

**HORNBILL SPECIAL WITH KAZIRANGA**

*Nagaland & Assam*

**TRIP DATES: Dec 01 – Dec 07, 2018**

*(06 Nights & 07 Days)*



**PLACES COVERED: DIMAPUR – KOHIMA – KAZIRANGA – GUWAHATI**

*Start from: Dimapur*

*End at: Guwahati*

*Permits: Yes - will be taken care of by us though*

To encourage inter-tribal interaction and to promote cultural heritage of Nagaland, the Government of Nagaland organizes the Hornbill Festival every year in the first week of December. Hornbill Festival is held at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama which is about 12 km from Kohima from 01-07 Dec. All the tribes of Nagaland take part in this festival. The aim of the festival is to revive and protect the rich culture of Nagaland and display its extravaganza and traditions. The Festival is named after the hornbill, the globally respected bird and which is displayed in folklore in most of the state's tribes.

**Day 01 | Dimapur – Kohima, Nagaland 80 Kms / 2 hrs drive**

Fly into Dimapur around mid-morning. You'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to the pre-booked hotel at Kohima, Nagaland. Check-in and rest. Night stay in Kohima.

**Day 02 | Kohima – Hornbill Festival**

Post breakfast we will start our short drive to Kisama Heritage Complex (12 kms / 30 mins) for a full day to observe the different tribes performing and to soak up the atmosphere of this great event. Enjoy Cultural

Dances, War Dances, Folk Songs, Indigenous Games, Music (Rock Beat contest in the evening), Fashion Show (Cultural & Modern), Handloom & Handicrafts, Local Cuisine , Local drinks (Zutho, Thutshe) etc.

The weeklong festival unites one and all in Nagaland and people enjoy the colorful performances, crafts, sports, food fairs, games and religious ceremonies. Traditional arts which include paintings, wood carvings, and sculptures are also on display. Festival highlights include Traditional Naga Morungs Exhibition and sale of Arts and Crafts, Food Stalls, Herbal Medicine Stalls, Flower shows and sales, Cultural Medley-songs and dances, Fashion shows, Beauty Contest, Traditional Archery, Naga wrestling, Indigenous Games, and Musical Concert.

### **Day 03 | Kohima – Hornbill Festival**

Post breakfast enjoy the Hornbill Festival. In the afternoon we will explore the village of Angami tribe “KHONOMA”

The village, referred to as Khwunoria (named after the Angami term for a local plant, *Glouthera fragrantissima*), is estimated to be around 700 years old and is spread over an area of 123sq.km. this is famous for its lush green forests and a unique form of agriculture, including some of the oldest terraced cultivation in the region. The terrain of the village is hilly which are rich in various species of fauna & flora. The state bird, BLYTH's tragopan a pheasant which is endangered found here.



### **Day 04 | Kohima – Hornbill Festival**

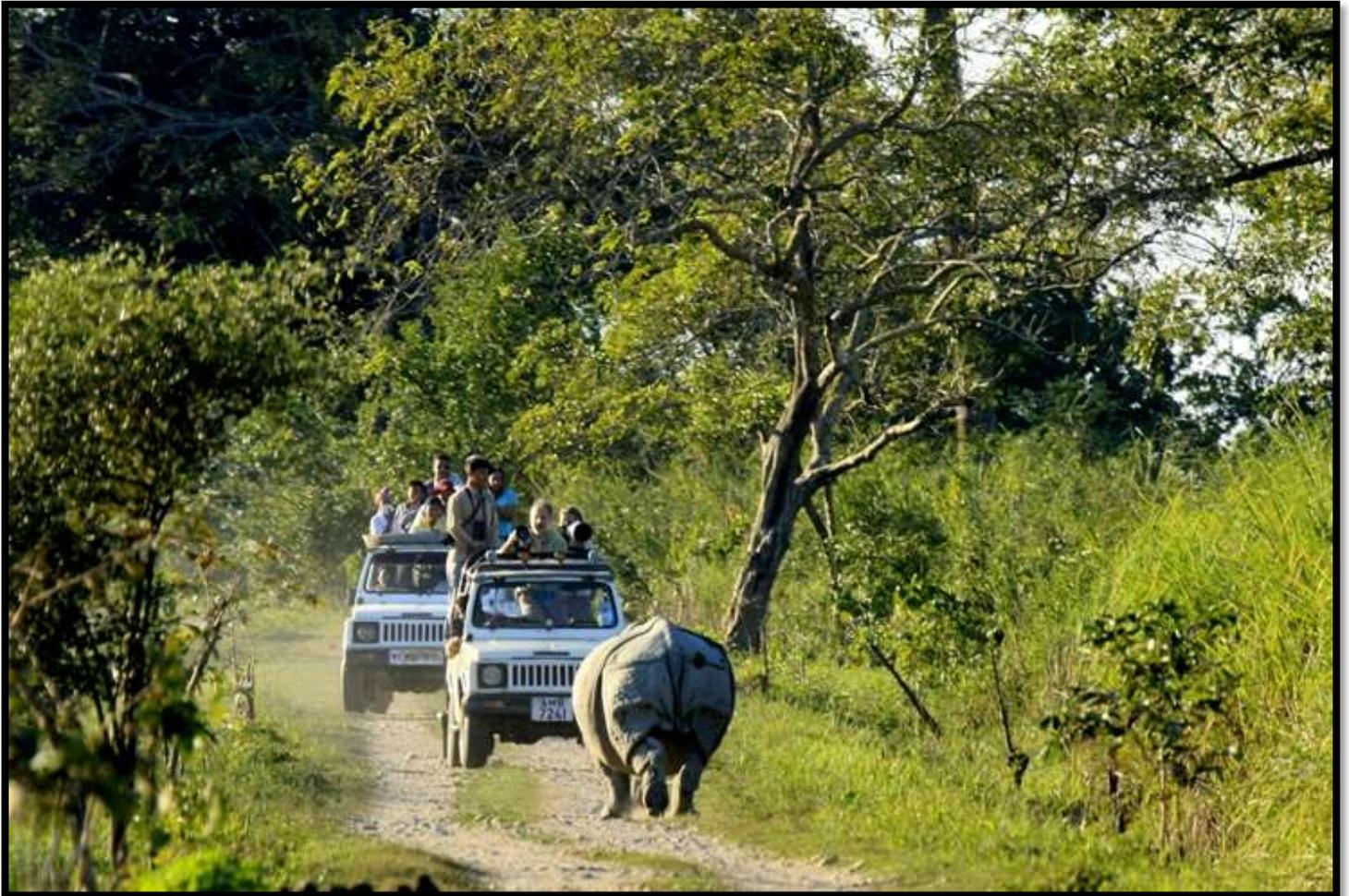
Post breakfast enjoy the Hornbill Festival. In the afternoon, we will visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War Cemetery, where the famous battle of tennis court took place, Handloom & Handicraft emporium followed by a quick visit to local market. Overnight at Hotel.



### **Day 05 | Kohima to Kaziranga 215Kms / 05hrs drive**

Post breakfast we start our drive to Kaziranga National park. Reach there in the afternoon and check in to your pre-booked hotel.

Kaziranga is a World Heritage Site, where more than 75% of the world's total population of the great Indian One Horned Rhinoceros can be found. It lies on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River and is one of the oldest parks of Assam. Besides rhinos, the Asiatic Water Buffalo, Elephants, Tigers, Swamp deer, Barking deer and Hog deer can be seen. About 400 species of birds are found in Kaziranga National Park. Swamp Francolin, Great Hornbill, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Pied Falconets, Greater Adjutant Stork, Long Billed Vulture. There is no telling what one might find in Kaziranga but it is always a great experience. The specialty here is the Blue-Naped Pitta among a host of Raptors and Waterfowl. The adjoining buffer areas are worth a try too, as numerous rare sightings are reported regularly. The park remains open from 1st Nov to 30th April only.



### **Day 06 | Kaziranga**

Early morning go for an elephant safari followed by jeep safari post breakfast. Afternoon go for another jeep safari.

#### **Jeep Safari**

Forenoon: Entry time between 07:00 to 09:30 Hours. Visiting time till 12:00 Noon

Afternoon: Entry time between 13:30 to 15:00 Hours. Visiting time till sunset.

### **Day 07 | Departure Day**

After completing check out formalities be ready for transfer to the Guwahati airport for your return flight home taking with you the memorable moments you had during your stay in Nagaland & Assam.

## HOTELS INCLUDED

Day1, Day2, Day3, Day4	Kohima	Hotel Vivor – Deluxe AC Room
Day5 & Day6	Kaziranga	Infinity Resort – Luxury AC Room

### Inclusions:

1. Accommodation on twin/ double sharing.
2. Meals – daily breakfast is included in the package
3. Entry fees, monuments fees, parking fee, road taxes, village visits and local sightseeing as per the program
4. Service of 01 Escort throughout the trip.
5. All land transfers. Driver will be Non English speaking
6. Park entry fees with 02 Jeep Safari at Kaziranga.
7. Services of accompanying English speaking escort from arrival till departure and local guide wherever necessary.

### Exclusions:

1. Any Camera / Video Camera Fees
2. Any Insurance
3. Any Airfares, train fares
4. Any meals other than daily breakfast
5. Any expenditure of personal nature like tipping, telephone/fax calls, laundry, portage, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, room service orders, snacks or refreshment etc
6. Any other expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances
7. Any Change / New tax imposed by the Government

