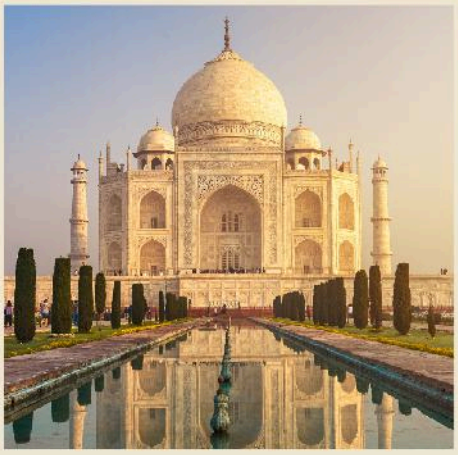
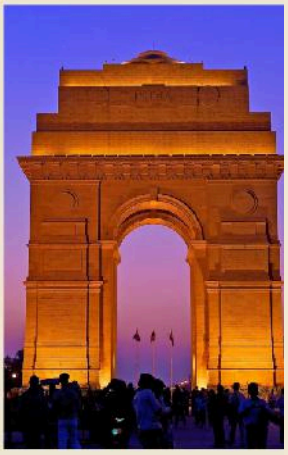








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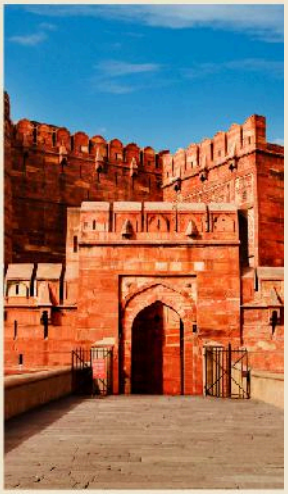
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In India, rivers are almost universally revered as feminine—the nurturing Nadi. The Brahmaputra is the rare, powerful anomaly. It is a Nad (masculine), the "Son of Brahma," and its raw, unpredictable energy defines the soul of Assam.

Cruising this mighty artery brings you face-to-face with a landscape that feels prehistoric. The highlight of this journey is unhurried mornings on the river, wildlife encounters in Kaziranga, visits to remote river islands, centuries-old monasteries on Majuli, tea estates, and vibrant Assamese villages. It is a rare combination of wilderness, spirituality, and living heritage, all experienced at a pace dictated by the river itself.

Balanced with India's classical Golden Triangle — Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur, this itinerary connects the country's iconic architectural legacy with one of its most authentic and less-traveled regions. Seamlessly executed and refined through experience, it reflects both the deep regional expertise and commitment to delivering journeys that are distinctive, meaningful, and flawlessly managed.

Itinerary at a glance



Day 1-2: Delhi

- Arrival at Delhi International Airport, and hotel transfer
- Old Delhi + Rickshaw Ride: vibrant markets, chaotic charm
- Central Vista: India Gate, Presidential Palace & more
- Gurudwara Bangla Sahib: Sikh shrine & community kitchen
- Qutub Minar: world's tallest brick minaret built in 12th-century



Day 3-9: Brahmaputra Cruise

- Fly from Delhi to Jorhat
- Drive from Jorhat to Silghat (3.5 hrs drive)
- River Island Cruise
    - AM & PM Jeep Safari in Kaziranga National Park
    - Lunch at Diphlu River Lodge
    - Assam Tea Plantation
    - Biswanath Village
    - Majuli Island Visit
    - Monastery in Auniati
    - Dance performance at the Kamalabari monastery
    - Visit Sibsagar- once known as a kingdom of Assam



Day 10: Delhi

- Drive to Jorhat Airport (1 hr drive away)
- Arrival at Delhi International Airport, and hotel transfer



Day 11: Agra

- Drive from Delhi to Agra (220 kms, 4 hrs drive away).
- Agra Fort: UNESCO site; symbol of Mughal power & royalty
- Taj Mahal: one of the seven wonders of the world
- Optional -Taj Mahal at sunrise: among the seven wonders of the world



Day 12-13: Jaipur

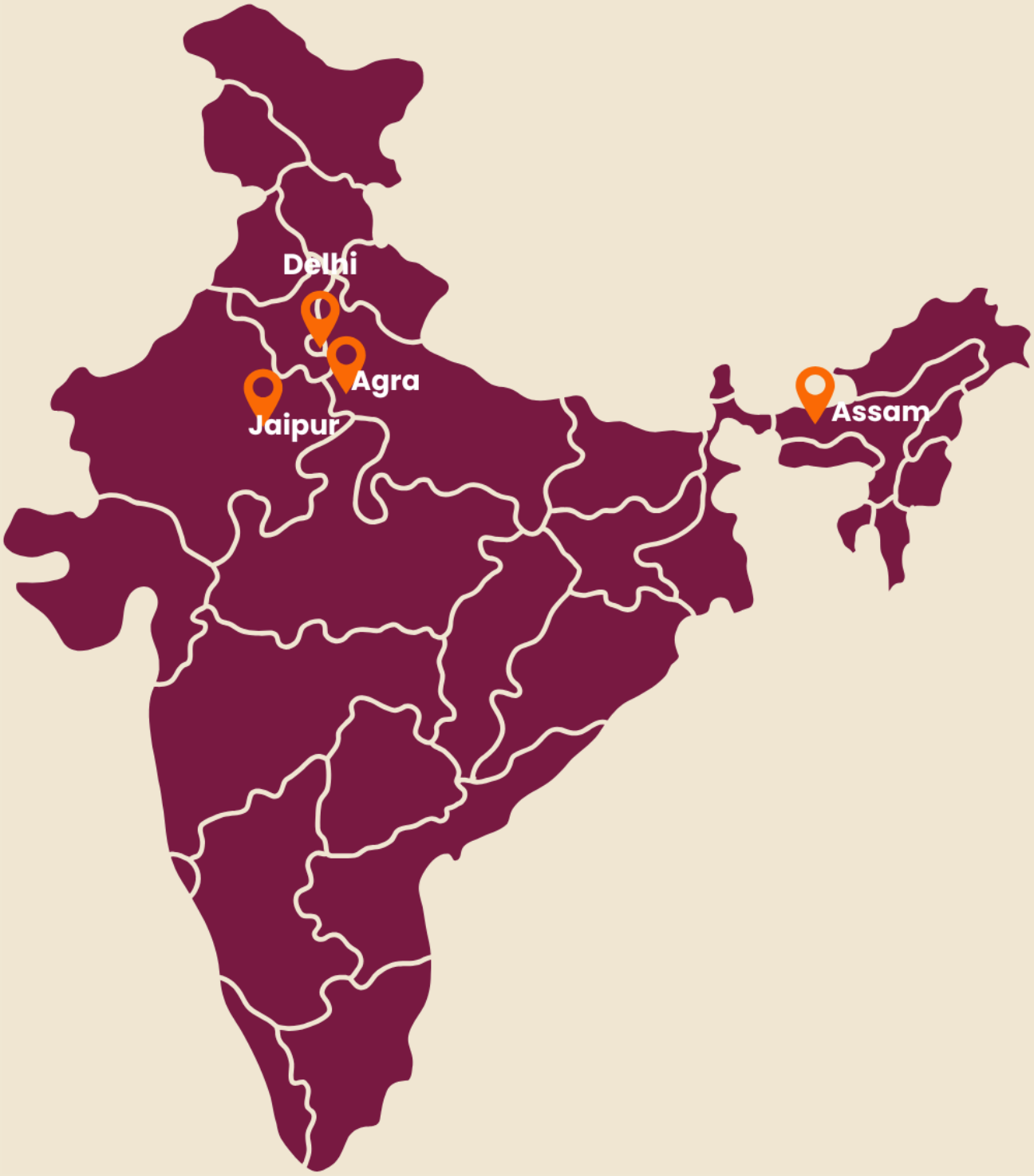
- Drive from Agra to Jaipur (240 kms, 5 hrs)
- Amber Fort: 16th-century hill-top UNESCO Heritage Site
- Photostop at Hawa Mahal- palace of winds
- City Palace: Royal family's residence & museum
  Jantar Mantar: World's largest sundial



Day 14: Delhi

- Drive from Jaipur to Delhi (270 kms, 5 hrs)
- Departure from Delhi International Airport

IndiHorizons



Day 1 - Delhi

Arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL), Delhi. After baggage collection, you will be met by our representative at the arrival gate and transferred to the hotel.

Delhi, India's capital, is a city of contrasts and conquests, where ancient forts, Mughal tombs, and colonial landmarks coexist with a vibrant modern skyline. From the bustling streets of Old Delhi to the grandeur of Lutyens' Delhi, it has remained the heart of India's culture and power for over a thousand years.





You will be staying at the Imperial New Delhi

Experience classic luxury at one of Delhi's most iconic hotels.With elegant rooms, lush gardens,and warm service. The Imperial offers a peaceful and refined stay in the heart of the city.





Day 2 - Delhi

After breakfast at your hotel, step into Old Delhi's sensory overload—marvel at the Mughal-era **Jama Masjid**, one of India's largest mosques, then weave through tangled lanes on a **rickshaw ride**. The bustling markets brim with spices, street food, textiles, and jewelry, offering an unforgettable glimpse into the city's history, chaos, and charm.

Arrive at the **Central Vista**, symbolizing Delhi's modern power as the capital of the world's largest democracy. Drive past iconic landmarks like India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan (President House) and the Parliament House, collectively representing the heart of India's governance.

After lunch, Visit the **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib**: learn about Sikhism, a religion that was born in 1469 and flourished in India. Its golden dome, sacred pool, and communal kitchen, Langar, serving free meals to thousands daily, radiates serenity and selfless service amidst Delhi's hustle.

In the evening, visit the **Qutub Minar**, a 73 m-high 12th-century marvel and the world's tallest brick minaret. A UNESCO site, it fuses Indo-Islamic design with remnants of 27 temples and features the legendary rust-resistant iron pillar from the 4th century, showcasing India's engineering genius.





Overnight at The Imperial.

Day 3 - Delhi / Jorhat/ Brahmaputra Cruise

After breakfast, you will be transferred for your flight from Delhi to Jorhat by Indigo 6E 767 (which departs Delhi at 09:40 hrs and arrives Jorhat at 12:20 hrs). Upon arrival you will meet your driver, and be transferred to your cruise (3.5 hrs drive away).

Meet your crew and settle gently into the rhythm of the Brahmaputra as you are welcomed aboard your 7-night river voyage.

Explore India's Eastern Rivers with The River Island Cruise

This part of India is far from the usual tourist routes and remains largely untouched. A river cruise here lets you see the real India. You can watch monks dance, spot the one-horned rhino, explore old colonial buildings, admire terracotta temples, and visit both remote villages and lively cities.

As twilight settles over the mighty Himalayan waters, spend your first evening acquainting yourself with your floating sanctuary, the stories of Assam, and the warm spirit of the people who call this river home.





Dinner and Overnight at The River Island Cruise

Day 4 - Brahmaputra River Cruise

This morning, you will drive to Kaziranga's Central Range for an **early morning jeep safari.**

Spanning approximately 1,090 sq. kms, Kaziranga National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of India's greatest conservation successes. It is home to the world's largest population of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros, along with significant numbers of Indian Wild Water Buffalo. The park also has one of the highest densities of Royal Bengal Tigers in the country, making it a

remarkable biodiversity hotspot.

Its mosaic of marshlands, riverine forests and tall elephant grass supports thriving populations of Asian elephants, Indian bison (gaur), swamp deer, Hoolock gibbons and capped langurs. The abundance of water bodies and open grasslands often draws comparisons with Africa's Serengeti, particularly for the sheer visibility and diversity of wildlife.

Kaziranga is equally rewarding for birdlife, with species such as the Oriental Honey Buzzard, Black-shouldered Kite, White-tailed Eagle and Himalayan Griffon frequently sighted, alongside many others.

Later, enjoy a relaxed **riverside lunch at Diphlu River Lodge**, where you will have the opportunity to meet members of the local community who are at the heart of this award-winning eco-lodge.

In the afternoon, continue your exploration with a **second jeep safari** in Kaziranga's Western Range, offering further opportunities to encounter the park's extraordinary wildlife.





Dinner and Overnight at the Cruise.

Day 5 - Brahmaputra River Cruise

This morning, visit one of **Assam's picturesque tea plantations** to learn about the region's long-standing tea heritage.

Walk through the gardens, gain insight into the production process, and enjoy time in a setting that has shaped Assam's identity for generations.

Later, return to the cruise, sailing along the edge of Kaziranga National Park.

This stretch of the Brahmaputra offers a different perspective of the park — vast grasslands, riverbanks and distant woodland unfolding quietly as you drift past. It is a peaceful yet deeply immersive way to experience one of the world's most important wildlife reserves.

The Brahmaputra's annual floods, which occur when the river is closed to navigation, play a vital role in sustaining this ecosystem. The seasonal rise of the waters replenishes the soil and nourishes the rich biodiversity for which Kaziranga is renowned.

By evening, anchor near **Biswanath village**, where the rhythm of rural Assam sets the tone for a tranquil night on the river.





Dinner and Overnight at the cruise.

Day 6 - Brahmaputra River Cruise

This morning, visit **Biswanath**, renowned for its Ahom-era Shiva temples.

The Ahom dynasty ruled Assam for nearly six centuries, shaping its culture, administration, and architecture. Originally Tai migrants led by Sukapha, they later embraced Hinduism and supported Shaivism. In Biswanath, known as the Gupta Kashi of Assam, several Shiva temples were built or renovated during the Ahom period. The Biswanath Temple stands as a prominent example of their religious patronage and architectural influence.

Stroll through this charming Assamese riverside town, soaking up its tranquil atmosphere before reboarding your cruise and continuing upstream, with Kaziranga National Park stretching along the far bank. Keep a watchful eye on the shoreline. Wild elephants are often spotted here, and on rare, unforgettable occasions, even a tiger has been seen.

A leisurely afternoon cruise offers time to relax on deck as the river unfolds around you. These calm waters are also home to the endangered Gangetic

dolphin, which can sometimes be glimpsed breaking the surface in graceful arcs.





Dinner and Overnight at the Cruise.

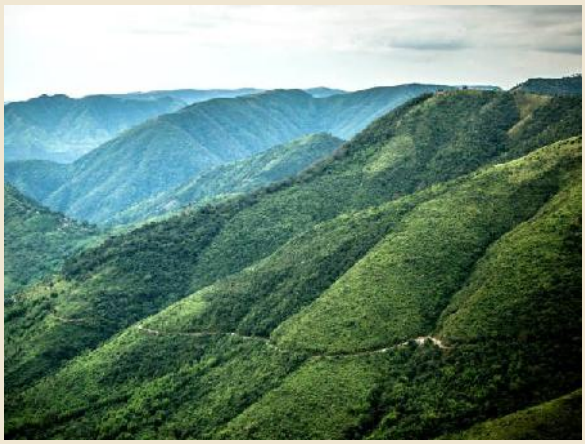
Day 7 - Brahmaputra River Cruise

This morning, observe life unfolding along the riverbanks as you continue cruising upstream.

The unhurried rhythm of life on board invites you to relax and watch the world drift by, exchange stories with fellow travellers, or simply lose yourself in a good book.

There will be time to step ashore for a walk through a riverside village or across a sandbank island, offering a glimpse into the everyday rhythms and traditions of rural northeast India.





Dinner and Overnight at The Cruise.

Day 8 - Brahmaputra River Cruise

This morning, you will reach Majuli Island around breakfast time. One of the world's largest river islands, **Majuli** is a cultural stronghold of Assam and yet remains refreshingly under-visited. Life here moves at an unhurried pace, shaped by the river and centuries-old traditions.

The island is the heartland of neo-Vaishnavism, a 15th-century reformist movement, and is home to a number of historic *satras* (monasteries). These institutions have long played a central role in preserving Assamese art, music and literature. Within their simple whitewashed walls, celibate monks devote their lives to worship expressed through devotional music (*gayan-bayan*), dance-drama and the recitation of sacred texts.

Later, you will visit **Auniati Satra**, which houses a small but fascinating museum of manuscripts and artefacts. Continue to Kamalabari Satra to attend a traditional dance performance, offering insight into the island's living

artistic heritage. Afterwards, rejoin the boat and cruise onwards to Salmara Ghat.

In the afternoon, there will be time to visit a nearby village known for its traditional handicrafts, where local artisans continue to practise skills handed down through generations.





Dinner and Overnight at the Cruise.

Day 9 - Brahmaputra River Cruise

Today after breakfast, you step ashore to explore **Sibsagar**, once the royal capital of the Ahom kingdom and a centre of power along the Brahmaputra. For nearly six centuries, the Ahoms , originally of Shan origin before embracing Hinduism-ruled Assam, leaving behind a remarkable cultural and architectural legacy shaped by both Indian and Southeast Asian influences.

Sibsagar stands as a testament to that era. Its distinctive temples, crowned with stupa-like domes, and its imposing palaces reflect a unique architectural language found nowhere else in India. Among the most

impressive sights is the vast temple tank, believed to be the world's largest hand-excavated reservoir, an extraordinary feat of engineering that still defines the town's skyline. One of the Ahoms' architectural achievements has recently been recognised with UNESCO World Heritage status, further cementing the importance of this historic kingdom.

After your visits, you will return to the ship and will be cruised down to Neamati Ghat near Jorhat.

This evening, gather for a farewell dinner hosted by your crew, a final opportunity to reflect on your journey along the Brahmaputra and the experiences shared along the way.







Day 10 - Brahmaputra River Cruise /Jorhat/ Delhi

This morning after breakfast, you will disembark your cruise and will be transferred to Jorhat Airport, approximately one hour's drive from Neamati Ghat, for your flight from Jorhat to Delhi by Indigo 6E 768 (which departs Jorhat at 13:00 hrs and arrives Delhi at 15:45 hrs).

Upon arrival in Delhi you will meet your driver, and be transferred to your hotel.

You will be staying at Imperial New Delhi.

Day 11 - Delhi / Agra

After breakfast, check-out and depart for Agra (220 kms Kms away; ~4 hrs drive).

Home to the iconic Taj Mahal, Agra was once the flourishing capital of the Mughal Empire. Its grandeur lives on through majestic forts, elegant tombs, and centuries-old gardens. Just as enduring is its living tradition of marble inlay, leatherwork, and street cuisine—making Agra as much a city of makers as of monuments.

Arrive and Check in at your hotel.
(*Please note that the standard check in time at the hotel is 14:00 hrs*).

In the afternoon, witness the grandeur of **Agra Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a remarkable symbol of Mughal architecture and power. Built in the 16th century and once home to the Mughal dynasty, this majestic fort in Agra boasts imposing red sandstone walls, intricate carvings, and a rich history.

Later visit the **Taj Mahal,** a timeless symbol of love and a 17th-century marble masterpiece. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his wife Mumtaz Mahal over 22 years, this Wonder of the World dazzles with its white marble facade, intricate inlay work, and symmetrical Persian gardens. More than a historical site, it's a profound journey into enduring beauty and devotion.
(*Please note that the Taj Mahal remains closed on Fridays*)




You will be staying at [The Oberoi Amarvilas]

Enjoy an unforgettable stay at this iconic luxury hotel, offering stunning views of the Taj Mahal, elegant rooms, and exceptional service,an experience defined by comfort, beauty, and quiet luxury.




Day 12 - Agra / Jaipur

Optional Morning visit Taj Mahal at sunrise, when the white marble monument glows in soft hues of pink and gold.





After breakfast at your hotel, depart for Jaipur (240 kms Kms away; ~5 hrs drive).

Jaipur, Rajasthan's capital and the famed "Pink City," was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II. Celebrated for its grand palaces, planned avenues, and rose-hued facades—originally painted to welcome the Prince of Wales in 1876—the city blends royal heritage with visionary urban design.



You will be staying at [The Ram Bagh Palace]

Once the royal residence of the kings of Jaipur and Gayatri Devi, Ram Bagh Palace is an elegant example of Indo-European architecture. Set amidst sprawling gardens, it reflects the grandeur of princely India with its ornate facades, spacious courtyards, and historical charm.



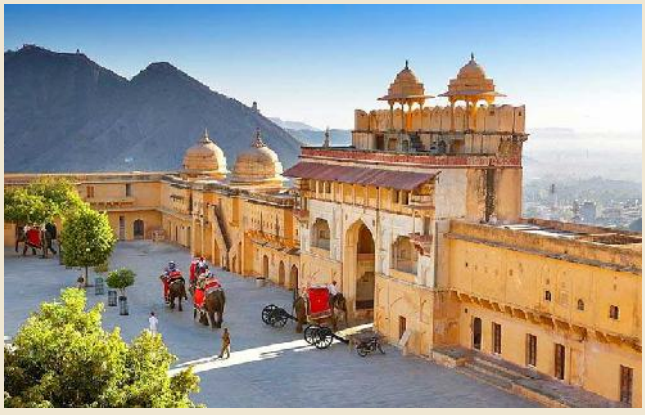


Day 13 - Jaipur

After breakfast, start with the **photostop at The Hawa Mahal**, built in 1799 so royal women could watch street life and festivals without being seen, following purdah traditions. Its many small windows were also designed to catch cool breezes, keeping the palace naturally ventilated.

Visit the Amber Fort. **Amber Fort**, a majestic 16th-century Rajput fortress near Jaipur, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Perched on Aravalli Hills, this architectural marvel blends Rajput and Mughal styles, featuring stunning courtyards, the mirror-adorned Sheesh Mahal, and breathtaking views of Maota Lake.

After lunch, step into Jaipur's regal past at the magnificent **City Palace**, where ornate courtyards and museums showcase Rajput grandeur. Continue to **Jantar Mantar**, an astronomical marvel built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, featuring the world's largest sundial and fascinating 18th-century astronomical instruments.
Evening at leisure.





Overnight at The Rambagh Palace.

Day 14 - Delhi

After breakfast, check-out and depart for Delhi (270 kms Kms away; ~5 hrs drive).
Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, you will be met and assisted with your departure transfer for your onward journey.

IMPORTANT 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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