

Textiles and Tribal Festivals Tour of Northeast India.

27th November - 11th December 2019

A specialist tour with Anna-Louise Meynell and Native Northeast
exploring textiles and artisan villages of Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland,
during the vibrant Hornbill Festival of Nagaland



Highlights of the tour

Day 1, 2, 3 & 4

- Introduction to eri, muga and mulberry silk and supplementary weft designs.
- Introduction to the wide array of natural dyes from local plants and fruits.
- Workshop with artisans in natural dyeing and hand spinning.
- Demonstration of handlooms and floor looms and traditional weaving techniques of Assam and Meghalaya.
- Walk through Khasi villages in Meghalaya to meet dyeing experts and local artisans.
- Interactions with artisans in their workshops and homes to understand their weaving practices, their lifestyle and cuisine.
- Spend 2 nights in Guwahati and 1 night in the Ri Bhoi District.



Day 5 & 6

- Explore the dramatic landscapes of Meghalaya, known as Scotland of the East.
- Trek to one of the living root bridges, a fascinating example of indigenous bioengineering.
- Visit the Don Bosco Museum of Indigenous Cultures.
- 3 nights at a peaceful lakeside resort.



Day 7 & 8

- Full days drive from the hills of Meghalaya to the plains of Assam to reach Kaziranga.
- Two-jEEP safaris in Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, home to the one-horned rhinoceros, the Royal Bengal tiger and many more.
- Assistance of local naturalist to spot and identify various mammals and avian species.
- Spend 2 nights at a jungle lodge at Kaziranga National Park.



Day 9 & 10, 11 & 12

- Drive to Dimapur in Nagaland, stopping to meet Mishing weavers on the way who use a drawloom to create complex designs.
- Meet and interact with weavers of the Naga community.
- Understand the backstrap loom and its designs.
- Learn about the indigenous cotton cultivation and natural dyeing of Nagaland.
- Attend the world famous Hornbill festival.
- Sample the smokey flavours of the Naga cuisine, try the firey hot Naga chillies if you dare!
- Witness the traditional dances, music and celebrations of many Naga tribes.
- Shop for local products at the craft marketplace.
- Enjoy the hospitality of homestays in Nagaland for 4 nights.





Day 13, 14 & 15

- Full day's drive returning to Kaziranga.
- Spend a relaxing day at the Silk & Dye Festival in Kaziranga
- Fly out from Guwahati Airport the following day.

Trip logistics

- Exclusive tour of maximum 6 people
- 27th November-11th December 2019
- 14 nights, 15 days
- Arrival Guwahati airport, Assam
- Departure Guwahati airport, Assam
- INR 242,000 per person (approx £2700)
- Single room supplement INR 50,000 (approx £550)
- Payment to be made by international transfer in two installments to Native Northeast, India.

Price includes:

- Comfortable SUV/MUV with 3-4 people per car
- Accommodation in good quality comfortable hotels, luxury resorts and traditional homestays
- All meals, non-alcoholic beverages, water and snacks
- Entrance fees and permits
- All tips and guide charges are covered

Price does not include

- International and domestic flights
- Indian visa
- Individual travel insurance
- Alcohol, laundry and personal purchases



Anna-Louise Meynell is a weaver, textile designer, consultant and researcher. Her doctoral research through University of the Arts, London is on the eri silk weaving communities of Meghalaya, Northeast India. She has been working in India and Southeast Asia since 2005 and currently lives in Assam, Northeast India.