



ere is the list of best places in Nagaland that every tourist must visit:

Dimapur:



Reckoned to be the entry point of the state, Dimapur officially welcomes you to Nagaland. It is a well connected town that boasts excellent road conditions and scenic landscape. The town offers ample of opportunities to nature and history lovers. The 13th century Kachari Ruins is amongst the most attractive places in Dimapur, while the ruins here are the evidence of Ahom invasion. For nature aficianados Dimapur [1] opens a wide door and takes them on an unforgettable journey. Nichuguard Village, Kuki Dolong Village, Chumukedima, Sethekima Village and Medziphema are some of the places that are known for their spectacular landscape beauty. Quiet and far away from the hustle and bustle of the city lives, these destinations in and around Dimapur [2] are ideal for tourists. Diphuphar is one of the best places in Nagaland to witness the culture of various tribes like Angami, Lotha,

Chakehsang, Sumi, Sangtam, Ao, Rengma Pouchury and Zeliang. Ruzaphema is a one stop shop in Dimapur for shopping; located about 5 kms from Kohima, this place is famed for exhibiting some of the finest artefacts of Nagaland.

Dimapur is a colourful land that reflects authentic Nagaland. It is infact the only place in the state with an airport. Apart from above mentioned attractions, Dimapur houses Zoological Park, Ao Baptist Church, Diezephe Craft Village, Nagaland Science Centre, Green Park, Rangapahar Forest Reserve, Intaki Wildlife Sanctuary and Shiv Mandir.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Kachari Ruins*
- *Diezephe Craft Village*
- *Rangapahar Reserve Forest / Zoological Park*
- *Chumukedima Village*
- *Dimapur Ao Baptist Church*
- *Diphupar*
- *Nichuguard*
- *Kuki Dolong Village*
- *Green Park*
- *Nagaland Science Centre*
- *Medziphema*
- *Ruzaphema*

How to Reach:

By Road: There are two National Highways that cross through Dimapur. NH 39 connects Kohima, Imphal and Dimapur to the rest of the country, NH 36 connects Assam (Nagaon) with Dimapur. Regular state transport buses play on a daily basis on these National Highways and tourists can avail them to reach Kohima.

By Train: There are direct trains from Guwahati, Kolkata, New Delhi and the other metropolitan cities to Dimapur.

By Air: Tourists can avail daily flights to Guwahati, Kolkata and Delhi from Dimapur Airport.

Also Read

Ultimate Travel Guide to Nagaland [3]

Kohima:



The capital city of Nagaland [4], Kohima is undoubtedly the most charming place to visit in Nagaland. Despite being a commercial hub, Kohima hasn't lost its natural charms and remains one of the most charismatic destinations to see in the state. The blend of the ancient and the modern has painted this town in an interesting colour and Kohima has become an indelible landmark for the state. The town offers plenty of scenic views; it also reminds one of the scenarios back in the time of Second World War. Kohima offers an insight into the life of the Angami tribe who predominate this region. A perfect mélange of culture and history, Kohima is indeed a place to be. The Japfu Peak (3048m) and the Pulebadze Peak have always

been the major attractions for tourists [5]. On the other side, Tseminyu remains the interest of history lovers who can see delight ancient ruins, abandoned villages, broken pottery and graveyards here. Kohima War Cemetery, Naga Bazaar, Kohima Zoo, Kohima State Museum and Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow are other places of interest for the tourists.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Dzukou Valley*
- *Japfu Peak*
- *Pulebadze Peak*
- *Kohima War Cemetery*
- *Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow*
- *Kohima State Museum*
- *Kohima Zoo*
- *Naga Bazar*
- *Dzüleke*
- *Tseminyu*

How to Reach:

By Road: Kohima is connected to all major places in the North East including Guwahati, Imphal, Shillong and Dimapur. NH 39 is the main route to this place that connects it with Dimapur. NH 37 links Kohima to Guwahati.

By Train: Dimapur is the nearest railhead and is about 75 kilometers from Kohima. Daily trains for Guwahati, Kolkata, New Delhi and other major cities in the country are available from here.

By Air: Dimapur Airport is the only airport in Nagaland and is located about 68 kilometers from Kohima. There are daily flights available for Kolkata and Guwahati from where tourists can board flights to other parts of the country.

Also Read

Popular Hill Stations of Nagaland to Explore [6]

Mokukchung:



Reckoned to be the most beautiful and a lively district in Nagaland, Mokukchung is the home of the Ao tribe. Known for its hospitality, rich traditions and festivals, Mokukchung is gradually becoming a hotspot for tourism in Nagaland [7]. It is often said that one of its destinations named Longkhum is a paradise for nature enthusiasts. Its hillocks are adorned with Rhododendron and its pristine environment is worth falling in love with. Longkhum is also known for its ethnic handloom and handicraft and a sect called Limapur that practice animist religion. Ungma is yet another destination of interest in Mokukchung [8] district that is believed to be the first place founded by Ao tribe when they entered Nagaland from Chungliymti. Ungma is considered to be a living museum of the Ao tribe. You may also be interested in visiting Chuchuyimlang, which is a tourist village and is often referred to as festival village. This village is known for the celebration of festivals of Ao Nagas like Moatsu

festival (celebrated in the month of May). Other than these places, visitors would also like to check out Mokukchung District Museum, Changtongya and Mokukchung Park.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Changtongya*
- *Mokokchung Park*
- *Mokokchung Village*
- *Longkhum*
- *Ungma*
- *Chuchuyimlang*

How to Reach:

By Road: Mokokchung is well connected by road. National Highway 61 runs from Kohima to Amguri via Wokha, Mokokchung, Changtongya and Tuli. Nagaland State Transport buses run regularly from Mokokchung to Kohima, which is at a distance of 162 kilometres. Shared taxis are also available on this route.

By Train: The nearest railway station to Mokokchung is Mariani (85kms) in Assam. Many trains operate from Mariani to Dibrugarh. One can avail buses and taxis from the Mariani railway station to Mokokchung.

By Air: The nearest airports to Mokokchung are in Dimapur (located at a distance of 212 kilometers) and Jorhat (located at a distance of 105 kilometres). There are daily flights from Guwahati or Kolkata.

Also Read

Explore the Wildlife in Nagaland [9]

Mon



The land of Konyak Nagas [10], Mon is an interesting land to visit in Nagaland. Famed for warriors with tattoos on face, head hunting prowess and blackened teeth people, Mon is a fascinating place to be in Nagaland. The Konyaks call themselves the descendants of Noah and practice agriculture; it is believed that have the finest harvest in the state. Around Mon, a traveller can have a number of interesting encounters, for instance if you happen to be in Longwa (the biggest village in Mon district), which shares border of Myanmar, you can actually have the opportunity to have half of your body in India and other half in Myanmar. The chief's house, where the chief resides with his 60 wives, is also a major attraction in Longwa. The large number of trophies made of animals' skull in the residence is some unforgettable sight. Shangnyu Village and its famed wooden carving, Veda Peak and Chui Village are some of the other attractions in Mon [11]. If you visit Mon in the month of April, you have a good opportunity to witness the lively harvest festival of Konyak Nagas called Aoleong Monyu Festival. It is a weeklong festival that is celebrated with offering sacrifice and hosting large feasts.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Longwa Village*

- *Veda Peak*
- *Chui Village (Basti)*
- *Shangnyu Village*

How to Reach:

By Road: Mon can be reached via Sonari by bus. Sonari is at a distance of about 65kms from Mon. Buses also ply from Simulguri but there are no direct services from Simulguri to Mon. One has to first reach Naginimora and then board another bus from here to Mon.

By Train: Lakwa railway station enroute to Sivasagar in Assam is one of the nearest railways stations to Mon. The other important rail head is Guwahati from where one has to take the road for the remaining journey. One can also reach Dimapur by train and then continue by road to reach Mon.

By Air: The nearest airports to Mon are Jorhat (157 kilometers), Dimapur (296 kilometers) and Guwahati (479 kilometers). From all three places one can get conveyance in the form of state transport buses and tourist taxis.

Also Read

Popular Harvest Festivals of Nagas ^[12]

Wokha:



Wokha is nature's spectacular gift to Nagaland. Dotted with colourful orchards, carpeted with multi-hued flowers and fringed by hills and river, Wokha is a nature lovers' paradise. About 4 hours drive from Kohima, this district is the perfect place to bask and see the glory of nature. A tourist village above Riphym is a major attraction in Wokha ^[13] district, this place is known to offer splendid views of a dam on Donyan River. The tourist lodge at Riphym also makes a great place to visit as it renders uncluttered view from the window of its each room. Wokha is the land of Lotha tribe and one has wonderful opportunity here to interact with the tribal people and see their traditional art and craft. Apart from this, Mount Tiyi, Liphanyan Governor's Camp, Water Pool, Totsu Cliff, Tehurang Valley, Baghty Valley and Vankhosung town are the places that may interest travellers in Wokha. The Lothas celebrate a post-harvest festival called Tokhu Emong Festival in the month of November. It is believed, this 9 days festival is the best period to visit Wokha ^[14].

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Doyang Hydro Project*
- *Liphanyan Governor's camp*
- *Mount Tiyi*
- *Doyang River*
- *Water Pool*
- *Totsu Cliff*
- *Vankhosung*

How to Reach:

By Road: The town is connected with NH-39 that leads to Dimapur. Another way to reach

here is to first travel to Kohima, which is 75 kilometres from this place and then take a taxi to Wokha. Nagaland State Transport buses and shuttle services are also easily available from Kohima and Dimapur.

By Train: The nearest railway station for Wokha is Dimapur Railway Station. It is located at a distance of 130 kms and connected by trains to New Delhi, Guwahati, Kolkata and other important places in the country.

By Air: Wokha has no airport; the nearest airport is at Dimapur, which is situated at a distance of 162kms. One can avail daily flights from Kolkata and Guwahati to this airport.

Also Read

Nagaland's Popular Pilgrimage Sites to Visit ^[15]

Dzukou Valley:



Blessed with absolutely mesmerizing beauty, Dzukou Valley (2438m) is situated at a distance of about 30kms from the state capital, Kohima. Gorgeous Dzukou valley ^[16] is a trekker's delight and is reckoned to be the best trekking circuit in the country. Dzukou Valley is to Nagaland is what Valley of Flowers is to Uttarakhand. An unexplored and pristine land replete with a sizeable number of multi-hued flowers, this valley is certainly a must visit place in Nagaland. Offering breathtaking vistas, Dzukou is dotted with many ravines and streams. The best time to visit Dzukou Valley is spring when the entire valley blossoms with flowers and looks heavenly; however, winter is also a good time to be here as at this time of the year one can witness a deserted yet magnificent view of the valley.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Khonoma*
- *Japfu Peak*

How to Reach:

The nearest rail head from Dzukou Valley is Dimapur. From here one has to travel to Kohima by bus/taxi and from there to Viswema Village of Zakhama. The trek for Dzukou Valley ^[17] begins from Viswema Village. It takes atleast 2 days to reach here.

Also Read

Popular Hotels and Resorts in Nagaland for Luxury Stay ^[18]

Tuophema Village:



A tourist village, situated about 41kms away from Kohima, Tuophema is built around ethnic model of tourism. The village offers traditionally styled thatched huts, traditional artefacts, jewellerys, clothing and souvenir museum and authentic Naga delicacies. This place gives an opportunity to soak the colour of Nagas and learn more about the culture of this fascinating land. The Angami Sekrenyi festival celebrated between the 25th and 27th of February each year is a major attraction of this village.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Dzulekie*

- *Ruzaphema*
- *Intangki Wildlife Sanctuary*
- *Khonoma Village*

How to Reach:

Kohima is at a distance of 24kms from Touphema Village. One can book a cab or take shared taxis from Kohima to reach Touphema Village.

Also Read

Magnificent Tourist Attractions in Nagaland [19]

Khonoma Green Village:



Khonoma Green Village is the result of responsible Naga tribes. Situated at a distance of about 20kms from Kohima, Khonoma Green Village is one of its kinds in India. The village is the home of the Angami tribe who have given up hunting and only practice agriculture (jhum or shift agriculture) to make a living. The houses in Khonoma are made using natural means and it is a way of Angami to show concern for the conservation of natural resources. In this green village, baskets are woven and handloom work is carried on along with agriculture. Khonoma is undoubtedly an inspiring place that takes us one step closer to nature and urges us to take initiatives to conserve and protect our natural environment. The energy of this place is something that everyone must experience.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Dzulekie*
- *Ruzaphema*
- *Intangki Wildlife Sanctuary*
- *Khonoma Village*

How to Reach:

Khonoma Village is situated at NH 61; it is 20 kms from Kohima and can be reached by hiring a cab/taxi. Private and State Transport Buses also ply to this place from Kohima at regular interval.

Also Read

Best Outdoor Activities to Indulge in Nagaland [20]

Benreu:



An epitome of untouched beauty, Benreu is a village located in Peren district of Nagaland. This beautiful village tucked on a ridge signifies ethnic tourism in Nagaland. Remaining unexplored, this village is a wonderful gateway to a quiet and peaceful holiday amidst immaculate nature. The simple village life and their day-to-day activities are the major attraction here apart from the breathtaking landscape of the place. Benreu can be considered as a cultural paradise that shows many colours of Naga lifestyle and culture.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Peren*
- *Mt. Pauna Tourist Village*

How to Reach:

The nearest railhead and airport from Benreu are in Dimapur (115kms). One has to first reach Peren from Dimapur by cab/taxi/bus and from there board another bus or hire cab to Benreu Village.

Also Read

Adventure Activities to Try in Nagaland [21]

Meluri:



Snuggled amidst green rolling hills, Meluri is a part of Phek district of Nagaland. This small village is situated halfway on the important route to Mt. Saramati in Kiphire district. Meluri is the land of the Pochury tribe, who are known for their excellent hunting skills. For a traveller in Meluri, the major attraction is the interesting rock formations. Meluri is also known for its two lakes namely, Dzudu and Shilloi. These lakes are believed to have supernatural powers and were avoided by human for a very long time; however, with the passage of time, one of the two lakes (Shilloi Lake) has become a popular tourist place and is used for angling. The Zanibu Peak located around Dzudu Lake is a good place to visit as this place offers a vantage point from where one can get the view of a large part of Nagaland and Mt. Everest.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Phek*
- *Dzudu Lake/ Zanibu Peak*
- *Shilloi Lake*

How to Reach:

The nearest airport of Meluri is Dimapur (98kms). From Dimapur, one has to hire a cab. There are three railheads that are in proximity to Meluri, namely Dimapur (104kms), Rangapahar CRS (104kms) and Dibrugarh Town (225kms). To reach Meluri from these destinations one has to book a cab/taxi.

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Enjoy the Popular Folk Dances Practiced in Nagaland [22]

Kiphire:



Kiphire can be reckoned as an awe-inspiring district in Nagaland. Offering resplendent landscape views to visitors, Kiphire is also an ideal place for adventure enthusiasts as they can indulge in activities like trekking, rafting and canoeing. In Kiphire lies the highest peak of Nagaland called Saramati (3841m), where a trekker can enjoy a 3 day trek that passes through a beautiful Rhododendron forest. Kiphire is dotted with scenic villages like Pungro, Salumi and Mimi. Amongst which, Mimi and Salumi are believed to be virgin lands. These villages house a number of caves and waterfalls that further add to the charm of this already

gorgeous destination. The caves to the east of Pungro town; caves at Mimi Village; waterfall lying between Mimi and Khonga village; the Salt River Mihki; Kisatong Village and Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary are the places of interest in Kiphire.

Also Read

Popular Wildlife Sancturries in Nagaland [23]

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Saramati Peak*
- *Pungro Town*
- *Salomi Village*
- *Mimi Village*
- *Sukhyap or Lover's Paradise*
- *Wawade*
- *Mihki- the river of salt*
- *Fakim Wildlife Santuary*

How to Reach:

By Road: Kiphire is well connected by National Highway 155. The national highway connects Kiphire to Kohima, Meluri, Dimapur, and Mokochung. State transport buses and private taxis are regularly available for Kiphire from all major destinations in Nagaland. The state highway also connects Tuensang to Kiphire and Meluri.

By Train: Dimapur is the only railway station in Nagaland. To reach Kiphire, you need to reach Dimapur first and then take the road to reach Kiphire. From Dimapur to Kiphire, regular buses and private tourist vehicles are available.

By Air: Dimapur airport is the nearest airport for Kiphire. Tourists can take a flight to Dimapur first and then travel by road.

Also Read

Popular Cuisines of Nagaland to Try on Your Nagaland Trip [24]

Peren:

The land of Zeliangrong and Kuki tribes, Peren is yet another great place to visit in Nagaland. Besides its unmatched natural beauty, Peren is the rich cultural bank of Nagaland. The Bereu village and Mt. Pauna village are the major attractions in Peren. For a nature lover, Mt. Pauna offers great opportunity to get a panoramic view of the valley below which is blessed with lush forest cover. The Mt. Pauna Village is a tourism village in Nagaland and showcases the rich tradition and culture of Zeliangrong and Kuki tribes. The accommodation option is in the form of huts that are built in a traditional style under a tree keeping in view the aim of bringing the guests close to nature. The gastronomists have the opportunity to try authentic tribal food like Kennie Nku, which is a local bread made from sticky rice and prepared over a heated stone kiln. Ntangki National Park, Mt. Kisa and the caves at Puiwa Village are other places of interest in Peren.

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Caves at Puiwa Village*

- *Mt. Paona*
- *Ntangki National Park*
- *Mt. Kisa*
- *Benreu*

How to Reach:

The nearest railhead and airport from Peren are in Dimapur (77kms). One can reach Peren from Dimapur by cab/taxi/bus.

Also Read

Popular Tourist Attraction in North Sikkim [25]

Tuensang:



Tuensang is the eastern-most district of Nagaland and is the homeland of the Chang Nagas. Although, Chang is the predominant tribe here, Tuensang is famed as the place where many tribes live together. This co-existence has resulted in a flavoursome blend of culture and tradition in this district. Tuensang is also popular for its handloom, handicrafts, artworks and jewellery. It is infact one of the best places to go souvenir shopping in Nagaland.

Changsangmonko, Chilise, Chunglimiyti and Tsadang Village offer several legends that are quite interesting to hear; these villages also make some of the most interesting places to see in Tuensang [26].

Major Attractions & Sightseeing Places:

- *Changsangmonko & Chilise*
- *The Living Stones of Tuensang*
- *Tsadang*

How to Reach:

By Road: The National Highway 155 connects Tuensang to Dimapur. Cabs and buses are available between the two destinations. You can first reach Dimapur and then proceed towards Tuensang by road. Similarly, after reaching Mariani or Amguri in Assam you can take the road that leads to Tuensang.

By Train: The Amguri Railway Station is the nearest railway head to Tuensang. Mariani railway station is also close by. You can also travel to Dimapur by train and then reach Tuensang by road. Taxis and state buses are available from these stations.

By Air: The nearest airport to Tuensang is Dimapur. From Dimapur, other modes of transportation are available. The other nearby airport to Tuensang is in Jorhat (187 kilometres).

Also Read

Know About the Popular Tribes of India [27]

Longleng:

Longleng is known for its adventurous 32km road that is often taken by thrill-seekers.

Longleng is the home of Phom Nagas, who are considered exceptionally skilled in pottery,

bamboo work and spinning. The market place in Longleng is the major attraction, which till today maintains its old charm. The Phoms are also known for preserving their traditions and culture by the means of their festivals and artefacts and the best time to visit Longleng is during the festive season. The main festival celebrated here is called Monyu, which marks the end of winter season and the beginning of summers. It is a six-day festival that displays the best of Longleng culture. Apart from festivity, a tourist would be interested in spending time amidst the quiet and beautiful landscape of Longleng. The Dikhu River is a prominent tourist attraction, on whose sandy beaches many like to bask and have picnics.

How to Reach:

By Road: National Highway 61 connects Longleng to Changtongya. There are number of buses and private taxis available from Changtongya.

By Train: The nearest railway is at Dimapur. Major trains from Guwahati, Kolkata reach Dimapur. From Dimapur, there are regular Nagaland state transport buses to reach Mokokchung, near Longleng. One has to change one's bus at Mokokchung.

By Air: Dimapur Airport is the only airport in Nagaland, so, if one has to reach Longleng by air, one should board a flight to Dimapur and then take a road trip from there. It takes about 12 hours by road to reach Longleng from Dimapur via Imphal.

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