**Guwahati**

**Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (GAU)**

Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, the erstwhile Borjhar Airport, is also known as Guwahati International Airport. The airport is the biggest and busiest international airport in all of North-Eastern India. Located at Borjhar, about 29 km from the city of Guwahati; the airport has been named after the first Chief Minister of Assam, Gopinath Bordoloi. Guwahati International Airport connects an important Far eastern city to one of the most beautiful and scenic regions of India—the North East.

**Flight Information**

Guwahati Airport is the gateway to North Eastern India and operates domestic flights to Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Chennai, Goa, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Agartala and other cities within the North-East such as Imphal, Silchar, Jorhat, Itanagar, Shillong and Tawang. Air India, IndiGo, Jet Airways, GoAir, Jet Konnect, SpiceJet and JetLite are the domestic airline operators at Guwahati airport. The international flight service from Guwahati is to Bangkok and flight operations are handled by Druk Air.

**Terminals**

Guwahati International Airport has two terminals. Terminal 1 handles domestic flight services with direct connecting flights to about 10 Indian cities. The domestic terminal can handle 500 passengers during peak hour traffic. Terminal 2 is the international terminal and has a total capacity of 125 passengers. The terminals have 14 check-in counters, one custom counter and four immigration counters.

**Traveling in and around**

The closest point of access to the airport is the Guwahati railway station that is located 22 km away. Travelers can hire private taxis to reach the airport. Guwahati bus station is located at about 140 km from the airport. However, there are frequent bus services to the airport at minimum costs.

**Services and Facilities**

Baggage trolleys are available at the airport, for the convenience of passengers, at no extra cost. The airport also has wheel chair facilities for the elderly and physically challenged, medical rooms, a lost and found baggage counter, a child care room and a business center.

**Things to Do**

Guwahati International Airport has limited recreational options for passengers waiting at the airport. The airport has a handicraft emporium where you can purchase a little memory of Assam as a souvenir as well as jewelry shops, cafes, internet centers and a tourist information center if you want to explore Assam and the North-East better.

**Hotels**

Guwahati is a very beautiful city in the state of Assam. October to April is the peak tourist season and this is apparently when the city opens up to a lot of colors and flavors. The city has a good balance of luxury and affordable accommodation options. Kiranshree Portico and Radisson Blu are the most recommended places if you seek star accommodations. Rains Inn, Hotel Brindavan and Vishwaratna Hotel have good reviews in the affordable hotels category.

**Helpful Tips**

The weather in Guwahati is pleasant through most of the year which is why the city attracts tourists from different parts of the world. However there are certain times of the year when heavy rains lash the city and during such times flight journeys are likely to be delayed or cancelled. Do check your flight schedule in advance in view of this.

**Nearby Attractions**

Assam is home to many wildlife sanctuaries and temples that are globally appreciated. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary are home to some exotic flora and fauna. Kamakhya Temple, Uma Nanda Temple, the Temples of Hajo and Bhuvaneswari Temples are some of the popular temples in this part of the country.