

Assam Bengal Navigation River Cruises

8 Days / 7 Nights **Rhinos & More** (Assam Despatch 2)

BRAHMAPUTRA UPSTREAM | GUWAHATI TO KAZIRANGA

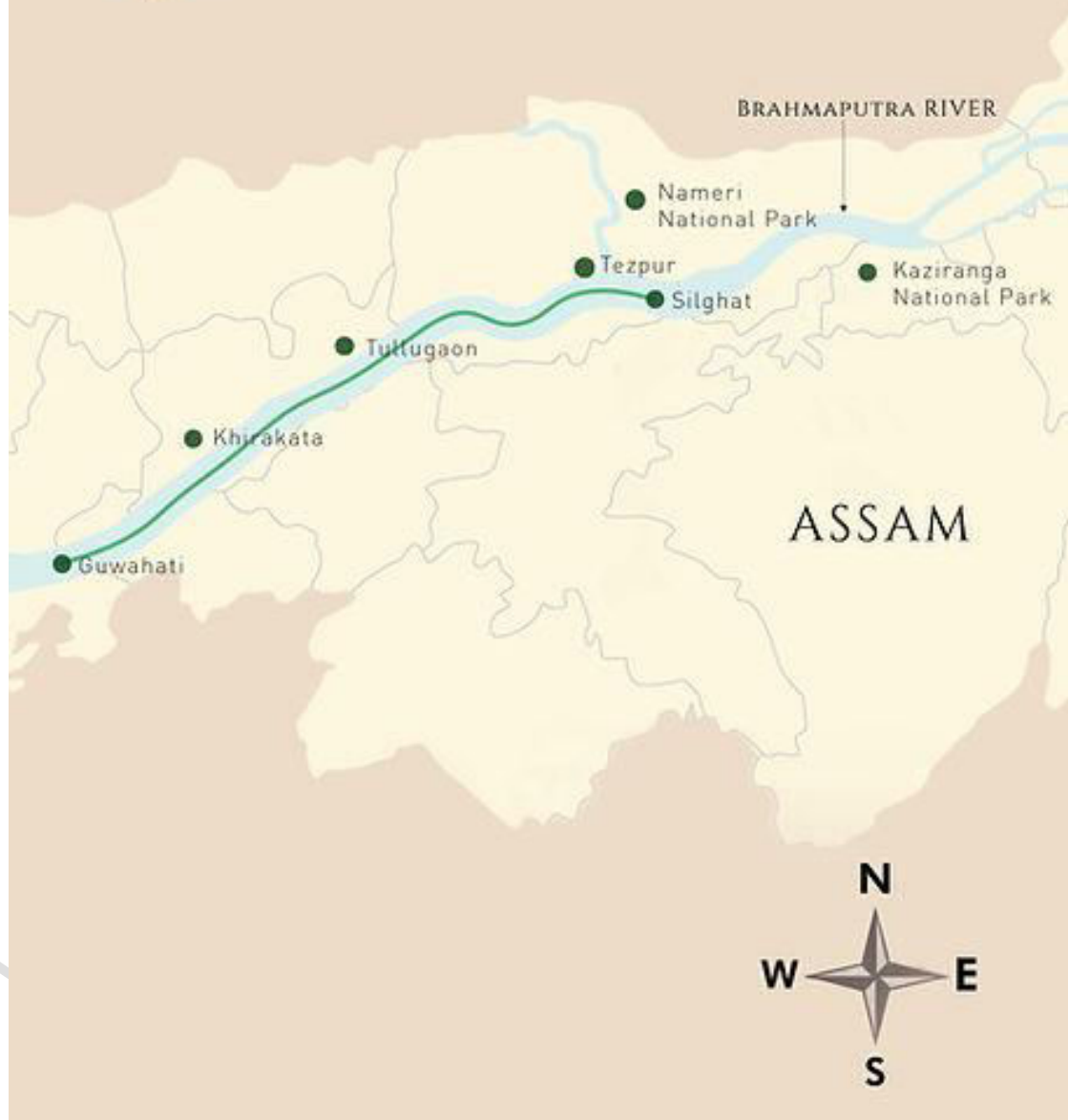




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RHINOS & MORE

Guwahati to Silghat





DAY 1

Meet at Guwahati airport and transfer to our cruise at Pandu port. Enjoy lunch while cruising downstream to Sualkuchi. An afternoon walk through Sualkuchi, a bustling little town that is the center of Assamese silk production, offers a chance to visit weaving workshops. Witness the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon and spinning, then dyeing to hand-weaving into exquisite mekhela chadars (a two-piece sari, the traditional attire of an Assamese woman). We then sail up to dock close to the great Saraighat bridge.

DAY 2

This morning you'll drive up Nilachal Hill to the Kamakhya temple. This ancient Hindu temple is dedicated to the Mother Goddess and is known for its unique architecture and cultural significance. Join us for a leisurely stroll around the temple's exteriors and soak in the rich history and spirituality that define this sacred place. Visit the poignant Commonwealth War Graves cemetery before embarking on your cruise vessel. We set sail and cruise past Kurua on the north bank

DAY 3

Morning cruise and visit to a riverside village with its lush green fields of vegetables. The day is spent mostly cruising upstream and presents an opportunity to catch up on reading, writing about your experiences so far, or simply watching life unfold on the riverbanks and jungle-covered hills that rise on either side. Enjoy an Indian cooking demonstration onboard.





DAY 4

This morning you cruise on to reach Tezpur where, after lunch, you'll visit the 6th century Da Parbatia temple ruins with its beautifully carved portal. Later, explore the town by cycle rickshaw, stopping at Cole Park with its mediaeval stone carvings saved from sites all over the region. Enjoy free time in the local market. The ship will be waiting at the town's waterfront for you to re-board.

DAY 5

After an early breakfast, drive for around two hours to the Nameri National Park at the foot of the blue hills of Arunachal Pradesh, the old North East Frontier Agency. Here, you take a float trip of around two hours down the Jia-Bhoreli River through the park. There are excellent bird-watching opportunities here (look out for the great Hornbills) and, perhaps, the chance of sighting wild elephants. After lunch, take a village walk before returning to the ship. Continue upstream, passing below a seemingly endless bridge across the vast width of the riverbed, to moor at Silghat.





DAY 6

Today, you drive to Kaziranga's Central Range for a morning jeep safari. Enjoy lunch at Diphlu River Lodge before taking another jeep safari in the little visited Burapahar Range before returning to the boat.

Covering an area of approximately 430 sq kms, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kaziranga National Park is home to the world's largest population of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros as well as the Indian Wild Water Buffalo. It has also earned the distinction of having the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers (one every five sq. km.), making this park an incredibly rich biodiversity hotspot. With its marshy swamps and thickets of elephant grass, the park supports large populations of Indian elephants, Indian bison, swamp deer, and Capped Langurs.

Kaziranga National Park frequently draws comparisons to the Serengeti in Africa due to the park's abundance of wildlife and birds and is considered a birding paradise. Bird species found here include the Oriental Honey Buzzard, Black-shouldered Kite, White-tailed Eagle, Himalayan Griffon and many more.



DAY 7

This morning, go on a visit to a local tea garden and the weekly market of Uloni. In the afternoon, drive to Kaziranga's Western range (Bagori Range) for a jeep safari through the lush, biodiverse landscapes of the park.





DAY 8

This morning you bid farewell to the crew and new friends as you set off for the 4-hour drive to Guwahati airport. Alternatively, we can arrange a 40-minute transfer to Tezpur airport or a 2 ½ hour transfer to Jorhat airport.

This itinerary, including the cruise and approximate driving durations, is subject to river and weather conditions. Kaziranga National Park comprises low-lying grassland, which may not be possible to visit when the river is at or near flood level.

Special Note : All Terms & conditions as well as inclusions / exclusions will be applicable as advised by Assam Bengal Navigation Cruises <https://www.assambengalnavigation.com/>

ONBOARD FEATURES :

- Spacious cabins with individual climate control
- En suite shower/WC with Kama Ayurveda toiletries
- Generous cupboard space and under-bed storage
- Hair drier in each cabin
- High quality linens
- Large sliding glass windows offering panoramic views of the river
- Vast sundeck with sunloungers or steamer chairs
- Spacious air-conditioned saloon with library and recorded entertainment
- Spa with choice of treatments.

SERVICES :

- Shore excursion programme including all admissions
- Naturalist onboard the vessel
- Cold towel service after excursions
- Welcome drink after excursions
- Shoe-cleaning after excursions
- Turndown service in all cabins
- Expertly trained culinary staff
- Single seating for buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Acclaimed combination of Indian & Western cuisines
- Wide choice of wines, spirits & beer
- Complimentary tea, coffee & mineral water throughout
- Welcome reception
- Farewell reception
- Local on-board dance & song performances.



08 DAYS / 07 NIGHTS

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(BRAHMAPUTRA UPSTREAM)

Cruise ABN Charaidew II or Cruise ABN Sukapha:

PER PERSON US DOLLARS COST BASED ON TWIN/DOUBLE SHARING WITH ALL 03 MEALS & ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED

Departure Dates	River Cruise Name	Direction	Duration	Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin with king Bed “Per Person Twin Sharing Cost ”	Upper Deck “Twin / Double Cabin” “Per Person Twin Sharing Cost ”	Upper Deck “Single Cabin” “Cost for Single Cabin”	Main Deck Cabin with Queen Bed “Per Person Twin Sharing cost ”
20 to 27 Dec'2025	ABN Charaidew II	Upstream	7 Nights	USD 3710	USD 3360	USD 4900	USD 2765
14 to 21 Feb'2026	ABN Charaidew II	Upstream	7 Nights	USD 4690	USD 4305	USD 6545	USD 3710

Notes :

- For Upstream / Downstream refer to route map & Itinerary
- Rates quoted are subject to change depending upon occupancy

Travel Notes:

- *International flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 3-4 Hours prior to flight departure timing.*
- *Domestic flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 2-3 Hours prior to flight departure timing.*
- *India Hotel Check-in time at 1400 hrs / Checkout time 1100 hrs at hotels.*
*** Namaste, Bon Voyage and see you again ** ** End of our services ***

Package Inclusions:

- All accommodation
- All excursions and entry fees
- All transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals on Full board Basis
- Service of an English-speaking guide onboard and during excursions
- Current Government of India Goods & Service Tax (GST)

Package Exclusions:

- Flights, port dues (if levied),
- Drinks from the bar
- Laundry
- Tips, camera fees
- Insurance
- Telephone charges
- Supplement cost for any Festive, Christmas / New year season if applicable or any other supplement imposed by Cruise company during any special dates
- Travel Insurance (if any)
- Items of personal nature use such as laundry, phone bills, drinks etc.
- Video camera fees at monuments and parks
- Any other item not mentioned in cost includes column

Kindly Note :

- *We suggest to change money at a bank or withdraw cash from an ATM at the international airport before exiting.*
- *The weather in Assam can be unpredictable and can be cool of an evening. Between December and February it can be particularly cold and we advise bringing warm weather attire for sailings during these months.*
- *The Brahmaputra River is a fast flowing and changeable river. Navigable channels can change overnight meaning amendments to excursions, sailing times and mooring locations can occur with little warning. We will endeavour to fulfil all stated excursions or suitable replacements where possible, but a flexible approach is required for sailing on the Brahmaputra.*
- *Comprehensive health insurance, including cancellation insurance is strongly recommended for all river cruise expeditions.*
