



**EXPLORE NORTH EAST INDIA  
AOLING FESTIVAL OF THE  
TATTOOED HEADHUNTING TRIBES OF NAGALAND  
SMALL GROUP TOUR**

<b>TRAVEL DATES</b>	<b>START: APRIL 1, 2019</b>	<b>END: APRIL 10, 2019 (10 DAYS)</b>
<b>GROUP SIZE</b>	<b>MINIMUM: 2</b>	<b>MAXIMUM: 12</b>
<b>TOUR PRICE</b>	<b>LAND ONLY: £ 2250 PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARING BASIS</b> <b>FLIGHT PRICES STARTING FROM £ 560 (PRICE DEPENDS ON FLIGHT PRICES AT THE TIME OF BOOKING)</b> <b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: AVAILABLE AT £ 375</b> <b><i>PRICES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE WITH NO HIDDEN OR LOCAL PAYMENTS</i></b>	
<b>FLIGHTS</b>	<b>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</b>	

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### Overview

The tour takes you to the state of Nagaland during the Aoling festival of the headhunting tattooed tribe of the Konyak Nagas in the remote district of Mon. Here, visit Lungwa, where the village chief's house sits amidst the India-Burmese border and other villages and get the opportunity to meet the village elders who wear tattoos on their faces and torso, wear animal hair and skin and headdress. You will also get to meet the Angh (chief) and listen to the stories of the headhunting days. You will also visit the historic district of Mokokchung – the land of the Ao Nagas – the place where the American Baptist missionaries first came into contact with the savage Nagas, Tuophema and the capital city of Kohima, where one of the most important battles of World War II was fought.

### Destinations

Dibrugarh- Mon-Sibsagar-Mokokchung-Kohima-Dimapur

### Detailed Itinerary

**April 1:** Fly into Dibrugarh from Delhi or Kalkatta, where you will be received by our representative and transferred to the hotel. Rest of the evening relax. (D)

**April 2:** Dibrugarh- Mon (160 km, 6 hrs) - In the morning, you will start your journey to Mon, located along the India-Myanmar border and the home of Konyak Nagas, this is where you will experience real Naga fierceness and tradition as the last case of headhunting in Nagaland was reported in Mon in the later part of the 1980s. Here, besides semi-traditional villages and tattooed warriors in loincloths you will find the densest landscape. Go for a trek and meet the villagers and witness the customs and traditions. (B.L.D)

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**April 3:** In the morning you will go to the village of Lungwa, situated on the Myanmar border. Here you will visit the Chief's house, which sits on the India- Myanmar border. The chief has dozens of wives and his house is decorated with trophies of various animal skulls. Here experience the traditions and hospitality of the Naga Konyak tribe. After lunch you can explore the villages around. (B.L.D)

**April 4:** The whole day take part in the Aoling festivities. Celebrated during the first week of April each year, Aoling is a celebration of Spring season after a tough and rigorous time of seed sowing in the jhum fields. It is a time of hunting, drinking, dance and merry making. On display is fascinating colours, attires and traditional ornaments. The days are spent singing, dancing, feasting and practising ancient rituals. Also witness the re-enactment of the Konyak headhunting practice. (B.L.D)

**April 5:** Mon- Sibsagar (120 km, 5 hrs) the place of the Ahoms of Assam, literally meaning 'Ocean of Shiva' is replete with traces of history and mythology through its enigmatic palaces and temples. Major attractions here are Rang Ghar, the dual-storied amphitheatre, seven-storied palace of Kareng Ghar with Talatal Ghar being its below-ground level three-storied secret getaway through two exit tunnels, and the various lakes Borpukhuri (meaning big pond) flowing at a higher level than the town itself, and the famed temples of Sivadol, Vishnudol and Devidol. (B.L.D)

**April 6:** Sibsagar- Mokokchung (130 km, 5 hrs), the home town of the Ao Nagas. Explore the town of Mokokchung and evening in the hotel. (B.L.D)

**April 7:** Today you will visit the villages of Mapungchuket, Impur and Longkhum and witness the way of life of the Ao tribe. Return to your hotel in Mokokchung. (B.L.D)

**April 8:** Mokokchung- Tuophema (120 km, 4 hrs.) In the morning drive to Tuophema, and stay here at the community cottages, a collaborative project between the Govt. and the local people, these are Naga styled huts with basic amenities but the best way of experiencing rural Nagaland. After reaching go for a walk around the village and witness their way of life. (B.L.D)

**April 9:** In the morning, drive to Kohima (40 km.), the capital of Nagaland, Home of the Angami Nagas and characterised by their unique cultural traditions, Kohima is a town steeped in history, a place which changed the fate of world politics in the 2nd World War when British soldiers aided by Indian sepoy and valiant Nagas stopped the invasion of Japanese forces. Here you will first visit the Kohima World War Cemetery, a memorial in honour of those officers and soldiers killed during the war and maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. After lunch you will visit the Kohima Cathedral, largest one in Asia and Kohima State Museum, which houses a rare collection of artefacts of each of the 16 Naga tribes. Stay in a hotel. (B.L.D)

**April 10:** Kohima- Dimapur (68 km., 2.5 hrs.)- Drive to Dimapur airport for your onward journey home. Tour ends. (B)

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## **AOLING FESTIVAL OF THE TATTOOED HEADHUNTING TRIBES OF NAGALAND**

### **Inclusions**

All meals as indicated above (B- Breakfast, L-Lunch, D- Dinner)  
9 Nights' accommodation on tour  
Transport by Toyota Innova or similar (Toyota Innova is a MUV)  
Tour Guide including local guides in various location.  
All entrance fees  
All transfers  
Bottled water

### **Exclusions**

Camera fees  
Visa  
Travel/medical Insurance  
Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, snacks between meals  
Tips for local staff

### **Accommodation**

We try to use the best accommodation available whichever place we go. However, given the remoteness of the destination, some of them maybe basic but clean and comfortable. In this tour our accommodation ranges from town hotels, community huts and guest houses. Hotel Shoolin Grand, Guwahati  
Hotel Natraj or similar, Dibrugarh  
Helsa Guest House, Mon  
Hotel Brahmaputra, Sivasagar  
Hotel Whispering Wind, Mokokchung  
Traditional Hut stay, Tuophema  
Razhu Pru or similar, Kohima

### **Food**

Food is prepared using local, fresh produce in most places and maybe mildly spiced for Indian food, local cuisine, continental, Chinese is also available in some of the places. If you have any dietary requirements, please mail us at the time of the booking and we will take care wherever possible.

### **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. British Passport holders can apply for an e-Tourist Visa, a single entry visa valid for 30 days. Please visit the website <https://www.hcilondon.in/pages.php?id=28>

### **Travel Insurance**

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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 while travelling to India. 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 and Nagaland, the states that you will be visiting during this tour will have moderate temperatures, not cold or hot in February.

### **Clothing**

It is recommended to carry fleece or a jacket as night temperatures drop.

### **Currency**

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