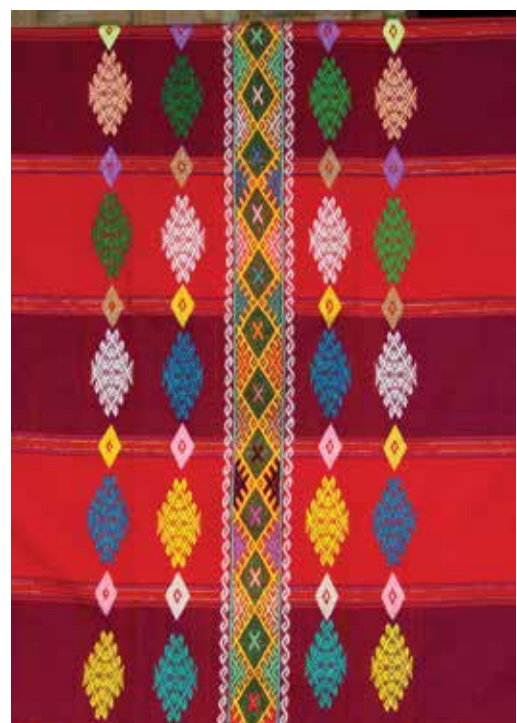


# Textiles and Tribes Tour of Assam & Meghalaya, Northeast India

26th February - 7th March 2020

A specialist tour with Anna-Louise Meynell  
exploring tribal textiles and artisan villages of  
Meghalaya and Assam



## Highlights of the tour

### Day 1, 2, & 3

- Introduction to eri, muga and mulberry silk and supplementary weft designs.
- Introduction to the wide array of natural dyes from local plants and fruits.
- Demonstration of handlooms and floor looms and weaving techniques.
- Meet artisans of the matrilineal Khasi tribe in Meghalaya, spend time with them in their homes to understand their weaving practices, their lifestyle and cuisine.
- Workshop with artisans in natural dyeing and hand spinning.
- Spend 2 nights in Guwahati and 1 night in a rural resort.



### Day 4 & 5

- Drive to 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 6 & 7

- Cross the mighty Brahmaputra river by ferry to Majuli, the largest river island in the world.
- Walk through tribal villages of the Mishing community.
- Spend time with Mishing weavers to understand their looms and complex designs.
- Visit to the Vaishnavite monasteries accompanied by a monk from the island.
- Visit the pottery village and mask-making workshops to get a feel for Majuli's creative culture.
- Two nights at a resort in the river island.



## Day 8, 9 & 10

- Catch the morning ferry from Majuli and an afternoon train to Tinsukia, passing through farms tea plantations and paddy fields.
- Explore the Buddhist Tai Phake and Singpho communities and learn about their ethnic origins and links with Southeast Asia.
- Visit weavers of both communities to see and discuss their intricate fabrics.
- Watch weavers on backstrap and frame looms working with supplementary weft designs.
- Have lunch in a traditional stilt house and interact with scholars of Singpho and Tai cultures.
- Have a walk around a tea plantation, learn about the process of making tea.
- Spend 3 nights in a guest house in Digboi.





## Day 11

- Drive from Digboi to Dibrugar
- Fly out from Dibrugar

### Trip logistics

- Exclusive tour of maximum 6 people
- 26th Feb - 7th March 2020
- 10 nights, 11 days
- Arrival Guwahati airport, Assam
- Departure Dibrugar airport Upper Assam
- INR 178,000 (approx £1980) all inclusive\*, twin sharing basis, no hidden cost.
- Single room supplement INR 33,000 (approx £370).
- 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
- Train tickets
- Accommodation in good quality comfortable hotels, luxury resorts and traditional homestays
- All meals, non-alcoholic beverages, water and snacks
- Entrance fees and permits
- All taxes, tips and guide charges are covered

### Price does not include

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



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