

BRAHMAPUTRA CRUISE

Uncover the wonders of Assam



GUWAHATI TO JORHAT

Brahmaputra River Upstream Cruise

7 Nights / 8 Days



MV MAHABAAHU

WINNER National Tourism Award - Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India

Winner Assam Tourism Award - Assam State Tourism

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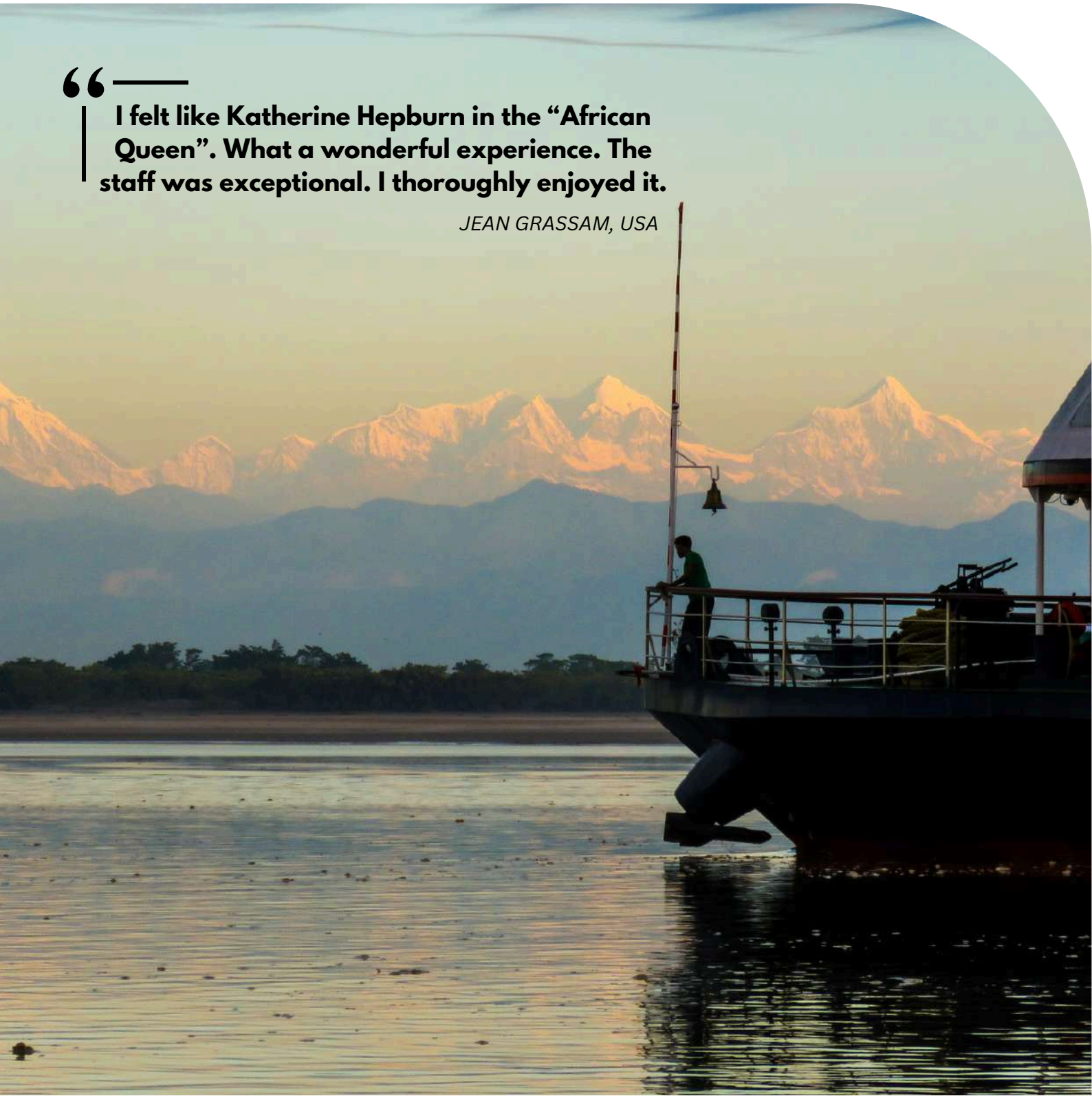
AN INTRODUCTION OF YOUR JOURNEY

The natural history and living history cruise on the Mighty Brahmaputra River. Flowing under the shadows of the Towering Himalayan 7,000+ meters high mountains, is this mighty river that flows through one of the most beautiful national parks of India - the Kaziranga. Kaziranga National Park is the greatest preserve of rhinos on Earth with 2,400+ in one park along with elephants, tigers, wild buffaloes, freshwater dolphins and over 472 species of birds. When we had hosted the Trustees of National Geographic there, they had called the Kaziranga National Park as the Serengeti of India! Also visit temples, monasteries, tribal and weaver's villages, tea plantations on the cruise.

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I felt like Katherine Hepburn in the “African Queen”. What a wonderful experience. The staff was exceptional. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

JEAN GRASSAM, USA



Route Map & Itinerary at a Glance

- Day 1 (Sunday): Arrive Guwahati & board MV Mahabaahu Cruise
- Day 2 (Monday): MV Mahaabahu Cruise
- Day 3 (Tuesday): MV Mahaabahu Cruise
- Day 4 (Wednesday): MV Mahaabahu Cruise
- Day 5 (Thursday): MV Mahaabahu Cruise
- Day 6 (Friday): MV Mahaabahu Cruise
- Day 7 (Saturday): MV Mahaabahu Cruise
- Day 8 (Sunday): Deboard at Jorhat | Fly to onward destination

Route Map of M.V. Mahabaahu on the river Brahmaputra, Assam *not to scale*



Day 1 (Sunday)

ARRIVE GUWAHATI & BOARD MV MAHABAAHU

fly in to Guwahati by 1100 hrs. where the representatives of MV Mahabaahu receive us and we drive away to Kamakhya Temple. After a visit to the Goddess of Desire we drive to MV Mahabaahu.

We are welcomed and ushered in to our cabins and soon after we enjoy lunch on board.

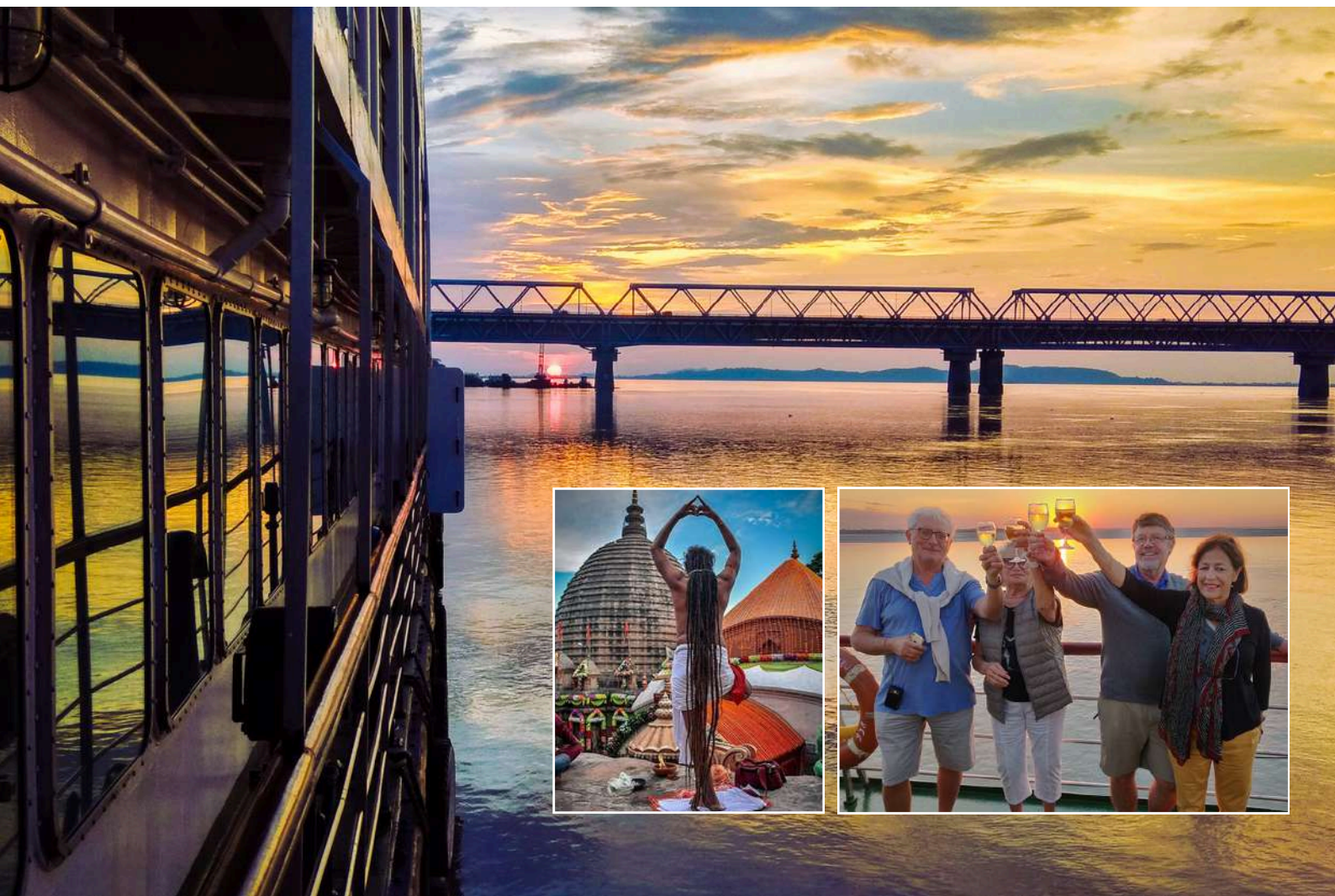
We peel away from the Saraighat Bridge that supports a rail and a road and marks the narrowest stretch of Brahmaputra. We sail past the Peacock Island and notice the hills around Guwahati that make it picturesque. We use the afternoon to settle in and this evening we gather on the Sun Deck.

We raise a toast to the River Brahmaputra and enjoy this sundowner and look out for the Gangetic Dolphins that hunt in these deep waters.

Soon after we gather for a safety briefing and a presentation on the ship's facilities as we sip on Assam tea. This evening we gather in the lounge for drinks and move on for a sit-down Chef's Welcome Dinner in the Ship's Restaurant 'Mungri Mungram'.

We are briefed on the program for the following day once again. Some guests continue on, in the Lounge after Dinner and others retire for the day.

Overnight onboard MV Mahabaahu (L, D)



Day 2 (Monday) BANGLA VILLAGE VISIT

A laid-back relaxed breakfast from 0800 to 1000 hrs, a talk on Kamakhya Temple and an orientation on the Bangla Village. We interact with the village folk and try to understand the simple and satisfied subsistence life styles. These folks who live off the Brahmaputra River, both for farming and fishing make a choice of living on fertile unclaimed sand bars. They understand that they can enjoy the privilege of owning large expanse of land only till the river decides to remain benevolent. The river claims their land during the monsoon and they must return to their haven on mainland or create one. The river starts receding from October to mid-Feb and slowly the snow-melt in the Himalayas starts creating volume and an indication to get ready. April showers add to the water levels.

We return to the ship for lunch and enjoy some leisurely hours reading a book or indulging in a steam, Sauna, Jacuzzi or an Ayurvedic Massage or any other treatment. You can enjoy a dip in the swimming pool or be on the sun deck to enjoy the river in its process of devouring or adding to the sand of the sand bars.

In the evening, along with some 'chai and pakoras', an ethnic Indian snack, we enjoy a talk on 'Assam, its geographical location, the role of River Brahmaputra, the tribal life and commercial Ventures; Tea, Silk & Jute that Assam is famous for'.

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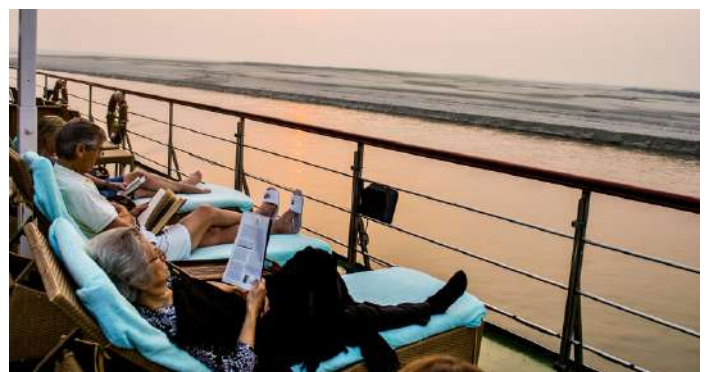
Day 3 (Tuesday) JUTE MILL AND A TEA ESTATE

A relaxed cup of coffee or Assam tea, some Yog and a laid-back leisurely breakfast followed by a talk on 'Kaziranga and wildlife in India' and orientation on 'Kaziranga Park Visit' along with orientation for visiting the Jute Mill and the Tea Estate. We sail along Singri and Tezpur and under the Kaliabhamura bridge and reach Silghat where the ship docks.

After an early lunch we walk to the Jute Mill to witness the complete process in a co-operative mill for turning the golden fibre into a gunny bag. All the families in Silghat and the Jute Mill have formed a special eco-system for themselves. From here we drive to the Tea Estate to see the women plucking tea-leaves and also to the tea-factory to see the leaves turn into grains for packing (The tea-factory is operational till mid Nov and after mid-Feb). We enjoy the State Dance of Assam, 'Bihu' by young village boys and girls and return to the ship. We enjoy the evening in the lounge and then have a leisurely time in the dining enjoying the cuisine for the day.

The program for the following day is announced. We book our wake-up calls at the reception for the following morning early start.

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Day 4 (Wednesday) **KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK** **/ SAIL**

Very early today drive towards the Kaziranga National Park. Start our morning adventure with once-in-a-lifetime elephant safari (Optional). After breakfast at a resort in Kaziranga, we get into the open jeeps for some more wildlife adventure and an extensive coverage of this magnificent park.

This afternoon we board the ship at 1200 hrs, enjoy lunch and settle in for a restful afternoon. For those of us who like to watch the world go by, we make ourselves comfortable on the sun-deck as the ship sails towards Diphlu.

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Day 5 (Thursday)

BISHWANATH GHAT WEAVING VILLAGE / BOAT SAFARI AT THE EASTERN RANGE OF KAZIRANGA

We sail very early towards Bishwanath Ghat. Breakfast and an orientation on Bishwanath Ghat, Boat Safari and Mishing Village. We visit this tiny sub-urban village on the banks of Brahmaputra and sprinkled with temples and is a cosmos of weavers, fishermen, farmers and boat makers.

The sound of the shuttle on tense warp and raised alternate weft moving back and forth is music to the weavers of this community. A Shiva Dol (temple) from the times of Ahoms looms over and a promenade along the outcrop of rocks and swinging country boats adds beauty to the area. The weavers display their stories on their colourfully woven fabric and wait in anticipation. We return to the ship for lunch and sail on towards the Eastern Range (Agoratoli) to explore the Eastern Range of Kaziranga and view the wildlife from the river side.

This evening we return to the Ship at Sunset. The Chef is ready with his cooking demo when we step on the ship.

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Day 6 (Friday) MISHING VILLAGE/ASSAMESE THEME EVENING

Yog, a good breakfast and leisurely hours of the morning to enjoy the sail. We sail on to the Mishing Village to witness life on Chang Ghars of Bamboo scaffolding, bamboo roofs and matted bamboo walls. The Mishing women arrange their looms beneath their raised homes and weave bright and colourful ethnic designs in their waft and warp. This village provides an opportunity to add Mishing woven fabric to your wardrobe or home décor.

We return to the ship for lunch and the sail continues upstream towards Majuli. After some sail, siesta and sunset we meet for a talk on Shivsagar and Majuli along with the orientation on these visits together with the home-hosted lunch at a tea-estate with a Planter's family. This evening we enjoy an Assamese theme evening; Assamese freshly caught, fried fish for snacks, Assami Mekhla Chaadar and Dhoti Kurta with Ahomia music and Ahomia dance moves and to top it all an Assamese Dinner Menu.

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Day 7 (Saturday)

MAJULI ISLAND / SHIVSAGAR

An early breakfast and we sail out to Majuli in the tenders to experience the neo-Vaishnav culture of the world's largest inhabited riverine island. We enjoy Gayan Bayan by the priests. We drive to a different part of Majuli to watch Dashavatar by young Vaishnav girls and an episode from Ramayana-Mukha Bhavana.

These performances are a peep into the varied and rich culture of Assam. We return to MV Mahabaahu for lunch and sail to Neamati Ghat. If we are not too tired, we can undertake another road excursion to Shivsagar to understand the history of Assam through the Ahom monuments or else we can indulge in an hour and a half of nature walk on the bund of Neamati Ghat to discover more rural life and some birds that nest along a rain-fed swamp.

The Group that goes to Shivsagar will return by 1900 hrs. and the others can enjoy an hour in the lounge. We look forward to the Chef's 'Alvida Bhoj', Farewell Dinner on the river Brahmaputra.

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Day 8 (Sunday) NATURE WALK, HOME-HOSTED LUNCH WITH A TEA PLANTER'S FAMILY & AIRPORT DEPARTURE FROM JORHAT

This day the nature enthusiasts wake up early to enjoy a walk on the Bund at Neamati Ghat. This is a walk through a narrow village where the huts/homes have sprouted along the two sides of a 12 ft. wide bund. The bund has the Brahmaputra River on one side and a monsoon or rainwater swamp on the other side making it an ideal space for bird life. Owls, owlets, orioles, quails, partridges, adjutant stalks and woodpeckers are an integral part of this space. Star fruit, wild figs, bananas, tamarind trees abound in the area.

At this early hour one can see the village waking up, milking cows, gardening, farming, children in uniform cycling to school and the fishermen fishing out their fresh catch from the net. This walk is an informal way of peeping into the simple unpretentious Assamese village life.

We return to the ship for an early morning breakfast and we de-board the ship at 0900hrs to drive to a tea estate for a home-hosted early lunch prior to boarding the flight.

At the tea estate we meet the Planter's family that has been in the tea-business for over a century, enjoy a tea-talk with professionals and walk around the Planter's residence; the tea-estate that supports several herbs.

After a delicious home hosted ethnic Assamese lunch and warm hospitality, we bid farewell to the hosts and drive to the airport to board the flight.

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MV MAHABAAHU

PER PERSON PRICES ON A TWIN SHARING BASIS 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS PRICES IN INDIAN RUPEES (INR)

PRICES VALID FROM OCTOBER 2024 TILL APRIL 2025				
(5% GST EXTRA)				
	Superior without Balcony	Deluxe with Balcony	Luxury with Balcony	Suite with Balcony
Per Person on Twin sharing	INR 184800	INR 231000	INR 246400	INR 284900
Single Room Supplement	INR 138600	INR 173600	INR 184800	INR 284900
Charter booking (All 23 Cabins for 7 Nights / 8 Days)			INR 97,94,400	

- **Above cruise prices are commissionable** by 25% for FIT bookings (upto 9 pax), 30% for GIT/Group bookings (10 pax & above), 35% for Series bookings (4 or more group departures in a season), 40% for the Charter booking and 45% for the multiple Charter bookings (3 or more charters in a season).
- **5% GST EXTRA**

PRICES VALID FROM OCTOBER 2025 TILL APRIL 2026				
(5% GST EXTRA)				
	Superior without Balcony	Deluxe with Balcony	Luxury with Balcony	Suite with Balcony
Per Person on Twin sharing	INR 194075	INR 242900	INR 258825	INR 299250
Single Room Supplement	INR 145425	INR 182000	INR 194075	INR 299250
Charter booking (All 23 Cabins for 7 Nights / 8 Days)			INR 1,02,90,700	

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- **5% GST EXTRA**

SUPERIOR - 12 CABINS (BASE CATEGORY)
DELUXE WITH PRIVATE BALCONY - 7 CABINS
LUXURY WITH PRIVATE BALCONY - 2 CABINS
SUITE WITH PRIVATE BALCONY - 2 CABINS

CRUISE TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation onboard MV Mahabaahu for 7 Nights / 8 Days
- All meals
- All entrances, park safaris, boat safaris, lectures, performances, excursions as per the itinerary.
- 1 glass of Indian wine/beer during the welcome & farewell dinners
- Services of English speaking naturalist cum destination manager
- Transport services by AC Vehicle (Non AC vehicle in Kaziranga and Majuli)

EXCLUSIONS:

- Expense of personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, internet, alcoholic beverages (unless specified), camera/video camera fee at monuments/National Park, medical expenses, Salon/massages etc.
- Any Insurance. We highly recommend that you get your travel and health insurance done prior to your trip.
- Any Tipping
- Visa Fees
- Evacuation charges in case of medical emergencies.
- International & domestic Air fares.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and air plane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- 5% GST

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Hotel Check-In 1400 hours, Check-out time 1200 NOON.
- Prices are subject to change with any change in the cost.
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- In case of any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we will advise you the supplement price.

IMPORTANT NOTE/DISCLAIMER:

Additional services, if any, during the trip have to be paid for by the clients. Kindly note that names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels, and it is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey such confirmation to you in written. In the event of any of the above-mentioned hotels not becoming available, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next be available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable).

WEATHER AND SEASONAL INFORMATION:

There are four distinct seasons in Assam - summer, monsoon, autumn and winter. The best time to visit Assam is in the autumn and winter seasons, i.e. from October to April, which is also the festive season of Assam.

While winter days are usually sunny, the temperature can fall to 8 degrees Celsius (46 F) at night.

Our cabins are air conditioned and heated for your comfort, but you should include warm clothing, hats and jackets in your packing when visiting during the winter months.

Kaziranga National Park is open from 15th October until the 30th of April. During the first half of October and May, the Park has a "Partially Open" status which means that the Park will be open but that not all roads may be navigable as they work to restore them to pre monsoon standards.

Please note, there are no elephant-backed or jeep safaris between May and the first half of October. Boat safaris will be offered instead during these months. During the months that the Kaziranga National Park is closed, we are able to explore the shores of the Park with our expedition boats. We will cruise the Park shoreline and many of the riverine islands that are home to a number of animals and a wide variety of birds.

During the peak winter season of mid-December to mid-February, the itinerary will be adjusted according to daylight hours as the M.V. Mahabaahu does not sail during darkness. In order to provide for full coverage of the Kaziranga National Park during these winter months, we will not visit Bishwanath Ghat.

RIVER CONDITIONS AND DISCLAIMER:

River cruising in this part of the world is an adventurous experience. Assam is still in the developing stages of tourism and the developing infrastructure is rushing to keep pace with the rapidly growing interest in this part of India. As such, our voyage is an expedition-style cruise with all creature comforts on-board. Our shore-side staff will make every effort to attend to your comfort during onshore expeditions. However, vehicles and roads may not be of the same standard that you have experienced elsewhere, although we use the best of what is available locally.

Please note, this itinerary is subject to weather and river conditions. The Captain/Cruise Director reserves the right to adjust the itinerary for passenger safety and comfort.

The Brahmaputra River is subject to seasonal fluctuations. Islands and sand bars can appear and disappear between one sailing and the next. Also, being one of the highest precipitation zones in the world, our program is subject to weather and River conditions.

Also, we reserve the right to convert the direction of the cruise from upstream to downstream or vice versa without any compensation

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