

# EXPERIENCE RURAL IDYLL ALONG THE BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER



## UPSTREAM

Kaziranga National Park - Silghat - Majuli

### Days 1 & 2

Arrive at either Jorhat or Guwahati airport and drive around 2.5 or 4.5 hrs (respectively) to Diphlu River Lodge, Kaziranga National Park. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Next morning, go on an elephant safari at 5.30am to the Central Range of the park, followed by a jeep safari. After a leisurely lunch back at the lodge, embark on an afternoon jeep safari. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

### Days 3 & 4

This morning, drive to Burapahar for a walking safari or jeep safari. Return to the lodge for lunch before setting off for an afternoon jeep safari to the Eastern range of the park. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Next morning, check out of the lodge after breakfast and drive for an hour to Silghat to embark on your exclusive river cruise experience.

Start sailing upstream on your comfortable houseboat and pass Kaziranga National Park - wild

elephants and buffaloes are sometimes visible from the boat, and once, memorably, even a tiger. By late afternoon, arrive at lonely Dhansiri Mukh.

Enjoy a wonderfully-cooked dinner onboard and spend time relaxing on the sundeck as your houseboat glides past verdant paradise. Overnight aboard MV Rudra Singha.

### Days 5 to 7

Spend another day sailing upstream and, if time permits, stop at a local riverside village to get an insight into Assamese rural life. Dinner and overnight aboard MV Rudra Singha.

Arrive at Majuli on the following day around breakfast time. Once the world's largest river island, Majuli is a microcosm of culture, famed for its unique Hindu monasteries and now shortlisted for future UNESCO World Heritage status. Visit a monastery at Auniati and the local villages before cruising across to Neamati Ghat on the opposite bank. Dinner and overnight at MV Rudra Singha.

The next morning, disembark and drive 45-60 mins to Jorhat airport for your onward journey.



## DOWNSTREAM

Majuli - Silghat - Kaziranga National Park

### Days 1 & 2

Arrive at Jorhat airport and drive for 45-60 mins to Neamati Ghat to embark on your exclusive river cruise experience aboard MV Rudra Singha. Enjoy your evening on the sundeck with your tea/coffee and homemade cookies. Dinner and overnight aboard MV Rudra Singha.

Next morning after breakfast, disembark and visit Majuli. Once the world's largest river island, Majuli is a microcosm of culture, famed for its unique Hindu monasteries and now shortlisted for future UNESCO World Heritage status. Visit a monastery at Auniati and the local villages before returning to the houseboat and cruising downstream for an hour or two. Dinner and overnight aboard MV Rudra Singha.

### Days 3 & 4

Your third day on the tour will be spent mostly on the river, though we shall stop and make a short visit to a tribal village. By afternoon, Kaziranga National Park will be on our left - wild elephants, buffaloes are sometimes visible from the boat, and once, memorably, even a tiger. Dinner and overnight aboard RV Rudra Singha.

The following morning, you will arrive at the small town of Vishnath that is known for its temple from the Ahom dynastic rule in Assam. Take a walk ashore before continuing the voyage down to a delightful mooring at Silghat, with butterflies abounding in the surrounding jungle.

Disembark, and drive for an hour to reach Diphlu River Lodge in Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Complete your check-in and enjoy your evening tea/coffee on the banks of the Diphlu river. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

### Days 5 to 7

Next morning, go on an elephant safari at 5.30am to the Central Range of the park, followed by a jeep safari. After a leisurely lunch back at the lodge, embark on an afternoon jeep safari. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

The following day, drive to Burapahar for a walking safari or jeep safari in the morning. Return to the lodge for lunch before setting off for an afternoon jeep safari to the Eastern range of the park. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

On your final morning, check-out of the lodge and drive 2.5 or 4.5 hours to Jorhat or Guwahati airport (respectively) for your onward journey.





## Kaziranga National Park

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kaziranga National Park is known for hosting the world's largest population of the Indian One-horned Rhinoceros and the Wild Water Buffalo. Besides these two beasts, Kaziranga has also earned the distinction of having the world's highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers.

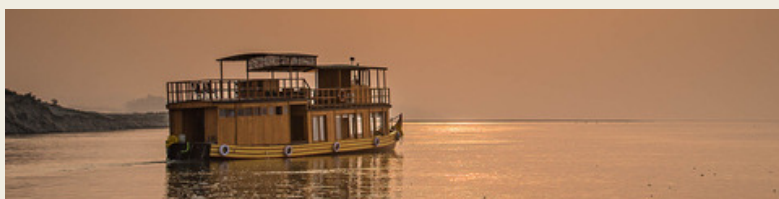
The park has been identified as a rich birding area. Kaziranga harbours several large avian species such as the Adjutant Stork, Bar-headed Goose, and eagles of many varieties. Standing elegantly in shallow ponds or circling above with languorous ease, these birds are easily visible.

## Majuli

Having long held the distinction of the world's largest river island but never been one to boast about it, Majuli represents rural idyll in Assam. A stronghold of the peaceful religion of neo-Vaishnavism, the elegant island *satras* — some for celibate monks, some for families — showcase a unique way of life where the faithful live simply, offering worship through *gayan-bayan* (songs and musical instruments) and readings.

Majuli is also home to the Mishing weaver tribes, known for their little villages of stilted huts and beautiful handlooms.

**Note:** Both upstream and downstream itineraries are subject to river conditions. Elephant safari in Kaziranga National Park is subject to availability from Forest Department.



## Rates

**Foreign nationals:** Rs. 220, 000/- (plus service tax) on twin share for two people six nights. For individual travellers, the rate is Rs. 180,000 (plus service tax for six nights).

**Indian nationals:** Rs. 184, 000/- (plus service tax) on twin share for two people six nights. For individual travellers, the rate is Rs. 159,000 (plus service tax for six nights).

## Includes

- Air-conditioned Toyota Innova vehicle for transfers, including pick up and drop from and to Guwahati/Jorhat Airport, and from and to Silghat
- 3 nights' exclusive accommodation in air-conditioned room at Diphlu River Lodge
- 6 jungle safaris, including 5 open jeep safaris on an exclusive basis and 1 elephant safari in Kaziranga National Park
- All park and museum/monument entrance fees
- Amateur still-camera charge during jungle safaris
- Other activities like visit to tea garden and tribal villages

- 3 nights' exclusive accommodation in air-conditioned cabin with a lounge on MV Rudra Singha
- Guide/naturalist during jungle safaris and river cruise excursion to tribal village and the Majuli Island
- Daily meals including breakfast, lunch, dinner and light snacks
- Daily provision of packaged drinking water + tea and coffee
- Free use of bicycles (available onboard MV Rudra Singha)
- Free Wi-Fi available on MV Rudra Singha and Diphlu River Lodge
- One sofa-cum-bed available free of charge for two children up to 12 years of age.

## Excludes

- Government service tax
- Air/train fare
- Wine, spirits or alcoholic drinks
- Video and professional camera charges inside the park
- Laundry, gratuities, souvenir shop purchases, telephone calls, and other items.