

Shillong and Cherrapunjee

No of Delegates: 50

Duration: 3Nights/4Days



OVERVIEW

- Irreverent Shillong was the capital of British-created Assam until 1972. Since becoming the state capital of Meghalaya, it has rapidly developed into a typical modern Indian town, but still retains some its colonial-era charm in certain pockets. Overhauled cars are all the rage here –take a ride in one of Shillong's many taxis and you'll know.
- Laid out along razor like ridges of a high mountain wall, Cherrapunjee sits on the edge of the Himalayas, overlooking the pancake-flat plains of Bangladesh. The village was once feted as the wettest place on earth because of the prodigious monsoon rainfall.
- Best time to visit Shillong& Cheerapunjee is from November-April.



Connectivity

Guwahati	Onward			Return		
Hubs	Airline	Time	Stops	Airline	Time	Stops
Mumbai	Indigo 958	07:25-10:25	Direct	Indigo 433	16:45-20:05	Direct
Delhi	Airasia 783	07:10-09:40	Direct	Jetairways 7068	16:00-18:35	Direct
Bangalore	Indigo 457	07:45-10:45	Direct	Indigo 316	16:55-20:00	Direct
Chennai	Indigo 112	05:10-08:15	Direct	Indigo 136	19:15-22:00	Direct
Hydearabd	Indigo 457	06:10-10:45	Via Bangalore	Indigo 316	16:55-21:50	Via Bangalore
Kolkata	Go Air 532	09:20-10:35	Direct	Indigo 856	16:10-17:55	Direct

Note:

Fares are subject to availability at the time of confirmation.

Places to visit



Mawlynong Village

- Paved walkways and beautiful flowerbed all along mark the village, with waterfalls, **living root bridge**, hilly rivulets, acacia plantation and an excellent view of the faraway plains of Bangladesh all contribute to the ambience of this village.
- A day in this village gives an insight into the life of the Khasis, the influence of the Church and its metamorphosis.

Cathedral Catholic Church

- Also known as Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, Cathedral Catholic Church Shillong is positioned between Dhankheti and Laitumkhrah
- This church falls under Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Shillong that is known to be administering similar sort of places of worship in Jaintia and Khasi hills of Meghalaya





Mawsami Caves

- Situated around 6 Kms from Cherrapunjee, the Mawsmi Caves are a major crowd puller that leaves tourists spellbound.
- This magnificent natural wonder is the handiwork of years of natural abrasion and underground water.
- Though the caves are long, only a distance of 150 meters is open for tourists, while the other section is closed.

Elephant Falls

- Elephant Falls was the British name of what the local Khasi people once referred to as Ka Kshaid Lai Pateng Khohsiew (or “Three Steps Waterfalls”)
- Even though we didn’t think this was a total blockbuster waterfall, we did think it was a pleasant diversion due to its accessibility (it allowed us to get close to each waterfall, unlike many of the taller ones we saw in the Shillong or Cherrapunjee area).





Thangkharang Park

- Thangkharang Park, situated at a distance of 12 km from Cherrapunji is a must see spot.
- It is located just besides the Khoh Ramhah rock and offers a 180 degree view of the Bangladesh plains below.
- This view point also presents a nice view of the Kynrem Falls, which cascades in three levels at a distance.
- A small bridge helps one cross over to the other section of the park in times of heavy rains or the monsoons, when the stream below overflows with water

Khoh Ramhah

- It is also known as Pillar Rock or Mothorp is another major tourist attraction of Sohra.
- Legend has it that Khoh Ramhah is a fossilised cone shaped basket of an evil spirit.
- On a clear day, the Bangladesh plains yonder are a sight to behold
- A lesser known façade of the rock from behind can be seen, when one travels through the meandering roads of Cherrapunjee



Famous cuisines to eat

- Cherrapunjee houses a wide range of food options including North Indian, Bengali, Punjabi, South-Indian and Chinese cuisine as well as *Pork momos and Jadoh* along with rice cooked with pork blood are the specialty of this region.
- Many locals queue up at local street stalls in Shillong to get their daily fix of Tungrymbai. The dish is popular in Meghalaya and is prepared using fermented soybeans that are grown in Shillong.
- Another favourite you don't want to miss out on in Shillong. Pork cooked with black sesame seeds and soy sauce. The toasted sesame seeds, often found in Chinese cooking, takes this dish to another level altogether. Dohneiong can be found at many food stalls in and around the main city centre as well as near the Police Bazaar.
- Doh Khlieh is a delicious salad made out of minced pork, onions and chillies. If you are in the mood for some fusion food, some places dish up Doh-Khlieh with a Mexican touch by adding beans, tomatoes, carrots and lemons.



Suggested Itinerary

Day 01:

- Arrive Shillong airport and drive to the Hotel
- Check-in to the hotel
- Lunch at the hotel
- Visit Cathedral of Mary and Ward's Lake, evening roam the Shillong famous Police Bazar on foot.
- Gala Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight at Hotel in Shillong.



Day 02:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion to Cherrapunjee–the wettest place on the earth. <Snack box provided>
- Enroute visit Shillong peak and then proceed to the famous Elephant Falls.
- At Cherrapunjee visit –Mawsmai Cave, Seven Sisters Falls and Ohkalikai Falls.
- Lunch at the Hotel
- After lunch at Cherrapunjee, visit Thankarang Park and KohRamhah.
- Drive back to Shillong for overnight halt.
- Dinner at the hotel



Day 03

- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast excursion to Mawlynong
- Carry packed lunch at Mawlynong village
- Mawlynong village, situated 90 kms ahead of Shillong on the Shillong-Dawki Road, 30 kms from Pynursla, is a village of 75 households with a population of 400.
- Overnight at the Hotel in Shillong



Day 04:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Time for leisure and rest
- Check out of the hotel
- Shopping at the local market
- Lunch at the local restaurant (Blue spice Restaurant or similar).
- Transfer to the airport



The Polo Towers

- The only 4 star hotel of the North-east, with experience that exhibits a unique blend of comfort and efficiency. A leading name in Luxury hotels, Hotel Polo Towers, Shillong is an excellent choice for leisure and business travelers for the personalized services and lavish living that it offers.
- Hotel Polo Towers Shillong has been consistently rated as the best hotel in Shillong over the last decade. Fondly known as the Shillong Icon, the hotel is the preferred choice for business visitors and tourists alike because of the services and convenient location on the Oakland Road.
- No of rooms : **50**



Banquet Size

Hotel	Banquet Name	Theatre	Classroom	U shaped	Cocktails	Floating
The Polo Towers	The Den	50	25	20	30	60
	The Durbar	225	100	100	200	600

The above numbers indicate delegate count

RiKynjai-Sereniety by the Lake

- With a name that literally means “Serenity by the Lake” in Khasi, RiKynjai-Serenity By The Lake offers you the perfect getaway from the urban hubbub. Nature lovers can choose to luxuriate in perfectly appointed cottages, undergo traditional Khasi spa treatments and dine on local delicacies... the more adventurous may prefer the beautiful hill treks, boat rides and island picnics, and of course, a day at the Shillong Golf Course, dating back to 1889, and still referred to as the ‘Gleneagles of the East’.
- No of rooms: **17**



Cost Implications

Element	The Polo Towers	RiKynjai- Serenity By The Lake
Occupancy	Double	Double
Ground Total	23,256	31,272
Flights	12,500	12,500
Grand Total	35,756	43,772

*All costs mentioned are in INR ***

INCLUSIONS:

- Return Airfare
- Accommodation in well-appointed rooms per person per night for 03 Night / 04 Days.
- Packed Snack Box
- Meals as below
 - Day 1 :- Lunch and Gala Dinner at the hotel.
 - Day 2 :- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the hotel.
 - Day 3 :- Breakfast, packed Lunch from the hotel and Dinner at the hotel.
 - Day 4 :- Breakfast at the hotel , Lunch at the local outside restaurant post checkout.
- Gala Dinner inclusion
 - 02 + 02 starters (veg and non-veg both) for 2 hours
 - Free flow of alcohol for 2 hours(Blender's Pride whiskey, Smirnoff Vodka, Old monk rum , beer juices and mixers)
 - DJ with basic sound
- Return Airport Transfers and Sight seeing in an A/C Coach on SIC Basis
- 01 TN representative.

EXCLUSIONS:

- All that is not mentioned in the above inclusions
- Early check in or Late check out
- Personal expenses
- Licenses on actuals
- GST as applicable
- Tips and gratitude
- Any kind of event setup



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Thank-you