Shillong & Cherrapunji

Living root bridges, waterfalls, crystal rivers and the cleanest village in Asia.





Dates	Fri, 11 Dec 2026 to Mon, 14 Dec 2026 (4 days)
Travellers	2
Interests	All
Stay	Budget Hotel in Shillong
Arrive via	Guwahati (rail / air)
Best season	Oct-May (ideal trip: 4 days)
Estimated cost	Rs. 21,190 (Rs. 10,595 per person)

Why visit Shillong & Cherrapunji?

Meghalaya's 'abode of clouds' has the wettest places on Earth, double-decker living root bridges, hundred-metre waterfalls and the glass-clear Umngot river at Dawki.

Day-by-day plan

Day 1 | Fri, 11 Dec 2026 | Elephant Falls & Shillong Peak

7:00 AM	Drive Guwahati to Shillong (100 km, ~4 h)
7:15 AM	ON THE WAY **Stop at Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati** One of the most important Shakti Peethas, on Nilachal Hill. Tip: Long queues; VIP passes available
11:45 AM	ON THE WAY **Stop at Umiam Lake** Reservoir lake on the Guwahati-Shillong road.
1:15 PM	Reach Shillong and check in
2:15 PM	MUST SEE **Elephant Falls & Shillong Peak** Three-tiered falls and the highest point near Shillong.
Night	Night: Shillong

Day 2 | Sat, 12 Dec 2026 | Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Nongriat

7:00 AM	Drive to Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Nongriat (70 km, ~2 h)
9:15 AM	MUST SEE **Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Nongriat** Two-tier bridge grown from rubber-tree roots by the Khasi people; 3,500 steps down from Tyrna. Tip: Start early; carry water
Night	Night: Cherrapunji

Day 3 | Sun, 13 Dec 2026 | Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Nongriat

5:30 AM	MUST SEE **Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Nongriat - morning visit** Two-tier bridge grown from rubber-tree roots by the Khasi people; 3,500 steps down from Tyrna. Tip: Start early; carry water
8:30 AM	Return to Shillong
Night	Night: Shillong

Day 4 | Mon, 14 Dec 2026 | Departure

7:00 AM	Check out and transfer to Guwahati (100 km) for your journey home
Night	Departure - end of trip

Budget estimate

Item	Amount
Stay - Budget Hotel, 3 nights, 1 room	Rs. 6,600
Food - 2 people x 4 days	Rs. 6,400
Local cab - about 360 km incl. transfers and day trips	Rs. 6,480
Entry fees, safaris and tickets (approx.)	Rs. 140
Miscellaneous / buffer (8%)	Rs. 1,570
Total (estimated)	**Rs. 21,190**

Places on your trip - and why to visit them



ON THE WAY **Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati**
8 km from the gateway · time needed: 2 h · entry: free
Why visit: One of the most important Shakti Peethas, on Nilachal Hill.
Tips: Long queues; VIP passes available



ON THE WAY **Umiam Lake**
85 km from the gateway · time needed: 1 h · entry: free
Why visit: Reservoir lake on the Guwahati-Shillong road.

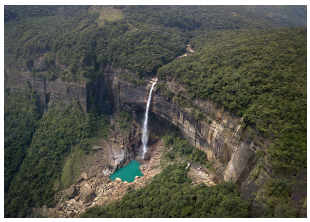


MUST SEE **Elephant Falls & Shillong Peak**
10 km from Shillong · time needed: 2 h · entry: Rs. 20
Why visit: Three-tiered falls and the highest point near Shillong.



MUST SEE **Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Nongriat**
70 km from Shillong · time needed: 6 h · entry: Rs. 50 · overnight at Cherrapunji
Why visit: Two-tier bridge grown from rubber-tree roots by the Khasi people; 3,500 steps down from Tyrna.
Tips: Start early; carry water; Stay the night in Nongriat for a gentler trip

If you have more time



MUST SEE **Nohkalikai Falls**
55 km from Shillong · time needed: 1 h · entry: Rs. 20
Why visit: India's tallest plunge waterfall (340 m).



MUST SEE **Dawki & Umngot River**
85 km from Shillong · time needed: 4 h · entry: free
Why visit: Boat on water so clear the boats seem to float; Shnongpdeng for snorkelling.
Tips: Winter for clearest water

Travel tips

- Carry a government photo ID - hotels, monuments, permits and many temples ask for it.
- Book safaris, special darshan / aarti passes, permits and toy-train seats online in advance.
- Temples often have dress codes and do not allow leather, phones or cameras inside.
- Mountain roads can close after rain or snow - keep a buffer day and check road status locally.
- Keep this itinerary offline; network is patchy in hills and forests.