

The Mishings live on the bank of the river in 'Chang Ghar', houses with the raised platform. All Mishing women are expert weavers. Their indoor life revolves around the kitchen area where the family can get together.

MV Mahabaahu leaves behind the Mishing village. After lunch, enjoy a talk on 'Sibsagar and the Ahom civilization' followed by a visit to the Majuli Island.

We get on the tenders and arrive on the mainland. The drive takes us to a scenic corner of a Satra for an interesting cultural performance by Satriya Singers and Dancers.

Later on, drive towards Kamlabari Satra to witness the Vaishnavite priests dancing on the rhythm of cymbals, drums and chanting in the temple premise.

Return to the ship and be prepared for a Traditional Assamese evening.

## DAY 07

### Neamati Ghat - Sibsagar & Home-Hosted Lunch

After an early breakfast, we start our day-excursion to Sibsagar, the ancient city and capital of the Tai-speaking Ahoms who came in the 13th Century AD to the area from the north-east and were essential of Tibeto-Burman origin.

Sibsagar means 'the ocean of Lord Shiva'. It is built around a huge man-made water tank ordered by the Ahom Queen.

The Shiva Dol, constructed in the year 1734 is believed to be the highest Shiva temple in India. We visit the Talatal or Kareng Ghar and Rang Ghar. Kareng Ghar is the palace of the Ahom Kings. Rang Ghar is an amphitheater, a place of entertainment or important meetings for the Royals and their guests.

Thereafter, a drive to a Tea Estate for a relaxed afternoon. Enjoy a traditional Assamese lunch with the Tea-estate family who has been involved in the tea business over a period of a century. As we sip our beverages, explore the lawns and proceed to indulge in traditional Assamese cuisine.

Return back to MV Mahabaahu by sunset. Enjoy a relaxed evening in the Soma lounge before proceeding for the mouth-watering dinner.

## DAY 08

### Neamati Ghat - Jorhat - Departure

Start the day with Yoga or go for a walk along the swamps to catch a sight of owls, Orioles, yellow-footed green pigeons, changeable hawk eagles, adjutant storks, quails, seagulls hunting with the dolphins and pied kingfishers, swallows and martins diving to fish.



Have a relaxed breakfast. Your luggage will be brought out of the cabins by our representative according to the flight schedule.

Have a packed lunch at Jorhat. Then arrive at the Jorhat Airport, a couple of hours before the flight schedule and bid adieu to the land of Ahoms.

## INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis on full board plan.
- All Entrance fees at the Monuments and National Parks as per the itinerary.
- 1 Glass of Domestic wine/beer with Farewell and Welcome dinners
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