

## Moatsu Festival Tour – 13 days

Naga culture, tea plantations and wildlife

**Tour JTT-ASNA-02:** Dimapur – Kohima – Touphema – Mokokchung – Jorhat – Majuli - Kaziranga



Fixed dates: April 28 – May 10, 2020

[Festival dates often change at the last minute, so [please check with us](#)]

### *Itinerary*

#### **Day 01: Arrive Dimapur – Kohima (74 km/ 2 hrs)**

Arrive Dimapur, transfer to Kohima, PM visit the Second World War memorial and the very interesting local market. Overnight at the Japfu hotel.

#### **Day 02: Kohima**

Morning visit Khonoma village, 20 km one way. Afternoon drive short distance to the southern Angami tribal village of Kigwema.

### **Day 03: Kohima – Tuophema (45 km/ 1 ½ hrs)**

Drive to Tuophema, 45 km/ 1 and ½ hour. Check into Village resort built in the Angami Naga style with amenities for a comfortable stay. We walk in the old village and visit the small but interesting museum. In the evening we enjoy a traditional dance performance by the local people.

### **Day 04: Tuophema**

Morning drive short distance to a village inhabited by the Rengma Naga tribe. You can have a look at the traditional weaving in some households and also buy Naga shawls or stoles, if interested, direct from the villagers. Afternoon at Tuophema.

### **Day 05: Tuophema – Mokokchung (115 km/ 4 hrs)**

We drive to Mokokchung and check into the Tourist Lodge. Today the whole place is agog with the festival Moatsu of the Ao tribe residing in Mokokchung. Afternoon visit the local ground where the festivities are being held.

**Moatsu Festival** is celebrated right after the fields have been ploughed and the new crop planted, to pray to the almighty that the crop will not fail and there will be plenty for the village.

### **Day 06: Mokokchung**

The day will be spent in Mokokchung visiting Longkhum and Ungma villages and coming back to the local ground for the festival.





### **Day 07: Mokokchung**

Another day at the festival – in and around Mokokchung.

### **Day 08: Mokokchung – Jorhat (103 km/ 3 hrs)**

Drive to Jorhat in Assam. Check into Sangsua tea bungalow or Banyan Grove Tea Bungalow. In the afternoon we do a ‘tea tour’ visiting the local tea plantation and factory (factory not in operation from mid December to end March)

### **Day 09: Ferry across River Brahmaputra – Majuli Island**

We drive 45 km to Neematighat near the town of Jorhat, take a ferry across the mighty Brahmaputra to Majuli Island, the culture center of Assam. Here, we visit the Hindu monasteries or ‘satras’. We interact with the ‘bhakats’ or monks, and learn about their practices and way of living. Overnight at Mishing Cottages, simple bamboo huts with attached bathrooms that are run by the local community.

### **Day 10: Majuli Island – Kaziranga National Park (2 hrs ferry, drive 120 km/ 3 hrs)**

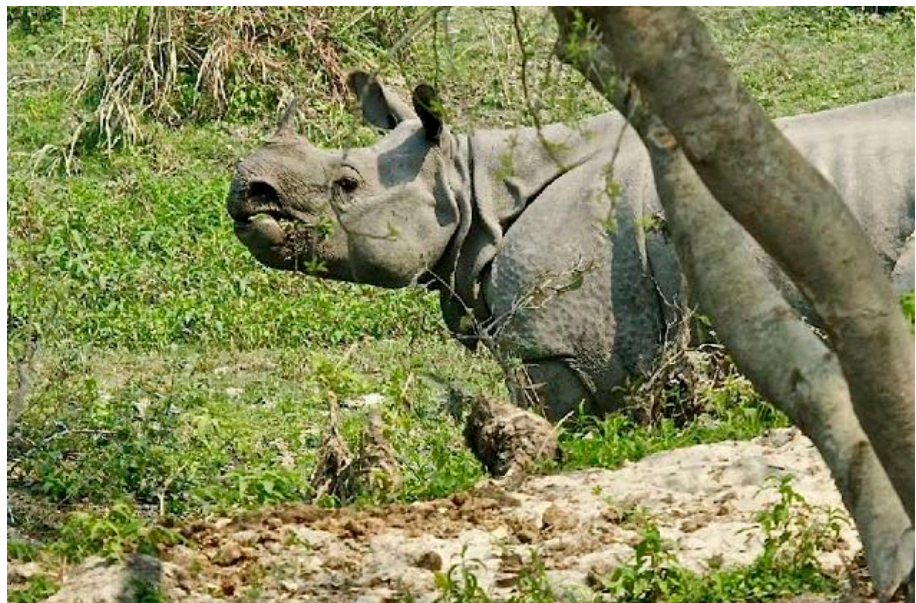
We take the return ferry to Neematighat and drive on to Kaziranga National Park where we check into Iora Resort or similar. Afternoon jeep safari in the western range of the park.

### **Day 11: Kaziranga**

Early morning elephant safari in the central range of the park. Afternoon jeep safari in the central range of the park. Apart from 2400 rhino’s roaming the park Kaziranga is also well known for its bird life with almost 500 species recorded. Wild buffalos, deer, elephants make this park a favorite for the wild life enthusiast. Overnight at Iora Retreat or similar.

### **Day 12: Kaziranga – Guwahati (220 km/ 5 hrs)**

Drive to Guwahati, check into Hotel Kironshree Portico or similar. Afternoon visit Kalakshetra, a sprawling enclosure depicting cultures and traditions of Northeast India with an interesting museum. Evening a one hour cruise on





the River Brahmaputra.

### **Day 13: Guwahati Airport**

Today you'll be transferred to Guwahati airport for your outbound flight.

### ***Tour Price***

- 2 pax: INR 122,500 per person
- 3,4 pax: INR 115,000 per person
- 5,6 pax: INR 112,500 per person

Single Supplement: 24.500 p.p.

**Price includes:** Accommodation on twin share at the indicated places on full board; transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary by Toyota Innova (luxury SUV); ferry crossings; entry fees (Kaziranga N.P.); local guides where necessary; village visits.

**Not included:** Air fare; tips; drinks; laundry; telephone calls; travel/ personal insurance; camera fees fo Kaziranga N.P.; expenses of personal nature.