



EXPLORE NORTH EAST INDIA
SIANG EXPEDITION 2019
RIVER RAFTING TOUR

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| TRAVEL DATES | START: NOV. 23, 2019 | END: DEC. 4, 2019 (12DAYS) |
| GROUP SIZE | MINIMUM: 2 | MAXIMUM: 12 |
| TOUR PRICE | LAND ONLY: £ 2670 PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARING BASIS SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: AVAILABLE AT £ 350 <i>PRICES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE WITH NO HIDDEN OR LOCAL PAYMENTS</i> | |
| FLIGHTS | WE CAN ARRANGE TO BOOK FLIGHTS FOR YOU THROUGH OUR PARTNER TRAVEL AGENT OR YOU CAN ARRANGE YOUR OWN FLIGHTS AND WE WILL ARRANGE FOR YOUR TRANSFER FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE TOUR STARTS | |
| GRADE OF TREK | CHALLENGING | |
| RAPID CLASS | 4 PLUS | |

Overview

An exciting journey down one of the world's greatest rivers, an option only for the true adventurer. The river, after flowing gently eastwards through Tibet, cuts the Greater Himalayas and the highest unclimbed mountain in the world, Namche Barwa before it enters Arunachal Pradesh, where the expedition begins, a few miles inside the line-of-control with China. The expedition takes you through remote hillsides dotted with tribal settlements in clearings surrounded by leech-infested rainforest. It negotiates the finest big volume white water in an area, which is surely one of the most inaccessible in the world. A 7-day self-contained run from Tuting to Pasighat (180 kms approx.) through one of the most inaccessible regions in the world makes this one of the most premier expeditions offered.

Destinations: Dibrugarh (Assam) and Arunachal Pradesh

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1| Nov 23: Delhi – Dibrugarh – Pasighat

Arrive Dibrugarh late afternoon by air. Transfer to waiting vehicles and drive across the mighty Brahmaputra to Pasighat, which welcomes the Siang into the plains. This iconic bridge has ended years of ferry travel across the river which in places is as much as 11 km wide! Check in and expedition briefing at tea time. Visit the local market. Overnight Pasighat. (D)

Day 2| Nov 24: Pasighat – Jengging

Drive 02 long days along a Siang river, through Adi villages, settlements and lush tropical rainforest. An 8 hour drive on the first day takes us through cloud forest and along the Siang river, to the Ditte Dime bridge where we stop for lunch. In 2002, a massive glacial lake broke and took out all bridges in the valley. We reach Jengging by evening, a lovely but basic rest house nestled atop Karko vilage in the Siang valley. (B,L,D)

Day 3| Nov 25: Jengging – Purung

Today we move even more remote up the valley. We pass the village of Ramsing try and see "Moing Madness" and "Hairy Hari" on the drive up. We cross a small pass and descend to Pango, and pass through Palsi to take in "Pulsating Palsi". Our drive now climbs up to Ningguing village and descends to our camp at Purung. Camp next to the Ningguing rapid. (B,L,D)

Day 4| Nov 26: Purung – Tuting

Relaxed day to sort out gear - walk around and interface with local tribals at the nearby village, time permitting. Tuting is the place where Tibetan Buddhism meets the animistic tribal beliefs. Ready rafts in the afternoon - a comprehensive safety briefing followed by instruction on paddling commands and rescue procedures. (B,L,D)

Day 6| Nov 27: Tuting – Pango

Raft to Pango (5 hrs). Camp. This morning, we set off on our journey down the river/ We encounter the big monster Class V Ningguing rapid and another Class 4+ rapid, Pulsating Palsi to reach Pango, where we set up Camp for the night. Lovely float sections as one takes in the wonders of the Ningguing gorge. We reach the awesome Pango beach camp for tea. Campfire dinner and overnight Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 7| Nov 28: Pango – Cherring

Raft Pango – Cherring. Camp. Today, we enter the Marmong gorge, and there is no way to visit it unless by raft! We scout and raft down the Pango rapid and run three big rapids in the gorge, and our paddling skills are well utilized on this day. Witness one of the most beautiful and remote jungle gorges in the world. It has steep impenetrable forests rising into oblivion on each side past the big rapid at Rikor and Zebra Rock rapid to set up Camp above a Class 6 rapid "Tooth fairy" at Cherring. Overnight Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 8| Nov 29: Cherring – Paradise Beach

Raft Cherring – Paradise beach. Camp. After a possible portage around the Class six rapid, Toothfairy, we raft out of the Marmong gorge negotiating several Class 3+ rapids including the Class 4 Hairy Hari, followed by a float till Ramsing where we make Camp for the night. These are classic Siang days! (B,L,D)

Day 9| Nov 30: Paradise Beach

Rest day. Camp at Paradise beach. Beach Olympics and hot lunch and a possible hike! (B,L,D)

Day 10| Dec 1: Paradise Beach - Geku Twins Camp

Raft to Geku Twins Camp. We begin with a big rapid below Paradise beach, called ‘Moing Madness’ followed by milder ones all the way till the suspension bridge at Nubo. We raft down ‘Karko’ and float to a beautiful site near Geku. Camp for the night. (B,L,D)

Day 11| Dec 2 : Geku Twins – Rotung

After Geku, we begin a long float till the 65 Bridge at Ditte Dime. An easy day with long float sections. We pass several Adi tribal settlements on the way and float past the confluence of the Siang river with the Siyom river after the suspension bridge at Boling. We pass the flood-rutted guesthouse of Yembung and float onto camp near Rotung village, in time for hot lunch. Transfer all gear onto our travel bags from the dry bags, and a chance to wash up near a fresh water spring. (B,L,D)

Day 12| Dec 3: Rotung – Pasighat

We begin the final run to the plains at Pasighat by negotiating the last biggie on the trip at Ponging. The Siang seems to gather a lot more volume as we float into Pasighat where we beach our rafts for the last time on this trip. Transfer to rest house at Pasighat. (B,L,D)

Day 13| Dec 4: Pasighat – Dibrugarh

Drive to Boghiwheel Ghat and take a ferry boat across to Dibrugarh. Transfer to airport for flight to New Delhi. Trip ends. (B,L,D)

Inclusions

All transfers in a non ac vehicle as per the itinerary.

All arrangements for staying and camping while on trip (7 days camp and 5 days in guest houses with basic facilities but comfortable)

Accommodation on twin sharing basis in tents/ hotel.

All meals as detailed in itinerary arrangements.

All arrangements with India’s most experienced guiding team, camp staff and cooks.

Porterage up to 15kg/person.

All common camping and rafting equipment.

River fee/sanctuary fee/royalty/permits where applicable.

Safe drinking water.

Exclusions

Sleeping bag.

Any transfers outside of itinerary.

Bottled water.

Items of personal clothing.

Expenses of personal nature (laundry/phone calls/alcohol/cigarettes/insurance/camera fee/etc.).

Any expense incurred due to force majeure such as landslide, bad weather or reasons beyond our control.

Passport and Visa Requirements

A passport (with at least six months remaining validity) and a current Indian visa are required for this trip. Please note that you are required to have a passport with a machine-readable bar code. You will need to apply for your Indian visa in advance from the relevant issuing authority in your home country. In UK, this is done by and agency VFS. Please visit the website <http://www.vfsglobal.com/india/uk/Tourist.html>

Permits

We will need a copies of your international return tickets, passport and visa for permit to travel to Arunachal Pradesh alongwith a copy of form to be filled up, which will be mailed to you in due time.

Travel Insurance

It is recommended that you take out appropriate insurance to cover personal accident, medical costs, repatriation, loss of baggage and holiday cancellation.

Vaccinations

Please visit your GP for guidance for vaccinations and advice for prophylaxis against malaria. Please also visit this website for more details [http://www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk/destinations/asia-\(east\)/india.aspx](http://www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk/destinations/asia-(east)/india.aspx)

Climate

Assam will be dry and pleasant in the months of November- December with maximum temperature of 25 degrees and minimum of 10 degrees. The days will be mostly clear, sunny and bright. Nagaland will be relatively cold with night temperatures going down to 5 degrees. Light sweater or a jacket in Assam and warm clothing is recommended for Nagaland.

Packing list/equipments

Currency

The currency used is Indian Rupee. It is recommended to get your money exchanged on arrival at Delhi airport.