



Nagaland Travel Plan – *Land of Festivals & Fierce Traditions*



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👉 Best Time to Visit Nagaland

- **October – April:** Best weather for sightseeing & trekking
- **December:** Best time for the **Hornbill Festival**
- **June – September:** Monsoon (lush greenery, but trekking difficult)

Permit Required: Inner Line Permit (ILP) for Indian citizens

1 Kohima – *Historic Hill Capital*

Ideal Stay: 2 days



About

Kohima is the capital of Nagaland, known for **World War II history, Naga heritage, and scenic hill views.**

Top Attractions

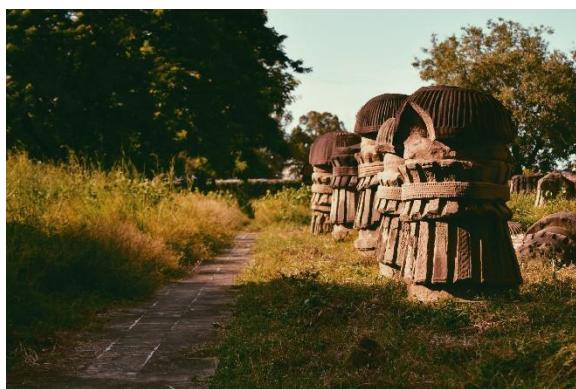
- **Kohima War Cemetery** – WWII memorial
- **Kohima Cathedral** – one of Asia's largest churches
- **Nagaland State Museum**
- **Local villages (Khonoma nearby)**

Experiences

- ✓ Historical exploration
- ✓ Village walks
- ✓ Cultural museum visits

2 Dimapur – *Gateway to Nagaland*

Ideal Stay: 1 day



About

Dimapur is Nagaland's commercial hub and main entry point by rail and air.

Top Attractions

- **Kachari Ruins** – ancient mushroom-shaped pillars
- **Diezephe Craft Village**
- **Local markets**
- **Triple Falls**

Experiences

- ✓ Handicraft shopping
 - ✓ Heritage photography
 - ✓ Short nature visits
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Mokokchung – *Cultural Capital of Nagaland*

Ideal Stay: 1–2 days



About

Mokokchung is the heartland of the **Ao Naga tribe**, rich in traditions and folklore.

Top Attractions

- **Longkhum Village** – cliff views & sunsets
- **Ungma Village** – oldest Ao settlement
- **Local museums & morungs (youth dormitories)**

Experiences

- ✓ Tribal homestays
 - ✓ Cultural storytelling
 - ✓ Village photography
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Dzukou Valley – *Valley of Flowers of the Northeast*

Ideal Stay: 1–2 days (trek required)



About

Dzukou Valley is famous for **rolling green hills and seasonal wildflowers**, located on the Nagaland–Manipur border.

Top Attractions

- Seasonal flowers (June–September)
- Camping grounds
- Natural streams

Experiences

- ✓ Trekking adventure
- ✓ Camping under the stars
- ✓ Landscape photography

Moderate trek, good fitness required

5 Hornbill Festival – *Festival of Festivals*

Time: 1–10 December

Location: Kisama Heritage Village (near Kohima)



About

The Hornbill Festival showcases **all Naga tribes** in one grand celebration.

Highlights

- Traditional dances & music
- Tribal costumes & crafts
- Indigenous games
- Local food & rice beer

Experiences

- ✓ Cultural performances
- ✓ Craft shopping
- ✓ Photography & food tasting



⊕ Additional Must-Visit Places in Nagaland

6 Khonoma

- India's first green village
- Angami tribal culture

7 Mon

- Konyak tribe (tattooed warriors)
- Longwa village (India–Myanmar border)

8 Tuophema

- Traditional huts

- Cultural performances

Wokha

- Doyang Lake (Amur falcons)

Phek

- Shillai Lake
 - Mountain landscapes
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Suggested 9-Day Itinerary

- **Day 1–2:** Dimapur → Kohima
 - **Day 3:** Khonoma Village
 - **Day 4:** Dzukou Valley trek
 - **Day 5:** Return to Kohima
 - **Day 6–7:** Mokokchung & villages
 - **Day 8:** Hornbill Festival / Kisama
 - **Day 9:** Dimapur & departure
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Must-Try Naga Food

- Smoked pork with bamboo shoot
 - Axone (fermented soybean)
 - Galho (rice stew)
 - Smoked fish
 - Rice beer (local brews)
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Festivals & Culture

- **Hornbill Festival** (December)
 - **Moatsu Festival** (Ao tribe)
 - **Sekrenyi Festival** (Angami tribe)
 - Warrior traditions & morung culture
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Travel Tips

- Carry **Inner Line Permit (ILP)**
- Respect tribal customs & photography rules
- Carry cash in rural areas
- Wear trekking shoes for Dzukou Valley