

2017

India Trail

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS

Nagaland - 7 days and 6 nights

This itinerary has been designed specifically for shutterbugs. We take you to Dzükou Valley, Khonoma village, Phüsachodü Village and Zhavame village in Kohima district. Dzükou Valley and Khonoma will offer you beautiful scenery and landscape while Phüsachodü and Zhavame village will offer an interesting ethnic tribal village culture.

Day 1: Arrival

Itinerary:

- Your transport will pick you up from Dimapur Airport and drive you to your hotel in Kohima. *[If you want to stop for a quick bite near the airport, please ask your driver and he will take you to a restaurant near the airport before you begin your journey.]*
- Check in to your hotel in Kohima.
- Dinner has been organized at a restaurant in Kohima where we will meet you and discuss your plans for the next few days

Day 2 & Day 3: Overnight trek to Dzükou Valley

Highlights: A day trek to Dzükou valley *[located at an altitude of approximately 2,450 meters above sea level]* which is a stunning grassland surrounded by hill tops. The trek up has a couple of approaches – each with a varying level of intensity and you can choose the one that best suits your fitness level.

Itinerary:

- Start your day with a leisurely breakfast at the hotel and then head out to town to buy your essentials like snacks for the treks to come.
- Depart for your overnight trek to Dzükou Valley. *[It is a 40 minute drive to the start point of your trek.]*
- You can take this opportunity to capture beautiful shots of the valley. This location will be a delight for nature photographers.
- Have a late packed lunch.
- Reach your destination, set up your tents and spend the afternoon exploring the valley.
- Have a simple camp dinner around a bon fire.
- Early morning walk in the valley to view the sunrise. *[The sun rises early here so you will need to be up early to see the sun rise.]*
- Have breakfast at the camp and return to the start point where your transport will be waiting for you with some hot tea.
- Head to Khonoma village for the night.

Day 4: A day in Khonoma Village

Highlights: An early morning walk in the village will give you ample opportunity to observe and take some interesting pictures of the locals going about their daily chores. You can also utilize this day to explore the village and meet the locals, learn of the history of the village and the folklores surrounding it and take a walk down to the terraced fields. You can also hike up to the alder forests of Khonoma to the Mithun feeding station where you can capture some interesting shots of the forest.

Itinerary:

- You can start your day early if you desire to watch the sunrise and also capture sunrise shots. You can also enjoy an early morning walk to the alder forests for a bird watching expedition and then head to the homestay for breakfast.
- Take a guided walk through the village followed by lunch at Dovipie inn. *[If you are interested, you can take a walk down to the terraced fields of the village.]*
- Post lunch, you can visit the Mithun Sanctuary where you can spot the local Bison from where you can further head to the Dzülakie area for a picnic tea and capture some shots of fairly well preserved forest land.
- Head back to your hotel in Kohima. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 5: Back to roots: An overnight trip to Phüsachodü Village

Highlights: An overnight trip to Phüsachodü Village where you will have the opportunity to explore an interior village of Nagaland. Here, you will get to experience the rich culture, traditions, customs and life in a Naga village while staying in the comfort of a modern bungalow. This is our most highly rated experience by clients – you can't miss it. It is a great experience for you to get familiar with the simplicity of life in a traditional village. Hence, the name 'back to roots'. You can utilize this day to capture shots of the ethnic lifestyle and culture of the villagers.

Itinerary:

- Start your day with a leisurely breakfast at your hotel and then drive to the village. *[The drive is approximately 4 hours away from Khonoma village.]*
- Your guide will meet you at the village and take you for a guided walk through the village where you will learn of the history and culture of the village.
- End the walk with a short cultural programme performed by the youth of the village where perhaps you can participate.
- A simple dinner will be organized at a home stay in the village.
- Your stay tonight will be at a guest house in the village.

Day 6: Day trip to Zhavame Village**Itinerary:**

- Your guide will join you at your guesthouse for breakfast and will take you to Zhavame Village. *[The drive is approximately an hour away from Phüsachodü village.]*
- Take a guided walk through the village and learn of the history and culture of the village. Here, you can capture shots of traditional Naga architecture.
- Lunch will be prepared at a local home for you.
- Post lunch, you can visit the fields which this village is famous for and drive up to the Kapamodzü range from where you can see the neighboring villages of Manipur. You can capture beautiful shots of the hill ranges at Kapamodzü.
- Return to Kohima for the night.
- Check into your hotel. Have dinner at the hotel.

Day 7: Departure

- Have breakfast at the hotel and leave for Dimapur Airport. *[You will need to be on the road by 8:30 am.]*
- On the way down to Dimapur is a shop called Chapru where you can stop for a coffee and also to pick up some last minute stuff before heading home.
- Have a great flight back!

Program cost:

<i>Budget</i>				
<u>1 Pax</u>	<u>2 Pax</u>	<u>3 Pax</u>	<u>4 Pax</u>	<u>5 Pax</u>
86,000	50,000	38,500	32,000	28,500

<i>Comfort</i>				
<u>1 Pax</u>	<u>2 Pax</u>	<u>3 Pax</u>	<u>4 Pax</u>	<u>5 Pax</u>
97,500	55,700	46,500	38,200	36,500

* all prices are per head cost in INR

