



India

Brahmaputra Whitewater Rafting



# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



## Itinerary

## India • Brahmaputra Whitewater Rafting

**13 Days • 12 Nights**

Delhi – Dibrugarh – Boghiwheel Ghat – Siang River – Purang – Pango – Cherring – Yikeong/Alubadi- Gekko Twins – Rotung – Pasighat - Delhi

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 🌿 Experience a huge variety of levels of rapids
- 🌿 Monster class IV and Ningpguing rapid and the renowned Class 6 'tooth fairy' rapid at Cherring.
- 🌿 Visit beautiful Jungle Gorges
- 🌿 Fantastic camping every night

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Rafting Adventure
Tour Start	Delhi
Tour End	Delhi
Accommodation	Camping
Included Meals	12 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches, 11 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Difficult

A brilliant adventure for anyone that loves rafting; not to be missed. A huge variety of different classes of rapids nestled in beautiful surroundings and the opportunity to raft in one of the most fantastic self contained, inaccessible regions the world has to offer. Added bonus of camping in exceptional locations every night.

# Overview

An exciting journey down one of the world's greatest rivers, only for the true adventurer. The river, after flowing gently eastwards through Tibet, cuts the Greater Himalayas and the highest unclimbed mountain in the world, Namche Barwa before it enters Arunachal Pradesh, where the expedition begins, a few miles inside the line-of-control with China. The expedition takes you through remote hillsides dotted with tribal settlements in clearings surrounded by leech-infested rainforest. It boasts the finest big volume white water in an area, which is surely one of the most inaccessible in the world. A self-contained run from Tuting to Pasighat (180 kms approx.) through one of the most inaccessible regions in the world makes this one of the most unbelievable expeditions offered. Between 2002-11, Aquaterra – the operator on this river ran 10 very successful expeditions on the Upper Brahmaputra, and several people bear testimony to their operational expertise in one of the toughest logistical operations in the Indian Himalayas.

## Itinerary

### DAY 1: DELHI-DIBRUGARH

Arrive Delhi and transfer to domestic airport. Arrive Dibrugarh late afternoon by air. Transfer to hotel.

*Overnight Dibrugarh hotel.*

### DAY 2: BOGHIWHEEL GHAT (B,L,D)

Transfer to Boghiwheel Ghat (45 mins) and ferry across the river to cross onto the northern bank. Drive 3 hrs to Pasighat by road.

*Overnight Pasighat.*

### DAY 3-4: SIANG RIVER – PURANG (B,L,D)



Drive 2 long days along a Siang river, through Adi villages, settlements and lush tropical rainforest. Reach our campsite at Purang by teatime. Check into tents, relax.



## DAY 5: PURANG (B,L,D)

Relaxed day to sort out gear - walk around and interface with local tribals at the nearby village, time permitting. This afternoon we will get the rafts ready and will have a comprehensive safety briefing followed by instruction on paddling commands and rescue procedures.

*Overnight at Camp.*

## DAY 6: PANGO (B,L,D)

Raft to Pango (5 hrs). Camp. This morning, we encounter the big monster Class IV+ Ningging rapid and another Class 4 rapid, Pulsating Palsi to reach Pango, where we set up Camp for the night.

*Campfire dinner and overnight Camp.*

## DAY 7: PANGO-CHERRING (B,L,D)

Raft Pango - Cherring. Camp. Today, we scout and raft down the Pango rapid and enter the Ningging and Marmong gorges, one of the most beautiful and remote jungle gorges in the world. It has steep impenetrable forests rising into oblivion on each side past the big rapid at Rikor and Zebra Rock rapid to set up Camp above a Class 6 rapid "Tooth fairy" at Cherring.

*Overnight Camp.*



## DAY 8: CHERRING – YIKEONG/ALUBADI (B,L,D)



Raft Cherring - Yinkeong / Alubadi. Camp. After a portage around the Class six rapid, we raft out of the Marmong gorge negotiating several Class 3+ rapids followed by a float till Yinkeong / Alubadi where we make Camp for the night.



## DAY 9: GEKU TWINS (B,L,D)

Rest day at Geku Twins.

*Overnight Camp.*

## DAY 10: GEKU TWINS (B,L,D)

Raft to Geku Twins Camp. We begin with a big rapid below Alubadi beach, called 'Moing Madness' followed by milder ones all the way till the suspension bridge at Nubo. We raft down "Karko" and make it to a beautiful site near Geku.

*Overnight Camp*

## DAY 11: GEKU – ROTUNG VILLAGE (B,L,D)

Raft Geku Twins till below Sangam. After Geku, we begin a long float till the 65 Bridge at Ditte Dime. An easy day with long float sections. We pass several Adi tribal settlements on the way and float past the confluence of the Siang river with the Siyom river after the suspension bridge at Boling.

We pass the flood-rutted guesthouse of Yembung and float onto camp near Rotung village, in time for hot lunch. Transfer all gear onto our travel bags from the dry bags, and a chance to wash up near a fresh water spring.

## DAY 12: ROTUNG – PASIGHAT (B,L,D)

Raft Rotung- Pasighat. We begin the final run to the plains at Pasighat by negotiating the last biggie on the trip at Ponging. The Siang seems to gather a lot more volume as we float into Pasighat where we beach our rafts for the last time on this trip. Transfer to rest house at Pasighat.

## DAY 13: FLIGHT HOME (B)

Drive to Boghiwheel Ghat and take a ferry boat across to Dibrugarh. Transfer to airport for flight to New Delhi. Trip ends.



# Important Information

## INCLUDED

- 🌍 Flights Delhi-Dibrugarh-Delhi
- 🌍 All hotels and breakfasts except in Delhi according to above plan
- 🌍 Restricted area permit and fee
- 🌍 Tented and rest house/hotel accommodation on twin share and all meals while on the trip
- 🌍 Lead safety boater
- 🌍 Professional guide fee and camp staff
- 🌍 All transfers by jeep / coach
- 🌍 Guide
- 🌍 Wetsuits
- 🌍 All sightseeing

## NOT INCLUDED

- Delhi hotels and airport transfers
- Expenses of a personal nature such as alcohol etc
- insurance
- any hike in air fare/fuel cost/taxi rates
- end of trip tips and gratuities
- any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather, landslides, flight cancellations, road conditions and any other circumstances beyond our control.

# Additional Information

## ACTIVITY DURATION

5-7 hours per day

## SEASON

This expedition is open between January and December

## BEST TIME TO GO

October – April

## GROUP SIZE

2-8 pax

## EXPEDITION SCHEDULE

Fixed Group departures on dates to suit you – Previously November has been a favourable time for this adventure.

## DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Difficult' level (5-7 hours of activities per day). This means that you will need more than a basic level of fitness and some specific training may be required.

