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# **RIVER ISLAND 8 DAY CRUISE - KAZIRANGA TO JORHAT**

This 7-night Brahmaputra River Voyage offers a rich exploration of Assam's diverse landscapes and culture. Starting from Silghat, you'll experience wildlife at Kaziranga National Park, known for its one-horned rhinoceros and Bengal tigers. The journey includes jeep safaris, visits to tea plantations, peaceful river cruising, and the chance to spot Gangetic dolphins. You'll explore Assamese villages, the island of Majuli with its Vaishnavite monasteries, and the historic Ahom kingdom in Sibsagar. The trip concludes with a visit to the royal temples and a farewell dinner before departing from Jorhat or Dibrugarh airport.



#### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Arrival and Embarkation

Arrive at Guwahati airport and drive 4 hrs to Silghat, a picturesque mooring site on a river bank below jungle-covered hills and close to the Kaziranga National Park. Alternatively, arrive at Jorhat airport and drive 3½ hrs to Silghat. Meet your local crew as you are welcomed on-board your 7-night Brahmaputra River Voyage.

Enjoy your first evening getting to know the lay of the land, the mighty Himalayan river, the culture, the people and your abode for this special time in Assam.

#### Day 2: Jeep Safaris in Kaziranga National Park

Today, you'll be driven to Kaziranga's Central Range for a morning jeep safari.

Covering an area of approximately 1090 sq. kms, the UNESCO World Heritage



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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 in every five sq. km.) making this park an incredibly rich biodiversity hotspot. With its marshy swamps and vast swathes of elephant grass, this park supports large populations of Indian elephants, Indian bison, swamp deer, Hoolock Gibbons and Capped Langurs.

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

Enjoy a delightful river-side lunch at our very own Diphlu River Lodge where you will encounter the local community members of Kaziranga who are the fabric of this award-winning eco-lodge. In the afternoon, you'll explore more of the Kaziranga National Park on another jeep safari in the Western Range.

#### Day 3: Assam Tea Plantation and Cruising Past Kaziranga

Today you will visit a picturesque Assam tea plantation before we cruise upstream sailing past Kaziranga National Park. This unique experience combines adventure and tranquillity, making it an unforgettable part of your journey through Assam. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, a wildlife photographer, or simply seeking a peaceful escape, cruising through Kaziranga National Park offers a captivating encounter with one of the world's finest wildlife habitats.

You will also witness the ecological balance of the area. The annual floods caused by the Brahmaputra when we do not cruise this mighty river play a crucial role in rejuvenating the park's landscape, ensuring the growth of nutrient-rich soil that supports the diverse flora and fauna.

We will anchor for the night near Biswanath village.

#### Day 4: Biswanath Village and River Safari

This morning you'll visit Biswanath, known for its Ahom-period Shiva temples. Walk through this quaint Assamese riverside town before embarking aboard and setting off again, with Kaziranga still on the far bank. Keep an eye out for wild elephants which have been spotted while sailing past the National Park, and once or twice, memorably, a tiger.

A leisurely afternoon of gently cruising up the river offers a good chance of spotting the endangered Gangetic dolphin.

#### Day 5: Life Along the Riverbanks

Today brings another opportunity to watch life unfold on the riverbanks as you cruise upstream. The languid pace of life on-board the boat offers a rare opportunity to sit and watch the world slip by, chat with fellow guests, or catch up on your reading. You'll have time to stretch your legs with a walk through a river side village or on a sandbank island, whilst gaining an insight into life in rural northeast India.

#### Day 6: Majuli Island Exploration

You should reach Majuli Island around breakfast time. One of the world's largest river islands and a microcosm of Assamese culture, Majuli is much-photographed but little-visited. It is a stronghold of the peaceful religion of neo-Vaishnavism and the elegant island satra's (or known as monasteries) dating back to the 15th century. These satra's have played a crucial role in preserving and promoting Assamese art, culture, and traditions. The celibate monks showcase a unique way of life where the faithful live simply, offering worship through gayan-bayan (songs and musical instruments), dance-drama and recitation of scriptures.

You'll visit a monastery at Auniati with its eclectic museum, then attend a dance performance at Kamalabari monastery before we cruise up to Salmara Ghat. In the afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to visit a nearby village known for its traditional handicrafts.

#### Day 7: Sibsagar and Ahom Kingdom

Today, we will experience the once royal kingdom of Assam along the Brahmaputra that is Sibsagar, which also served as the capital of the Ahom kings. Sibsagar serves as a testament to the Ahoms' enduring legacy and the unique blend of Indian and Southeast Asian influences that shaped their culture. Shan by origin but later converted to Hinduism, the Ahoms ruled Assam for some 600 years until the mid-1820s. One of their many architectural feats was recently awarded the UNESCO World Heritage tag.

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You'll see temples with stupa-like profiles and palaces of distinctive form. The temple tank here is believed to be the world's largest hand-excavated reservoir and quite the feat of engineering, as you'll see. Return to your ship, which will have cruised down to Neamati Ghat, close to Jorhat.

Bid adieu with a warm farewell dinner hosted by your crew.

#### Day 8: Departure

This morning, you'll be driven to Jorhat Airport (with direct flight connectivity to Kolkata), about an hour's drive from Neamati Ghat. Alternatively, there's the option of driving to Dibrugarh airport (with direct flight connectivity to Kolkata, Delhi, Bagdogra and Guwahati), a journey of around 4 hours, passing through the provincial town of Dibrugarh and major American base in WWII.

#### Please Note:

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 visitable when the river is at or near flood level.

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### YOUR SHIP: ABN CHARAIDEW II

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VESSEL TYPE:	River Boat
LENGTH:	44.5 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	34
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2019

The Charaidew II offers a luxurious yet intimate way to explore one of India's most remote and captivating waterways--the Brahmaputra River. With just 17 cabins accommodating 34 guests, this elegant three-deck river ship is thoughtfully designed to blend modern comfort with Assamese charm. Her shallow draught and low profile allow access to lesser-travelled reaches of the river, revealing secluded villages, spiritual landmarks, and remarkable wildlife. Each cabin features a French balcony, while the deluxe Category 3 suites boast private balconies and panoramic bathroom windows for uninterrupted river views.

On board, guests can unwind with spa treatments, sip traditional Assam tea, or observe daily life along the river from the sundeck or air-conditioned lounge, both of which offer stunning floor-to-ceiling views. Meals combine Western favourites with regional Indian dishes, and a full bar includes fine wines, beer, and spirits. The ship's decor, a graceful blend of colonial elegance and traditional Assamese textiles, evokes a strong sense of place. Cultural performances, cooking demonstrations, and warm, attentive service round out the immersive experience aboard Charaidew II, your floating sanctuary in the heart of Assam.



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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**

Cabin



UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE



MAIN DECK CABIN



UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE





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01-Nov-2025 to 08-Nov-2025	
MAIN DECK CABIN	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	4305 USD pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	4690 USD pp
17-Nov-2025 to 24-Nov-2025	
Cabin	3710 USD pp
29-Nov-2025 to 06-Dec-2025	
MAIN DECK CABIN	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	4305 USD pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	4690 USD pp
08-Dec-2025 to 15-Dec-2025	
Cabin	3710 USD pp
27-Dec-2025 to 03-Jan-2026	
MAIN DECK CABIN	2765 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	3360 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	3360 USD pp 3710 USD pp
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UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE 29-Dec-2025 to 05-Jan-2026	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE 29-Dec-2025 to 05-Jan-2026 Cabin	3710 USD pp

MAIN DECK CABIN	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	4305 USD pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	4690 USD pp
09-Feb-2026 to 16-Feb-2026	
Cabin	3710 USD pp
21-Feb-2026 to 28-Feb-2026	
MAIN DECK CABIN	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	4305 USD pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	4690 USD pp
02-Mar-2026 to 09-Mar-2026	
Cabin	3710 USD pp
21-Mar-2026 to 28-Mar-2026	
MAIN DECK CABIN	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	4305 USD pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	4690 USD pp
23-Mar-2026 to 30-Mar-2026	
Cabin	3710 USD pp
13-Apr-2026 to 20-Apr-2026	
Cabin	2765 USD pp
14-Apr-2026 to 21-Apr-2026	
MAIN DECK CABIN	3710 USD pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	4305 USD pp
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