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Assam is surrounded by six of the other Seven Sister States: Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Meghalaya. These states are connected to the rest of India via a narrow strip in West Bengal called the Siliguri Corridor or "Chicken's Neck".

Assam also shares international borders with Bhutan and Bangladesh; and cultures, peoples and climate with South-East Asia - important elements in India's Look East policy.

Assam became a part of India after the British occupied the region following the First Anglo-Burmese War of 1824–1826. It is

known for Assam tea, large and old petroleum resources, Assam silk and for its rich biodiversity. Assam has successfully conserved the one-horned Indian rhinoceros from near extinction, along with the tiger and numerous species of birds, and it provides one of the last wild habitats for the Asian elephant. It is becoming an increasingly popular destination for wildlife tourism, and Kaziranga and Manas are both World Heritage Sites.

Assam was also known for its Sal tree forests and forest products, much depleted now. A land of high rainfall, Assam is endowed with lush greenery and the mighty river Brahmaputra, whose tributaries and oxbow lakes provide the region with a unique hydro-geomorphic and aesthetic environment.

Once the historic capital of undivided Assam, Guwahati is now a cosmopolitan city and the commercial hub of Northeast. Guwahati is known as the Gateway to the East and is the first stop for most north-east itineraries for travellers. This alluring city on the banks of the River Brahmaputra features a deluge of ethnicity and cultures from all across the state and the neighboring places. The city is encompassed by lush greenery and it is the home to numerous age old temples that attracts both pilgrims and nature lovers to the place. There are many famous and ancient temples in the city, making it popular with pilgrims. Peacock Island, that is believed to be the smallest river island in the world, sheltering the splendid Umananda Temple is just another pride of the city. The sacred Kamakhya Devi Temple is also located in Guwahati and is thronged by millions of devotees and visitors. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati is one of the most beautiful campus in India, with the Brahmaputra flowing right through it.

What To SEE



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1 Guwahati



The city has been plundered many times, by Mughals, by the Burmese army and the British -- and has always bounced back, retaining its soul. This is where the British fell in love with the tea and today, Assam Tea is the most sought after in the world. Guwahati is known for its rich cultural heritage, always contributing to arts, dance and music.

2 Kaziranga



Kaziranga is famed for the conservation of numerous exotic species including the pride of the state, the one horned rhino. There are also other rarely found animals and endangered species that can be seen here such as the Hoolock Gibbons, Swamp deer, Leopard Cats, Civet Cats, Tigers etc. The broad terrain of the jungle is covered in plush flora that includes tall elephant grass, marshland and dense tropical moist broad leaf forests. Kaziranga is also an important 'bird area', as recognized by Birdlife International, for providing sanctuary to varied species of exotic birds such as hornbills, grey headed fish eagle, pelicans, Blyth's Kingfisher and many more. Opt for an Elephant safari or a jeep safari to explore the wilderness.

3 Kaziranga National Park



National Highway 37, Golaghat, Assam 785612, India

Sheltering a major portion of world's population of Rhinos, Kaziranga National Park Assam is one among the five natural UNESCO world heritage sites in India. It is home to the Great Indian One Horned Rhinos and many other exotic species that makes this National Park one of the most sought after destinations for the wildlife buffs.

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However the Elephant safari is very popular and so it should be booked earlier.

story to it. It is an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Visnu's avatar of Hayagriva (Vishnu with the head of a horse). One school of thought also considers this temple to contain a relic of Lord Buddha. They say that this is the spot where Gautama Buddha attained Nirvana. Numerous people of Bhutia community congregate at the shrine during winters.

The best time to visit Kaziranga National Park is mid-November to early April.

4 Hajo (Town)



Hajo, Dist.- Kamrup, Assam, India

Hajo, near Guwahati is an important religious center for three religions Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. The age old harmonious confluence of these traditions can still be seen at this place today. The Hayagriva Madhava Temple that is located on the hill called Manikuta has a unique

The Madan Kamdev temple is another important temple in Hajo. It is an important archaeological site that dates back to the 10th-12th century. Being a temple devoted to Kamdev it has close resemblance with the temples at Khajuraho.

Apart from the temples in Hajo there is a very sacred shrine for the Islam community, the Powa Mecca.

According to the inscriptions it is said that the walls of this mosque has the foundation of one gram of soil brought from the holy Mecca. It stands atop Garurachal Hill in Hajo and has the tomb of Pir Giasuddin Auliya who is said to have brought the soil from the holy town. He is also a pioneer of the

religion in the state of Assam. During the reign of the Mughals, Sujauddin Mohammed Shah built this mosque in 1657 AD.

5 Manas National Park



Barpeta-Manas Road, Barpeta, Guwahati, Assam 781315, India

Manas National Park has an exotic feel to it, with a stunning dense forest and the blue hills of Bhutan looming in the distance. Home to the tiger, elephant, wild buffalo and gaur as also that golden langur and red panda, Manas is classified as a World Heritage Site in danger.

You get permits to enter the Manas National Park at Barpeta Road. You can enter in your own 4-wheeler or a hired one. There are no Forest Department safaris but private resorts offer safaris. There are elephant rides, walks, tea plantation and village visits on offer.

Where To



Eat

5 Places

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1 Cafe Hendrix



Opposite Pantaloons, Down Town, GS Road, Kamrup, Guwahati, Assam 781007, India
 +91-98640-21111

If you are looking for a chilled out and relaxed place where you can listen to some quality music while sipping on a beer, step in to Cafe Hendrix. This place is an awesome place for music lovers. Live band performances on weekends and the amazing ambiance of this place is quite welcoming.

Cafe Hendrix is located in the right opposite to the Downtown Hospital, at a pretty strategic location, for which reason the pub is regularly visited by a decent crowd.

2 The Morung



Rajgarh Plaza, Ground Floor, Rajgarh Main Road, Guwahati, Assam 781003, India
 +91-99540-00407 | +91-99540-49116

At

The Morung is prepared for a barbecue delight. Specialising in Chinese and authentic North-Eastern cuisines, it is a regular haunt for the locals as well as travellers. It is very famous for the Naga food served.

The Morung is value-for-money too, so the mouth-watering dishes won't burn a big hole in your pockets.

3 Maihang



1st Floor, Raja Complex, Beltola Tiniali, Beltola, Guwahati, Assam 781007, India



+91-98543-73978

Once in Guwahati, you can expect to be mesmerised by the food at the city. Maihang Restaurant at GS Road is one of the best restaurants in Guwahati. You can savour the best delicacies not only from Assam but from the entire North-East India. The food, service quality, ambience and the all that you expect in a restaurant are top notch. Delicacies of North-East India like Freshwater fish, duck meat and pigeon meat are a must have for the non-vegetarians. You can't miss on the flavour of exotic wild herbs used at the Maihang. So go ahead, and let yourself lose in this North-Eastern culinary grandeur.

4 Khorikaa



1st Floor, Kamal C Plaza, Guwahati-Shillong Road, Guwahati, Assam

781007, India

+91-98649-82948

Khorika is a fine restaurant offering range of mouth-watering North-eastern dishes that you can savour on to. Various delicacies presented in the typical manner will make you remember the flavours of Assam forever. You must try out the Duck cooked in bamboo shoot, which will blow your mind.

5 Gams Delicacy Restaurant



RG Baruah Road, Ganeshguri
Chariali, Dispur, Swaraj Nagar,
Ganeshguri, Guwahati, Assam
781006, India

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Delicacy is a restaurant in the Ganeshguri

area of Guwahati that is solely concentrated to the local cuisine of the state. You can find a range of local cuisines of Assam, cooked to perfection. You can try out Akhaj (veg thali meal) for INR 80 which gives you unlimited quantities of rice and 2 types of dhal.

There are also limited quantities of 4 types of vegetable dishes (a semi gravy, a green leafy vegetable, a pitika - mashed potato, and a khar) and a dessert item. Lime, green chillies, a spicy chutney and a pickle are served on the side at the Delicacy. Sometimes they even include a complimentary clear vegetable soup.

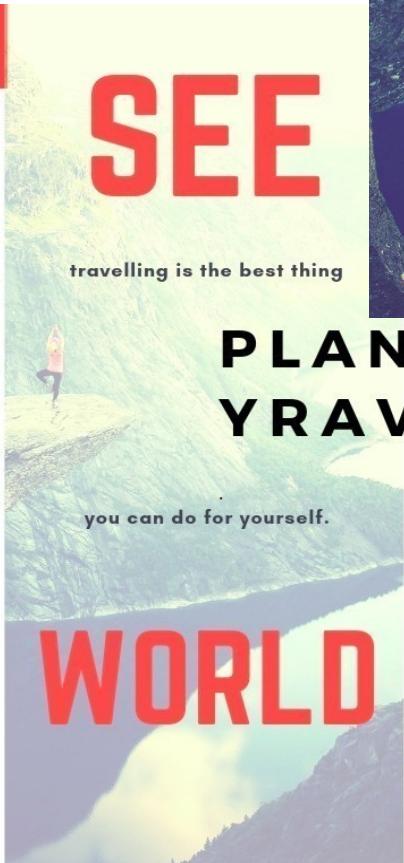
Apart from the traditional fare, Delicacy serve a range of fish and meat dishes that you can relish on!

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