

# Discover Upper Assam

## Jeypore Rain Forest



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# Jeypore Rain Forest

Located in Dibrugarh district of upper Assam, this forest is marked by rich biodiversity. It covers an area of 10,876.68 hectares, with Arunachal Pradesh on its East and South and Sivasagar district on its West. The area falls under the humid zone, which is characterized by high precipitation and humidity-significant features of evergreen forests. Jeypore reserve forest is believed to have 102 species of orchids and is home to a large number of rare and endangered species of wild animals and birds.



Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 80 kms

Driving time: 2 hrs.

Best Time: November to March.

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## Tipong Coal Colliery



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# Tipong Coal Colliery

Tipong Colliery is operated by the North Eastern Coalfields division of Coal India Ltd, and is one of several operational underground and open cast collieries in the Makum coalfields. These were first commercialised by the Assam Railways and Trading Company in the 1880s but were subsequently nationalised in 1975.

Tipong has two irregular tilted seams, and utilises underground working to a depth of about 350m, but it also has an opencast area. Coal is brought to the surface via inclines and is transported approximately 2.5km down the valley on a 2' gauge tramway to an underground conveyor belt and thence to a loading dock. The colliery has its own community housing with schools and other facilities.

This mine can only be visited after obtaining prior permission from the Coal India's office at Margherita.



Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 115 kms

Driving time: 2 hrs 45 min

Best Time : Throughout the year

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## Coal Heritage Park & Museum



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# Coal Heritage Park & Museum

Situated in Margherita in Assam, it was inaugurated on 29th October, 2012. The prime attractions of this museum are the century old steam locomotives. These steam locomotives were deployed at the mining sites to transport coal and were built during the late 1800s and early 1900s by the renowned locomotive manufacturer from Stafford, England - W. G. Bagnall. Though these magnificent British marvels were built more than a 100 years ago, some of them are still operational at the Tipong Colliery. Others have been put up on public display at India's only coal museum at Margherita in Assam.

Other attractions are- the practice of coal mining depicted in the form of real time models, a demo structure of an underground coal mine, necessities to be carried to the underground mines by the workmen (underground coal mining boots, cap lamps, shovels and other tools of mining, vintage underground telephones). The museum depicts the history of coal mining at Namdang in Assam. It also contains actual models of transformers, haulages and circuit breakers manufactured by Crompton Parkinson and Manchester & Scheffield, England. Memoirs of World War II (rare pictures of the construction of Stilwell Road, Pangsau Pass and Ledo airstrip, empty shells of bombs used in WW II), the history of the Assam Railways & Trading Co. Ltd., a rare collection of stamps from all over the world, vintage cyclostyling machines are some other displays.



Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 96 kms

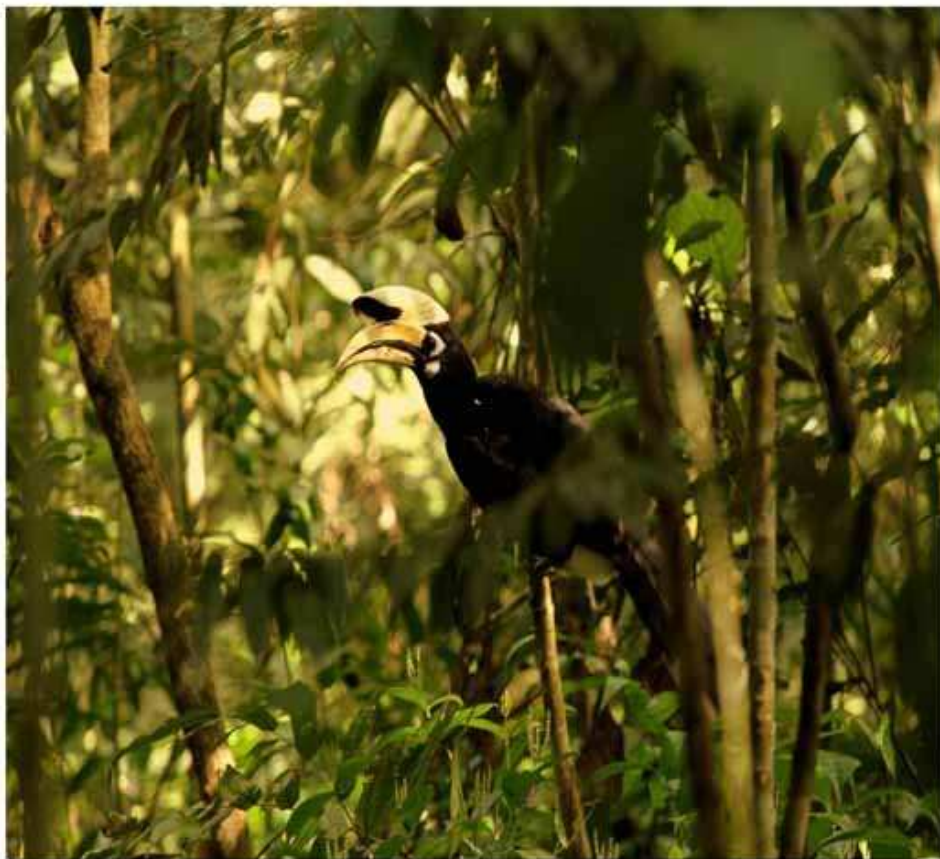
Driving time: 2 hrs 30 min

Best Time: 9am to 4 pm ( Closed on Sundays )

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## Jokai Reserve Forest



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# Jokai Reserve Forest

Located about 12 km from Dibrugarh town, Jokai Reserve Forest covers an area of 11000 sq. mts. The forest is a rich treasure trove of various species of flora and fauna with some endangered species as well. It is also home to various types of butterflies and reptiles. Some of the commonly found animals here are the Assamese Macaque, leopards, elephants, deer, wild buffaloes, Slow Loris and civet cats. The forest houses many fruit bearing trees which attract a large number of migratory birds every year. Around 100 species of migratory along with residential birds have been recorded in the reserve forest. Amidst Jokai Reserve Forest is the Botanical garden cum Germplasm Center. It is a storehouse of germplasm of some valuable and endangered species of flora of this region. The center also showcases what this region has to offer in terms of floral biodiversity. The various zones of this center include an orchid house, a medicinal and aromatic plants plot, a rainforest specimen plot and a pond.



Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 5 kms

Driving time: 15 min

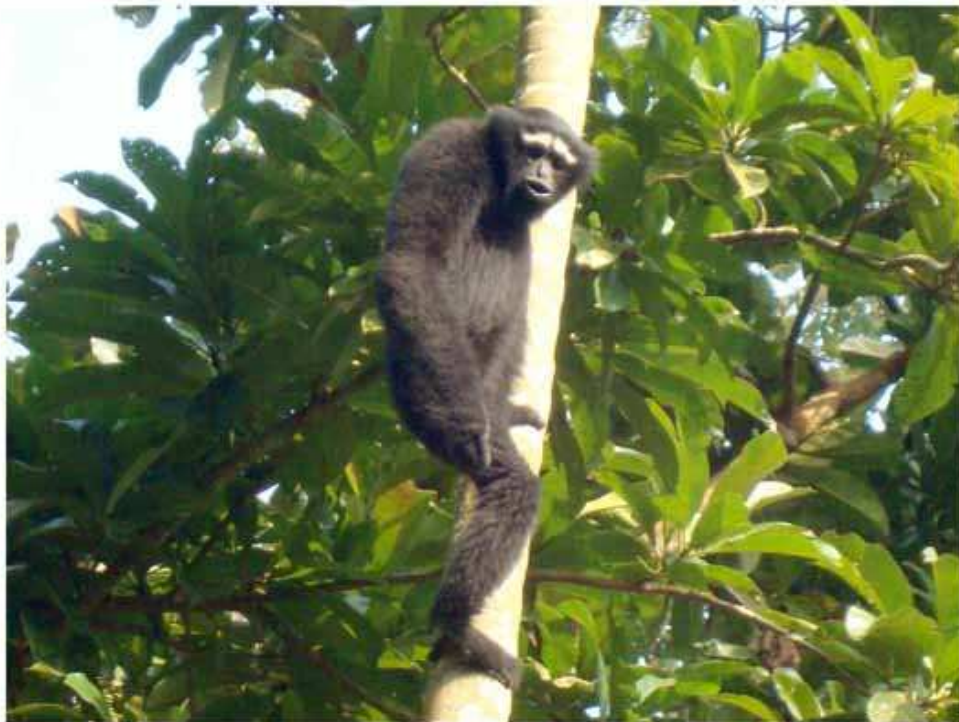
Best Time: November to April.

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# Barekuri Village

This Assamese village, situated near Dibru Saikhowa National Park, is famous for Hollock Gibbons, an endangered ape species found in India. It has been protected and cared for, ever since one can remember, by the villagers because of their age old religious beliefs. Every day the villagers feed them to ensure that these primates always stay in and around the village and so they never cut their tall trees, as gibbons live on them. They also believe that it is a bad omen if a gibbon is seen walking on the ground.



Distance from Mancotta Chang Bungalow: 55 kms

Driving time: 1 hrs 30 min

Best Time: November to April

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## Barekuri Village



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## TEMPLES OF DIBRUGARH



Jagannath Temple



Radha Krishna Mandir

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# Jagannath Temple –

It is located about 7 km from Dibrugarh town. This replica of Lord Jagannath Temple of Puri was constructed in 2014 near Khanikar TE . Most of the workers were from Odisha and hence devotees of Lord Jagannath. The Governor of Assam took keen interest to construct this temple and collected funds from many sources to inaugurate the temple .

Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 2 kms

Driving time: 10 minutes

Best Time: Throughout the year.

# Radha Krishna Mandir –

Radha Krishna Mandir - This temple is situated in a sprawling campus near the Assam Medical College, with individual temples dedicated to Radha-Krishna, Hanuman & Rani Sati. The main temple has two life size idols of Lord Krishna and Goddess Radha. It also houses an auditorium in which many discourses & religious functions are held. A Shiva temple was subsequently added to the complex after a visage of Lord Shiva appeared on the bark of one of the trees within the temple complex. Thankfully the picture has been documented to prove that it was a true occurrence. The temple is considered to be an architectural marvel and is entirely made of marble stone. The serenity and divinity of the temple and its campus attracts tourists in large numbers- even from other religious beliefs.

Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 11 kms

Driving time: 25 minutes

Best Time: Throughout the year

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## Orchid Conservation Centre



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# Orchid Conservation Centre

Located at Talap, near Daisajan TE, has a total of about 420 species of orchids- most of them are native and a few from America, Thailand, Burma and Moreh. Blooming time for common Species – March to April. Rare Species flower between October to December.



## Time & Distance

From Mancotta Heritage Chang Bungalow  
Dibrugarh – 90 kms / 2 hrs

From Wathai Heritage Bungalow  
Tinsukia – 45 kms / 1 hrs

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## Maguri-Motapung Beel



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# Maguri-Motapung Beel

It is a wetland complex which is a part of Dibru Saikhowa, but is located just outside the National Park and Biosphere Reserve. Maguri-Motapung Beel is located on the southern bank of the Dibru River. The 'Beel' (local name for a lake with marshy areas along its edges) is connected to the Dibru River through channels which makes it very rich in aquatic life, waterfowl and grassland birds.



## Time & Distance

From Mancotta Heritage Chang Bungalow  
Dibrugarh - 90 kms / 2 hrs

From Wathai Heritage Bungalow  
Tinsukia - 5 kms / 10 min

Best Time: November to April.

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## Madhupur Village



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# Madhupur Village

Located 28 kms south of Dibrugarh, Madhupur is a small Deori village located near the river Brahmaputra. Deoris build their houses on stilts made of bamboo and logs. They wear hand-woven traditional clothes, which their women folk excel at making. At Madhupur, one can find a variety of fishing traps, baskets as well as a country boat in every house. Boli puja (Bohag Bihu) is celebrated by the villagers in the month of April with great enthusiasm.



Distance from the Chang Bungalow: 40 kms

Driving time: 1 hour

Best Time: Throughout the year.

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## Village Visits



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# Village Visits

**Khampti Ghat Village** : Khampti Ghat is a small Assamese village with 26 houses and approx. 200 people by the river Buridihing, about 12 kms away from Mancotta Chang Bungalow. Here, one sees the rural way of living of the Assamese as well as typical Assamese houses made of split bamboo and mud. Almost every house has a fishery, granary, vegetable garden, cattle shed and a loom.

**Tengapania Village** : A 10 minutes walk from Khampti Ghat takes you to Tengapania-a Deori village. Deoris are considered to be from the priest clan. They construct their houses on stilts of both wood and concrete. The people wear their traditional dress, depend on agriculture and also rear animals. They have good vegetable gardens.



**Jokai Borbam Village** : Situated very close to the Jokai Reserve forest, is a beautiful Assamese village known as Jokai Borbam Village. This village reflects authentically the life of the Assamese. It is a big village which consists of approximately 40 houses and 500 people. The majority of the houses are made of bamboo. A Namghar (an Assamese prayer hall) is located in the centre of the village.

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## Golf



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# Golf

Polish your golfing skills in some of the best golf courses of Northeast India strewn all over Upper Assam, which are held in high admiration by golfers from all over the world. Enjoy the wonderful surroundings and panoramic landscape interspersed with gently sloping and flat greens. Most of these courses are very old dating back to the Raj Period. You can opt to play on the golf courses of the tea clubs in Doomdooma, Digboi, Duliajan, Chalkhowa, Panitola etc.



Location- Upper Assam

Driving time : Approx 30mins- 2 hrs

Price : On request

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## Haaj-Paar (Weaving Centre)



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# Haaj-Paar (Weaving Centre)

Haaj-Paar is located at Chiring Chapori, an urban locality of Dibrugarh. It is a small weaving centre which employs women and is run privately. A visit to this weaving centre will reveal to you how the traditional mekhla chadars are woven in various designs. They also make sarees from both 'muga' and 'paat' silk unique to Assam. The products made in the centre are available for sale.



Location : Dibrugarh

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 08 kms

Time to Visit : Throughout the year.

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## Namphake Village



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# Namphake Village

Namphake is a beautiful 'Tai' village situated on the banks of the river Buridihing in Upper Assam. At Namphake one can see traditional houses built on stilts made of bamboo. Their roofs are made of 'tokou paat' (fan palm leaves). The Tai- Phakes are Buddhists, who have maintained their traditions and customs, and wear hand woven clothes. They weave beautiful mekkelas and bags of various designs. The people are very hospitable. The Buddhist monastery at Namphake is well maintained and is worth a visit.



Location : Naharkatia, Dibrugarh

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 80 kms

Driving time : Approx 02 hrs.

Time to Visit : Throughout the year.



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## Sivasagar



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# Sivasagar

Sivasagar which literally means 'the ocean of Lord Shiva', is strewn with the tell-tale ruins of the powerful Ahom empire. It is a beautiful town located around "Sivasagar" - a man made lake constructed by the Ahom King Rudra Singha in honour of his mother Joymoti. This lake is considered to be the biggest man made lake in the country. The Shiva Temple (104ft) on the banks of this lake is believed to be the highest Shiva temple in india.



Location : Sivasagar

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 80 kms

Driving time : Approx 02 hrs.

Time to Visit : Throughout the year.

Preferred Timings : 09.00 AM to 04:00 PM

Admission Fee : INR 10.00 for Indians.

INR 100.00 for foreigners.

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## Digboi



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# Digboi

Digboi, the first oil town of Asia, is believed to have derived its name from a command- "Dig-boy-dig!"- given by the original explorers to their labourers to dig when they found traces of oil in this area. Digboi takes pride in having the second oldest oil refinery in the world which is still partially operational and it also has the distinction of establishing the first oil museum in India. Its 18 hole golf course is an added attraction which lies adjacent to the Upper Dehing Reserve Forest. This golf course is known for its scenic beauty. A visit to the nearby 2nd World War Cemetery and the centenary park offers a unique experience.



Location : Digboi

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 80 kms

Driving time : Approx 02 hrs.

Time to Visit : Tuesday to Sunday.

Museum closed on Monday.

Preferred Timings : 10.00 AM to 04:00 PM

Admission Fee : INR 10.00 for museum visit.

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## Temple of Bells (Tilinga Mandir)



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# Temple of Bells

Located at Bordubi, between Tinsukia and the oil town of Duliajan, the 'Tilinga Mandir', a temple of Lord Shiva, is symbolized by a huge 'Pipal' tree with a Shiva linga at its base. It's branches are adorned with a million bells. This temple has even found mention in the Limca Book of World Records for hosting the largest collection of bells in a single place. Local devotees initially tie red sacred threads around the tree while praying for their wishes to be granted. Later when these wishes are fulfilled, they return to tie a bell as a thanksgiving to Lord Shiva. The temple has been christened as "Tilinga Mandir"- which in Assamese means a temple of bells.



Location : Bordubi, Tinsukia

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 53 kms

Driving time : Approx 01 hrs.

Time to Visit : Throughout the year.



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## **Dibru Saikhowa National Park**



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# Dibru Saikhowa National Park

Dibru Saikhowa National Park is one of the most notable national Parks of the state. It covers an area of about 340 sq.km. The main attractions of this national Park are its feral horses and the white winged wood duck . Apart from this, the other animals which can be seen here are leopards , clouded leopards , elephants , sambars, slow loris, indian wild water buffaloes, capped langurs & gangetic river dolphin. More than 250 varieties of local and migratory birds are also found in this park.



Location : Tinsukia

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 55 kms

Time to Visit : October to March.

Price : On request

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## Horse-Riding



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# Horse-Riding

Dibrugarh, is the ideal destination for those who love horses and horse riding as it brings back the nostalgia of the life the British planters had led. Ride along the banks of the Brahmaputra and on the extensive dust free trails laid in the lush green tea gardens where brightly attired women pluckers plucking the “two and a bud” with their nimble fingers, will make your ride memorable.



Location : Dibrugarh

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 15 kms

Driving Time : Approx 20 mins.

Best Time : November to April.

Price : On request

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## Tea Tour



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# Tea Tour

A Tea tour through a 160 years old heritage tea garden will give you an insight into the different activities that vary from season to season. It will teach you all about tea- its origin, how it is grown, tea tasting and its quality. The estates come alive with teams of colourfully dressed tea pluckers, predominantly ladies, who pluck the delicate buds and leaves. The harvest is taken everyday to the factory where it undergoes a time-tested process of being turned into the finished product-black tea. All stages of the process are carefully controlled to ensure that the product which leaves the factory is only of the highest quality, a quality that has made Assam tea world famous!



Location : Dibrugarh

Time to Visit : March to November

Preferred Timings : 09.00 AM to 11.30 AM

Factory closed on Mondays

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## Bihu Dance



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# Bihu Dance

Bihu is the most popular folk dance of Assam. It has a unique position amongst other Indian dances given its rhythmic exuberance. 'Bihu', is performed by young men and women during the spring season accompanied by songs woven around the theme of love and reflects youthful passion and joy in them. The dance is performed by all- irrespective of caste, creed and religion.



Location : Mancotta Heritage Chang Bungalow,  
Dibrugarh

Timing : 07.00 to 07.30 PM

Price : On request

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## Boat Cruise



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# Boat Cruise

The Brahmaputra is a trans-boundary river and one of the major rivers of Asia. It flows southwest through the Assam Valley. About 1,800 miles long, the river is vitally important and virtually the life line to the people of Assam and is navigable for most of its length.

Enjoy a day long picnic, kayaking and sunbathing on one of its myriads of picturesque islands. Look out for the flocks of migratory and also beautiful local birds as well as the elusive river dolphin.



Location : Dibrugarh

Distance from the Chang Bungalow : 08 kms

Best Time to Visit : October to April.

Price : On request.

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