

ITINERARY FOR MEGHALAYA, INDIA

DAY-1

TAKE A FLIGHT OR TRAIN TO GUWAHATI (GO FOR EARLY MORNING FLIGHT PREFERABLY)

Note: Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya has an airport but the fare of flights is expensive. Instead aim for Guwahati Airport which is just 2 hours away. It costs just around Rs. 500/- per person to reach Shillong from Guwahati.

I. Travel from Guwahati to Shillong

Travel Time: 2.5 hours

Distance: 99.6 Km

Options for Modes of Transportation from Guwahati to Shillong

1. Meghalaya State Transport Buses
2. Shared Cab – Rs 500/- per person from Guwahati Airport to Police Bazaar, Shillong
3. Personal Cab- Rs 1500/- (Bargain, they might quote Rs 2,800/-)

II. Reach Shillong- Check in

Suggestion for Stay in Shillong: *Living Roof * Shelter Inn

THINGS TO DO IN SHILLONG ON DAY-1

1.)Go to Police Bazaar & Visit the office of Meghalaya Tourism

(Get your tickets booked for either a day tour for Shillong or Cheerapunjee whichever is available. For More details

including the pictures of day tour itinerary you need to visit my blog eraofdreams.com)

2.) Shop at Police Bazaar & Bada Bazaar

DAY-2

CITY TOUR OF SHILLONG WITH MEGHALAYA TOURISM ON THEIR BUS OR A PERSONAL CAB OR A RENTED SCOOTER

I. Places to see in Shillong

1. Elephant Falls
2. Shillong Peak View Point
3. Uiam Lake
4. Ward's Lake
5. State Museum
6. Cathedral Church
7. Lady Hydary Park

Note: The places which have been underlined are my personal favourite.

DAY-3 CITY TOUR OF CHERRAPUNJEE WITH EITHER MEGHALAYA TOURISM OR PERSONAL CAB- STAY AT CHERRAPUNJEE

Distance: 53.9 Km

Duration: 1 hour 35 minutes

Places to see in Cherrapunjee

1. Noh-ka-li-kai Water Falls
2. Noh Sngi Thiang Water Falls (Seven Sister Falls)
3. Mav-Smai Caves
4. Eco Park

DAY-4

If you want to see the Double Decker Living Roots Bridge, you need to trek for a good 5 to 6 hours- YOU SHOULD KEEP ONE FULL DAY FOR LIVING ROOTS BRIDGE (Those of you who don't want to trek can see another living roots bridge at Mawlynnog Village)

OR

DAY-4 TAKE A CAB FROM CHERRAPUNJEE TO MAWLYNNOG VILLAGE (Stay at Mawlynnog or Stay at Dawki)

Mawlynnog Village is said to be cleanest village of Asia. You can either just visit the place and stay at Dawki, if you want to do camping otherwise you can do vice versa i.e. stay at the Mawlynnog Village and visit Dawki during the day.

Places to see in Mawlynnog Village

- 1.) Riwai Living Root Bridge
- 2.) Canyon Rngain Valley View Point

Places to see in Dawki

- 1.) Dawki-Bangladesh Border
- 2.) **Umngot (The Transparent River) : Best time if you want to see the crystal clear river is from October to February after that the water gets muddy!**

Note: The places in bold are my favourite.

TIP: Those you want to stay at Dawki should directly go to Dawki from Cherrapunjee. In the Village of Shnongpdeng, Dawki there are camps

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available for stay. If you love camping stay and enjoy the camp for half day and a full night. In the morning, take a cab which you should book in advance from the city of Dawki itself because ones you are in the village of Shnongpdeng for camping. You won't find a cab.

On your way back from Dawki, you can visit the Village of Mawlynnog either stay there or head back to Shillong.

DAY-5

1. Those who want to do camping at Dawki. They can visit Mawlynnog on this day. The village of Mawlynnog is very close to Dawki. It's up to you that you want to stay in Mawlynnog or go back to Shillong.
2. Those who stay at Mawlynnog, they can either stay for one more day or go back to Shillong.

I explored Meghalaya for almost 10 days and after travelling errands. I think this is the itinerary that can be followed for saving time and money so that you can visit all the places but without wasting money on transportation again and again.

Do visit the Meghalaya Blog on eraofdreams.com . I have shared all the tricks from the number of the cab drivers to the shop which gives discount on souvenirs. From the best place to have momos to the best cafes in the city of Shillong. Also, the addresses of all relevant places have been shared.

And, yes, if you visit Meghalaya do share your pictures on Instagram/Facebook and tag us #EraOfDreams @Eraofdreams

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Nikita Naiyya, Peace