Assam Despatch 7: Brahmaputra Taster

BRAHMAPUTRA UPSTREAM + DOWNSTREAM | 3 NIGHTS/4 DAYS | GUWAHATI TO GUWAHATI

DAY 1
Meet at Guwahati airport and embark your ship by mid-afternoon close to the great Saraighat Bridge. Enjoy lunch while cruising downstream to the little town of Sualkuchi, where the clatter of looms gives a clue to the town's industry. Post-lunch, walk through the village and visit its silk-weaving workshops and observe the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon and spinning to dyeing and hand-weaving into exquisite mekhela chadars (a two-piece sari, the traditional attire of Assamese women).

DAY 2
This morning you'll cruise upstream and disembark at Pandu docks for a short sightseeing tour of the city of Guwahati. A drive up Nilachal Hill to the Kamakhya temple. This ancient Hindu temple is dedicated to the Mother Goddess and is known for its unique architecture and cultural significance. Join us for a leisurely stroll around the temple's exteriors and soak in the rich history and spirituality that define this sacred place. You'll then reboard and cruise past Kurua on the north bank.

DAY 3
Today you'll cruise upstream past jungle-covered hills and turn into the Mayong River. Here you'll take a country boat for a kilometre or two to the road head from where you'll be driven to Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.

This small park has a dense population of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros and it would be unlucky to not spot some of these armoured beasts on a jeep safari around the park. Return to the ship in the afternoon and cruise to a riverside village, which you can explore on foot. Later, sail downstream to spend the last night close to Kurua.

DAY 4
Cruise down to Pandu port. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Guwahati airport for your departure.

This itinerary, including the cruise and approximate driving durations, is subject to river and weather conditions.