

Tales of the Seven Huts

Rediscovering the Khasi Way of Life

Far away in the mountains of Meghalaya, the Khasi tribes live in the lap of pristine nature. The ancient mythology of the Khasis leads them to believe that they have descended from the “seven huts” in heaven. Therefore, the community finds a deep rooted bond of spirituality with nature. All their deities, rituals, and beliefs are composed of natural elements. The Mawphlang Sacred Groves is believed to be the ancestral realm of deities, and they protect the forest with their lives. However, a drastic change in their lifestyle has come about recently with the advent of urbanity. Some of the villages have embraced modernity with open hands, with concrete houses replacing the bamboo huts. Yet, the community remains true to its identity. The war of dichotomies continues to rage on!