



BATTLEFIELD TOUR OF IMPHAL AND KOHIMA

TAILORMADE TOUR

TOUR PRICE	£ 2500 PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARING BASIS (INCLUDES INTERNAL FLIGHTS) WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS: £ 3100 PER PERSON (PRICE DEPENDS ON FLIGHT PRICES AT THE TIME OF BOOKING) 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
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Overview

The Battles of Imphal and Kohima has been noted by British Military Historian Robert Lyman as one of the four great turning-point battles of the Second World War. It was in these battles that the British Corps comprising both British and Indian soldiers stopped Japanese army from entering India and march through Asia. In this tour you will visit the battlefield sites and the war cemeteries in Imphal Kohima and Guwahati. You also visit the hill station of Shillong and end your tour with a stay at a heritage tea garden property in Jorhat, from where you will fly out. The tour also includes village visits, visits to temples and sightseeing around the above mentioned places.

Destinations

Imphal-Guwahati-Shillong- Kohima-Jorhat

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Reach Imphal Airport, where our representative will receive you at the airport. Imphal is the capital of the state of Manipur in North East India. In the afternoon visit the Manipur State museum and the Govindajee temple constructed in the early 18th century, a historic centre for Vaishnavites.

Day 2: Today visit the sites in and around the city related to the Battle of Imphal and Manipur's overall War experience. This includes a Second World War-era airfield (Koirengei or Imphal Main), two War cemeteries and a battlefield (Nunshigum). Evening at leisure in the hotel.

Day 3: Visit the Kangla Fort, the most important historical and archeological site of Manipur, Lake Loktak and Ima Keithel, the largest all women's market.

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Day 4: Fly to Guwahati. Check into the hotel and then visit the Guwahati cemetery. This cemetery was started during the Second World War for burials from the several military hospitals posted in the area. Later, other graves were brought in by the Army Graves Service from Amari Bari Military Cemetery, Sylhet Military Cemetery, Mohachara Cemetery, Nowgong Civil Cemetery and Gauhati Civil Cemetery, where permanent maintenance could not be assured. For the same reason, further graves were brought to the cemetery from isolated sites in the Lushai Hills and from civil cemeteries in Badarpur, Cooch Bahar, Darjeeling, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Dinjan, Katapahar, Leborg, Lumding, Shillong and Silchar, in 1952. There are now 486 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 25 of the burials are unidentified. The cemetery also contains 24 Chinese war graves, and two non-war graves.

Day 5: In the morning go for a sightseeing around Guwahati. Visit the famous Kamakhya temple, which is known for tranticism and is one of the Shakti Peethas. In the afternoon, go for a river cruise on the Brahmaputra.

Day 6: Drive to Shillong (3 hours), the capital of the state of Meghalaya and home to the Khasi tribe. Shillong has rightly earned the sobriquet of "Scotland of the East" owing to the rolling hills, beautiful scenery and climate. On the way to Shillong, you will visit the beautiful Umiam lake, a major tourist attraction located just before entering Shillong. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 7: In the morning after breakfast you will visit the Don Bosco museum, which showcases the entire of North East under one roof. You will then visit Shillong peak and get a bird's eye view of the entire city of Shillong. After lunch you will visit local Khasi marketplace and then go see a game of 'Tir' or archery gambling involving archers to shoot over a thousand colourful arrows to get the lucky number and learn about the mythical story behind this game. Evening at the hotel/ lodge.

Day 8: Drive from Shillong to Kohima (6 hrs), 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. Stay in a hotel.

Day 9: 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.

Day 10: Drive to Jorhat (6 hrs), known for its tea estates. Here stay at a century old colonial styled tea garden.

Day 11: Visit the Tocklai research centre, largest and oldest tea research institute. Rest of the day explore the town of Jorhat.

Day 12: In the morning, you will be dropped at the airport to catch a flight for your onward journey home.

Inclusions

All meals
11 Nights' accommodation on tour
Transport by 4x4 vehicles
Internal Flights
English speaking local guides
All entrance fees
All transfers

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Bottled water

Exclusions

International Flights

Visa

Travel/medical Insurance

Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, snacks between meals

Accommodation

The accommodation in this tour includes town/ city hotels and heritage tea garden bungalow.

Food

Food is Indian food, local cuisine, Continental and Chinese. 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

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)

Currency

The currency used is Indian Rupee.