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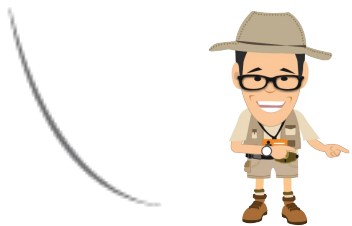
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Guwahati

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The largest city of Assam, Guwahati was earlier known as Pragjyotishpur meaning 'the light of the east'. It is an enchanting city with diverse ethnicity and cultures. The mighty River Brahmaputra flows right in between the city delicately splitting it into two halves. There are several great places to visit in Guwahati like Kamakhya Temple, Assam State Museum, Umananda Temple, Alfresco Grand, Nehru Park, Guwahati Planetarium and Guwahati Zoo.

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Famous For : Nature / Wildlife Places To Visit City

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.

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.

When To
VISIT



<http://www.ixigo.com/weather-in-guwahati-lp-1139368>

Max: 28.0°C **Min:** 17.39999961
8530273°C **Rain:** 11.5mm

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Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 25.0°C **Min:** 12.5°C **Rain:** 9.10000038146972
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What To SEE



5 Sights

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1 Kaziranga National Park



National Highway 37, Golaghat, Assam 785612, India

sought after destinations for the wildlife buffs.

Kaziranga National Park 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 seen in this National Park 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 broadleaf forests. Kaziranga National Park is also an 'important bird area' as recognized by Birdlife International for providing sanctuary to varied species of exotic birds such as horn bills, grey headed fish eagle, pelicans, blyth's Kingfisher and many more. Here one may opt for an Elephant safari or a jeep safari to explore the wilderness. However the Elephant safari is very popular and so it should be booked earlier.

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

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

2 Hajo (Town)



Hajo, Dist.- Kamrup, Assam, India

Hajo, near Guwahati is a 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 story to it. It is an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu's avatar of Hayagriva (Vishnu with the head of a horse). One school of Buddhist 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 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.

3 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.

4 Assam State Zoo



Assam State Zoo-Cum-Botanical
Garden, R.G. Baruah Road,
Guwahati, Assam 781005, India

Assam State Zoo and the Botanical Gardens housed within the zoo. The exquisitely landscaped Gardens was established in 1982. A home to diverse

species of herbs, palms, shrubs and conifers, it spreads over an area of 85 hectares.

One of the main attraction of the Assam State Zoo is the Orchid house which boasts of a collection of more than 40 varieties of rare orchids gathered from the entire North East region of the country. The gardens are open on all days except Fridays.

5 Brahmaputra River Side



Kachari Ghat, Near DC Court,
Guwahati, Assam 781001, India

Brahmaputra river side has a spectacular view. In the month of April a vibrant beach festival takes place here. On other days you can just choose to spend hours enjoying the cool breeze on the river banks or take a serene boat/ferry ride in the vast river and catch a sight of the river dolphins playing in the

water.



1 Cafe Hendrix



Opposite Pantaloons, Down Town,
GS Road, Kamrup, Guwahati, Assam
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If you are looking for a chilled out and relaxed place where you can listen to some quality music while sipping on to 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



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At

The Morung be 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
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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
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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
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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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