

Hornbill Express: Shillong to Kohima

7 days / 6 nights



Day	From	To	Activity
1	Guwahati	Shillong	Transfer, Briefing
2	Shillong	Jowai	Cycle
3	Jowai	Kupli Dam	Cycle
4	Kupli Dam	Panimur	Cycle
5	Panimur	Diphu	Cycle
6	Diphu	Dimapur	Cycle
7	Dimapur	Kohima	Cycle

A cycling expedition that takes you to the Hornbill Festival in Kohima. Often cited as “festival of all festivals”, The Hornbill Festival is a grand celebration that is brought to life each December in Nagaland. The festival is a powerful representation of the Naga culture through splendid traditional music, dance and cultural performances.

We start cycling from Shillong the capital of hilly Meghalaya. Over the 6 riding days we cover three states and 5 distinct hill ranges. Starting from the Khasi hills, we make our way into the Jaintia hills, followed by the North Cachar hill tract and Karbi hills till we finally enter the Naga hills. Every day is completely different from the previous, be it riding conditions, terrain or the environment.



Day 1. Guwahati to Shillong

Upon your arrival at the Guwahati Airport, your guide, and driver will assist you on your onward transfer to Shillong. After checking in to your accommodation we allocate your cycles following which we have a bonfire and dinner where we will have a general briefing regarding the days to come. Pickup point for the tour will be the Guwahati airport. Your van will be present at the airport from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Kindly book flights accordingly.

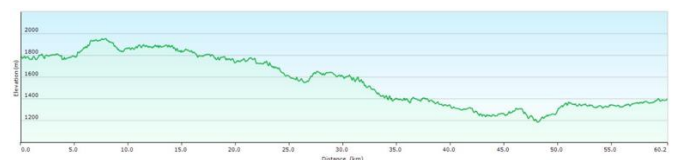
* For late arrivals, you will have to make your way to Shillong at your own expense. We can pool in late arrivals on alternate transport.

Activity: Transfer 140Km

Overnight: Hotel

Day 2. Shillong to Jowai

- The first day of cycling takes you to the periphery of Jowai perched on the Jaintia Plaetue. We start the day from Shillong peak which is the highest point of Meghalaya and generally wind our way down towards Jowai, however there are numerous short and steep climbs along the way. Today we ride initially on the Khasi hills, towards the latter half of the day we enter the Jaintia Plaetue. Our destination for this day is in the vicinity of the Tyrshi Waterfalls.



- **Activity:** Cycle 60 Km



Day 3: Jowai to Kupli Reservoir

- Post breakfast we start cycling, heading in a general easterly direction. Our destination for this day is the beautiful Kupli Reservoir perched close to the border of Assam. Beautiful road condition for most of the way with phenomenal panoramas all around. We will camp overlooking the reservoir.



- **Activity:** Cycle 60 Km

Day 4: Kupli Reservoir to Panimur

- Post breakfast ride out towards Panimur waterfalls in neighboring Assam. Panimur waterfall is in the Dima Hasao district of Assam in the North Cachar hills. It is often called the Niagara of Assam and the resemblance cannot be overlooked. As you enter Assam the road conditions deteriorate as you ride through thick forests along the Kopili River. Enroute, we stop to take in the beauty of the Umrangso Lake. Tonight, we camp close to the beautiful waterfalls.



- **Activities:** Cycle 47 Km

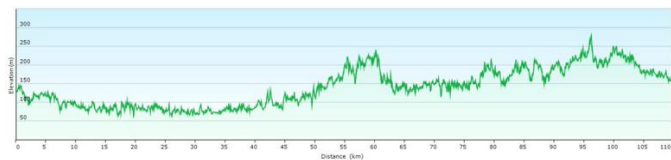


Day 5. Panimur to Diphu

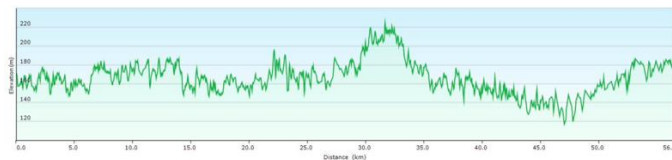
- The longest day of the ride takes us to Diphu which is the district headquarters of the Karbi Anglong district. For most parts the roads are in very good condition, however, small and numerous undulations are the norm for the latter half of the day as you cycle through the forested tracts of Karbi Anglong. We stay at a hotel on the outskirts of Diphu Town.

Day 6. Diphu to Dimapur

- A fairly short day to give you some rest from the previous days exertions as well as from the next day's climb. We take the little used route from Diphu to Dimapur via forests and scattered Karbi Villages. Our destination for this day is the city of Dimapur, which is the gateway of Nagaland as well as its largest city.



- **Activities:** Cycle 110 Km



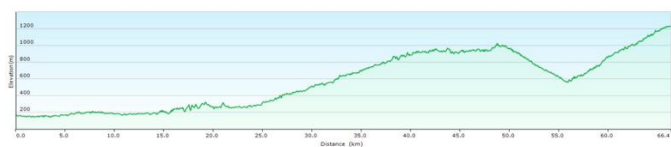
- **Activities:** Cycle 57Km



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Day 7. Dimapur to Kohima

- Though not the longest, this is definitely the toughest as we climb from the sweltering plains to the Naga hills. The unending climb takes us from 200mts to 1400mts in altitude. The roads are generally in good condition with few patches of roadwork. We end the cycling about 5 Km before entering the city of Kohima. The Tour ends here.



- **Activities:** Cycle 67Km