



## Dear Esteemed Travel Partners,

### Greetings from us at Clubside!

We are thrilled to introduce our latest monthly newsletter, '**Paradise Unexplored**,' designed to provide you with essential updates for East and North East India, along with the captivating Andaman Islands. As you plan unforgettable journeys for your valued guests, we hope this newsletter serves as a valuable resource.

We eagerly anticipate your feedback and suggestions, which will undoubtedly contribute to enhancing the quality of our forthcoming editions.

With Best Regards,  
**Amit Periwal**  
**Director**

### Our Offices

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### **ZIRO MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Ziro Music Festival –The Ziro Music Festival- celebrated on 27th Sep till 02nd Oct, founded in 2012 by Bobby Hano and AnupKutty, is a remarkable music festival held in the picturesque Ziro Valley of Arunachal Pradesh, India.



### **DURGA PUJA**

Durga Puja, a major festival in West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Odisha, and Bihar, celebrates Goddess Durga's victory over Mahishasura. The festival lasts for 10 days, with the final five days being the most significant.

### **MAHALAYA**

Celebrated on October 14, marks the end of PitriPaksha. It is a significant day for Hindu devotees to remember forefathers and make offerings for their souls' happiness.



### **TAWANG FESTIVAL**

The Tawang Festival, launched in 2012 by the Department of Tourism, Arunachal Pradesh, is the state's largest tourism extravaganza. It highlights the cultural richness of the Monpa tribes and features Buddhist religious functions, traditional dances, exhibitions of handloom products, and various crafts.

# Permit Regulations

STATE	INDIAN NATIONAL	FOREIGN NATIONAL
<b>SIKKIM</b>	No Permit for entry, Permit only for Restricted areas (Changu Lake, Lachen, Lachung)	Inner Line Permit for entry (Can be issued at the border check post – no charges)  Citizens from China, Pakistan, Myanmar, Taiwan and Nigeria need to get the permits from Ministry of External Affairs or Indian High Commissions in their respective countries.
<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>	Inner Line Permit required (Require Valid Indian ID proof to issue the same)	Protected Area Permit required. Documents needed are filled Permit form, Passport, valid Indian VISA and International flight tickets (both arrival/departure)
<b>NAGALAND</b>	Inner Line Permit required (Issued on the spot, valid Indian ID proof required)	Copies of Passport and Visa need to be submitted at entry point at the state border or at Dimapur airport.
<b>MANIPUR</b>	N/A	Copies of Passport and Visa need to be submitted at entry point at the state border or at Imphal airport.
<b>MIZORAM</b>	Inner Line Permit required (Require Valid Indian ID proof to issue the same)	Copies of Passport and Visa need to be submitted at entry point at the state border or at Aizwal airport.

For Citizens from China, Myanmar, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Taiwan is requested to recheck with us for the latest regulations.

# Few new hotels in the last 2 years

## Mayfair Chumta Tea Resort



in Siliguri operational with  
154 rooms

## Mayfair Jungpana



in Tindharia (near Kurseong)  
operational with 12 rooms.

## Marriott



in Shillong operational with  
182 rooms.

## Taj Vivanta



in Shillong operational with  
87 rooms and 14 suites

## Taj Chia Kutir



in Kurseong operational with  
72 rooms

## Ramada



in Gangtok operational with  
57 and 2 meeting rooms

## Taj Vivanta



in Pakyong operational with  
50 rooms

## Mayfair Spring Valley



in Guwahati operational with  
133 rooms

# Train Connectivity

## Howrah to NJP Vande Bharat full timing detail :

**Howrah** - 5:55 AM - **NJP** - 1:25 pm

**NJP** - 3:05 PM - **Howrah** - 10:35 pm

**Train fare** - INR 1565/- for CC & INR 2825/- for EC

## NJP to Guwahati Vande Bharat full timing details :

**NJP** - 6:10 am - **Guwahati** - 11:40 AM

**Guwahati** - 4:30 PM - **NJP** - 10:00 PM

**Train fare** - INR 1065/- for CC & INR 2025/- for EC

# Air Connectivity



New Terminal inaugurated at the Veer Savarkar International airport in Port Blair, connectivity will improve for Port Blair in the coming days.

New terminal building underway at Bagdogra and Guwahati airports.

Flights resumed from Pakyong airport in Sikkim for Delhi

# Road Connectivity

Due to Monsoon, there have been some landslides in the high-altitude regions and regions which receive high rainfall in East and North East specially in Sikkim and Arunachal, repair work on most roads in underway and condition should be back to normal within the mid of September.





## SUNDARBANS

Sunderbans is renowned for its rich biodiversity and is home to the majestic Bengal tiger (*Panthera tigris*), making it one of the largest reserves for these iconic creatures. The forest also houses other fascinating fauna, including various bird species, chital, crocodiles, and snakes. The flora of Sunderbans is equally captivating, with abundant sundari, gewa, goran, and keora trees dominating the landscape. The region's characteristic tree, the sundari (*Heritiera littoralis*), is where the forest derives its name and yields a durable hardwood used for building houses, boats, furniture, and other items.

**Best Time to Visit:** The best time to visit Sunderbans is from September to March, as the winters provide the most pleasant weather for exploring this unique ecosystem. Summers can be hot and humid, but travel is still possible during this period.

### **Mode of Transportation:**

1. Drive from Kolkata to Gothkhali
2. Boat Journey into Sunderbans
3. Exploring the Sunderbans by Boat: The interconnected waterways make it possible to explore almost every corner of the forest by boat. Your expert guides will navigate through the labyrinthine channels, revealing hidden gems and breathtaking vistas. Keep your cameras ready as you may spot the elusive Bengal tiger, various bird species, chital, crocodiles, and other wildlife during the journey.
4. Staying in the Sunderbans: Various accommodations options are available in the Sunderbans, including Sunderban Tiger Camp, our recommended Property of the Month. These properties offer a comfortable stay amidst nature's tranquility and allow you to experience the unique ecosystem up close.



## SUNDARBANS TIGER CAMP

**Accommodations:** Sunderban Tiger Camp provides four categories of accommodation, including well-equipped tents, beautiful bamboo huts, executive rooms, executive cottages, and deluxe mud cottages. Each of the 21 rooms is fitted with air conditioners and designed for maximum comfort. The rooms are airy and spacious, with extended balconies offering views of the lagoon and the enchanting sunset hues.

**Cuisines:** Authentic Bengali, Indian, Chinese, and continental cuisines are served in the dining area. The professional cooks cater to individual taste preferences, ensuring a delightful dining experience for guests.



**USP – Unique Selling Proposition:** Sunderban Tiger Camp stands out with its unique design, modern comfort, warm hospitality, great services, and incredible arrangements. The resort offers an opportunity to relish the picturesque setting of Sunderbans and the captivating beauty of its surroundings.



### **Full day Tea Estate Excursions**

Drive from Darjeeling to a nearby Tea Estate after breakfast.

**Factory Visit:** you will be escorted to the Tea factory for the tea processing timings (8:00 am to 10:00 am) to witness the tea processing and understand how the Darjeeling tea is made.



Enjoy Lunch at the Tea Estate.

Post lunch visit the Tea Garden to see Tea plucking of the famous Darjeeling tea "Two Leaves and a BUD". The plucking process occurs when the tea bush "flushes" or pushes out new leaf shoots. Plucking tea by hand is a traditional way of harvesting tea from the tea tree and enjoy the tea tasting. Return to Darjeeling by evening.

