

GUWAHATI CITY



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This temple of Shiva was built around the 17th century and is situated on an island in the Brahmaputra river. The forest that surrounds the temple is home to a colony of endangered golden langoors.



Inside the Umananda Temple

Navagraha Temple (Map Grid D2) (Chitrasal Hill; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-8pm)

The structure that stands now is a reconstruction of the former that was laid in rubble after an earthquake. It was built by the Ahom king, Rajeshwar Singh in the later phases of the 18th century and is a dedication to the nine planets, more popularly known as 'navagrahas'

Sukreswar Devalaya (Map Grid C2) (6am-12noon, 1pm-8pm)

The Ahom king, Swargadeo Paramatta Singha constructed and later reconstructed this temple in 1744 as a dedication to Lord Vishnu. The temple is renowned for its massive *shivalinga* that enshrines the *garbhagriha*.

Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (Map Grid E4) (GS Road, Dispur)

It was established on the 25th of September 1970 and is probably one of the biggest tea auction centres in the world and plays a trivial part in the state's GDP.

Assam State Zoo and Botanical Garden (Map Grid E3) (Near RG Barua Road; Closed on Friday; Zoo- 8am-5.30pm, Garden 8am-6pm; Entry fee: Adults ₹ 10, Children ₹ 5, Foreigners ₹ 125)

It was established in 1957 as a home to many endangered species of reptiles and mammals. It is the biggest zoo in the North-East, that stretches over an area of 130 hectares. Some of the rare species of orchids and plants are found in the Botanical Garden which is also known as 'Guwahati's Green Retreat'.



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Sankaradev Kalakshetra Museum (Map Grid E4) (Panjabari; ☉: 8am-8pm; ₹ 10, ₹ 5, ₹ 25)

The museum has been constructed in the name of Srimanta Sankaradeva, a famous social reformer who was a tool in the promotion of the socio-cultural heritage of Assam. It has been exhibiting books, sculptures, paintings, costumes and other belongings of the tribal communities of Assam.

Purva Tirupati Sri Balaji Temple (Map Grid C5) (Betkuchi; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-5pm)

Spread over a region of two acres, Purva Tirupati Sri Balaji Temple enshrines an idol that is carved out of a stone weighing more than four tons. It is noted for its architectural similarity to the renowned Tirupati Temple of Andhra Pradesh, the main *prasad* here is the *ladoo*.



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Basistha Ashram (Map Grid E5)

The sage Vashistha made an ashram in the forests of Garbhanga, which now has been a place for worship to his devotees. The ashram also has a Shiva Temple that was built by the Ahom king, Rajeshwar Singha. The serene atmosphere of the temple and the forest attract a lot of picnickers. The other feature that people come to see is the convergence of three streams, Sandhya, Lalita and Kanta.

Deepor Beel (Map Grid A3) (Jalukbari Khanapara bypass)

Habitat to over 200 species of migratory birds, Deepor Beel is situated close to the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. It is a fresh water lake that spreads over an area of more than 400 hectares.

Saraighat Bridge (Map Grid A3)

It was finished in 1962, as India's first road cum rail bridge. It has been positioned at the narrowest part of the Brahmaputra and was named after the battle of Saraighat between the Ahom dynasty and the Mughal army.



Saraighat Bridge

Doul Govinda Mandir (Map Grid C1) (Rajaduar; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-5 pm)

The temple has its foundations on the northern banks of the Brahmaputra and is undoubtedly one of the biggest temples in the world, with over thousand pilgrims visiting a day. The temple is renowned for the idols of Lord Shyamaray and Lord Govinda and the festivals of Dol and Holi.



Doul Govinda Mandir

FEW WORDS FROM INDIAN LEXICON

English to Hindi/ Assamese

Address	: Pata/ Thikone
Answer	: Jawab/ Uttor
Arrival	: Pahunchna/ Pale-gio
Baggage	: Saaman/ Bostu
Directions	: Dishayen/ Dikh
Festival	: Tyohar/ Utsav
Food	: Khana/ Khaiddo
Friend	: Dost/ Bondhu
Fruit	: Phal/ Phol
Gift	: Uphar/ Uphoaar
Hungry	: Bhukha/ Bhuk
Hurry up	: Jaldi Karo/ Jaldi Kora
Water	: Pani/ Paani
Price	: Mulya/ Muiya
Purchase	: Kharina/ Kinaa
Question	: Sawal/ Proсно
Safe	: Surakshit/ Surakshit
Shop	: Dukaan/ Dukaan
Thank You	: Dhanyavad/ Dhanyavad
Toilet	: Jan Suvaidha/ Hausagar
Vegetable	: Sabzi/ Sabzi
Your	: Tumhara/ Tumaar

CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES

English to Assamese

At the Airport	: Airport tot
Where is the exit?	: Kun faale di ulaam?
How far is the hotel?	: Hotel khon kimaan dur?
What is the rent?	: Kimaan bhaara?
Please call taxi	: Taxi maati diyak
Please stop here	: Yaate rokhak
Place worth visiting	: Jabologiya thai
Want city guide map	: City guide map laage
Show me the way	: Muk raasta tu dekhai diyak
Please do booking	: Booking kori diyak
Which is the main shopping centre?	: Yaate main shopping centre kuntu?
I want to send an e-mail	: Moi email pothiyabo khujisu
It is hot/ cold today	: Aaji gorom/ thanda

ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of hotels are available in all price ranges. Contact nearest tourist office or www.incredibleindia.org

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Bihu - (Rangoli Bihu- April, Kongali Bihu-October, Bhogali Bihu-January)

The festival that celebrates the changes in seasons, Bihu is the most celebrated and prime festival in Assam. As the saying goes,

the melodic Bihu dance not only replenishes the mind, body and soul but also the natural surroundings.



Bihu

Assam Matsya Mahotsav (January)

A festival that promotes education amongst youth and fishermen on new fishing techniques, Assam Matsya Mahotsav is held in Guwahati where farmers meet scientists and professors to discuss and work out problems and solutions.

Saraswati Puja (February)

The Goddess of learning and knowledge, Devi Saraswati, is worshipped with devotion especially by the students.

Holi (March)

A festival that brings together all caste, creed, colour and religion, is celebrated with face paints, water and colour where people gather outside the Doul Govinda Temple and Kamakhya Temple for a grand celebration.

Durga Puja (September-October)

This is a festivity of great zeal and thrift, celebrated over a period of 5 days. It glorifies the victory of Devi Durga over the demon king Mahisasur.

Brahmaputra Beach Festival (April)

Having a huge and exciting river like the Brahmaputra has its own set of advantages. The water rapids and the grains of sand create a perfect ambience for adventure sports lovers, with activities that range from wind surfing, hot air ballooning, rafting, canoeing to surfing.

Ambubachi Mela (June)

This festival is celebrated in the time of the monsoon season. It is celebrated during the three day interval which supposedly is the time when the goddess goes through her menstrual phase.



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Debadhani Festival (July- August)

This is celebrated during the three day festival of Debadhani, with offerings made to the goddess of snakes, Devi Manassa. A strange ritual takes place where possessed devotees walk on sharp sword's edge in a trance-like state.

Lakshmi Puja (October)

During Kojagari Purnima, locals visit the Beltola Lakshmi to worship and pay homage to Devi Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth.

Diwali/ Kali Puja (October-November)

It is an evident fact that Diwali is a bright and colourful festivity, with fireworks and crackers that light up the night, but in Guwahati, Narak Chaturdashi is celebrated a day before Diwali. This is an occasion that indicates and celebrates the demise of demon Naraksur at the hands of Lord Krishna.

Assam Tea Festival (November)

This annual festival not only caters to tea lovers but also to people that differ in personal preference. Besides tea-tasting and a tour of the tea gardens, visitors can enjoy jungle safaris and river rafting.

SHOPPER'S PARADISE

Pan Bazaar (Map Grid C2)

Situated on the southern banks of the Brahmaputra River, Pan Bazaar is an active market with shops selling books to tribal artefacts. Now with the construction of modern malls, the brand-conscious consumers can buy their share of happiness as well.

Fancy Bazaar (Map Grid C2)

Previously known as Phansi Bazaar, the Fancy Bazaar of today is a humming commercial space where almost everything you need is available at a fair price.

Paltan Bazaar (Map Grid C2)

The name literally translates to 'military market', because back

in the day Paltan Bazaar was a shopping centre for British army sepoy. It is among the busiest places the Guwahati Railway Station and main bus stand are within the vicinity.

Uzan Bazaar (Map Grid C1)

Uzan Bazaar, previously known as Chowk Bazaar in the British Era is one of the oldest settlements of Guwahati. It derives its name from the azaan, or the muezzin's call for the communal prayer, emanating from the old mosques in the area. Every morning, fishermen come in to the ghats of the Brahmaputra in Ujan Bazaar and sell their catch.

Ulubari (Map Grid C2)

A place for shopping malls and complexes that has in stores both branded and non-branded products to the consumers. It gains its popularity from bakeries and sweet shops that are among the best you could find anywhere.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

India Tourism Guwahati

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LIST OF MUSEUMS

Anthropological Museum (Map Grid A3)

Department of Anthropology,
Guwahati University
☎: +91-361-2570248
Timings: 10am-4pm;
Closed: Sundays, University Holidays

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☎: +91-361-2540651/ 2550245
Timings: 10am-5pm (summer), 10am-4.15pm (winter)
Closed: Monday, Second and Fourth Saturday, Government Holidays
Entry Fees: Adults ₹5, Children ₹2.50

Science Museum (Map Grid E5)

Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Kamrup District
☎: +91-361-2363218
Timings: 10am-5.30pm;
Closed: Holi, Diwali
Entry Fees: Adults/ Children ₹10, Students ₹5

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Ambulance	108
Police	100/ +91-361-2464557
Fire Brigade	101/ +91-361-2540222/ 2550489
Helpline DG's office	+91-361-2521242
Guwahati City Railway Station Enquiry - General/ Reservations	131/ 139
Airport Enquiry	+91-361-2840142
Gauhati Medical College and Hospital	+91-361-2529457
GNRC Hospital	+91-361-2227700/ 2227701
Red Cross Hospital	+91-361-2668323

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Legend

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	Other Road		Hospital		Bus Terminal
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Umananda Temple (Map Grid C1) (Peacock Island; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-5pm; Boat charges: local/ motor-boat/ luxury ₹ 15/ 20/ 30)

This temple of Shiva was built around the 17th century and is situated on an island in the Brahmaputra river. The forest that surrounds the temple is home to a colony of endangered golden langoors.



Inside the Umananda Temple

Navagraha Temple (Map Grid D2) (Chitrasal Hill; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-8pm)

The structure that stands now is a reconstruction of the former that was laid in rubble after an earthquake. It was built by the Ahom king, Rajeshwar Singh in the later phases of the 18th century and is a dedication to the nine planets, more popularly known as '*navagrahas*'

Sukreswar Devalaya (Map Grid C2) (6am-12noon, 1pm-8pm)

The Ahom king, Swargadeo Paramatta Singha constructed and later reconstructed this temple in 1744 as a dedication to Lord Vishnu. The temple is renowned for its massive *shivalinga* that enshrines the *garbhagriha*.

Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (Map Grid E4) (GS Road, Dispur)

It was established on the 25th of September 1970 and is probably one of the biggest tea auction centres in the world and plays a trivial part in the state's GDP.

Assam State Zoo and Botanical Garden (Map Grid E3) (Near RG Barua Road; Closed on Friday; Zoo- 8am-5.30pm, Garden 8am-6pm; Entry fee: Adults ₹ 10, Children ₹ 5, Foreigners ₹ 125)

It was established in 1957 as a home to many endangered species of reptiles and mammals. It is the biggest zoo in the North-East, that stretches over an area of 130 hectares. Some of the rare species of orchids and plants are found in the Botanical Garden which is also known as 'Guwahati's Green Retreat'.



Assam State Zoo and Botanical Garden

Sankaradev Kalakshetra Museum (Map Grid E4) (Panjabari; ☉: 8am-8pm; ₹ 10, ₹ 5, ₹ 25)

The museum has been constructed in the name of Srimanta Sankaradeva, a famous social reformer who was a tool in the promotion of the socio-cultural heritage of Assam. It has been exhibiting books, sculptures, paintings, costumes and other belongings of the tribal communities of Assam.

Purva Tirupati Sri Balaji Temple (Map Grid C5) (Betkuchi; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-5pm)

Spread over a region of two acres, Purva Tirupati Sri Balaji Temple enshrines an idol that is carved out of a stone weighing more than four tons. It is noted for its architectural similarity to the renowned Tirupati Temple of Andhra Pradesh, the main *prasad* here is the *ladoo*.



Purva Tirupati Sri Balaji Temple

Basistha Ashram (Map Grid E5)

The sage Vashistha made an ashram in the forests of Garbhanga, which now has been a place for worship to his devotees. The ashram also has a Shiva Temple that was built by the Ahom king, Rajeshwar Singha. The serene atmosphere of the temple and the forest attract a lot of picnickers. The other feature that people come to see is the convergence of three streams, Sandhya, Lalita and Kanta.

Deepor Beel (Map Grid A3) (Jalukbari Khanapara bypass)

Habitat to over 200 species of migratory birds, Deepor Beel is situated close to the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. It is a fresh water lake that spreads over an area of more than 400 hectares.

Saraighat Bridge (Map Grid A3)

It was finished in 1962, as India's first road cum rail bridge. It has been positioned at the narrowest part of the Brahmaputra and was named after the battle of Saraighat between the Ahom dynasty and the Mughal army.



Saraighat Bridge

Doul Govinda Mandir (Map Grid C1) (Rajaduar; ☉: 6am-12noon, 1pm-5 pm)

The temple has its foundations on the northern banks of the Brahmaputra and is undoubtedly one of the biggest temples in the world, with over thousand pilgrims visiting a day. The temple is renowned for the idols of Lord Shyamaray and Lord Govinda and the festivals of Dol and Holi.



Doul Govinda Mandir

FEW WORDS FROM INDIAN LEXICON

English to Hindi/ Assamese

Address	: Pata/ Thikone
Answer	: Jawab/ Uttor
Arrival	: Pahunchna/ Pale-gio
Baggage	: Saaman/ Bostu
Directions	: Dishayen/ Dikh
Festival	: Tyohar/ Utsav
Food	: Khana/ Khaiddo
Friend	: Dost/ Bondhu
Fruit	: Phal/ Phol
Gift	: Uphar/ Uphoaar
Hungry	: Bhukha/ Bhuk
Hurry up	: Jaldi Karo/ Jaldi Kora
Water	: Pani/ Paani
Price	: Mulya/ Muliya
Purchase	: Kharidna/ Kinna
Question	: Sawal/ Proсно
Safe	: Surakshit/ Surakshit
Shop	: Dukaan/ Dukaan
Thank You	: Dhanyavad/ Dhanyavad
Toilet	: Jan Suvidha/ Hausagar
Vegetable	: Sabzi/ Sabzi
Your	: Tumhara/ Tumaar

CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES

English to Assamese

At the Airport	: Airport tot
Where is the exit?	: Kun faale di ulaam?
How far is the hotel?	: Hotel khon kimaan dur?
What is the rent?	: Kimaan bhaara?
Please call taxi	: Taxi maati diyak
Please stop here	: Yaate rokhak
Place worth visiting	: Jabologiya thai
Want city guide map	: City guide map laage
Show me the way	: Muk raasta tu dekhai diyak
Please do booking	: Booking kori diyak
Which is the main shopping centre?	: Yaate main shopping centre kuntu?
I want to send an e-mail	: Moi email pothiyabo khujisu
It is hot/ cold today	: Aaji gorom/ thanda

ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of hotels are available in all price ranges. Contact nearest tourist office or www.incredibleindia.org

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Bihu - (Rangoli Bihu- April, Kongali Bihu-October, Bhogali Bihu-January)

The festival that celebrates the changes in seasons, Bihu is the most celebrated and prime festival in Assam. As the saying goes,

the melodic Bihu dance not only replenishes the mind, body and soul but also the natural surroundings.



Bihu

Assam Matsya Mahotsav (January)

A festival that promotes education amongst youth and fishermen on new fishing techniques, Assam Matsya Mahotsav is held in Guwahati where farmers meet scientists and professors to discuss and work out problems and solutions.

Saraswati Puja (February)

The Goddess of learning and knowledge, Devi Saraswati, is worshipped with devotion especially by the students.

Holi (March)

A festival that brings together all caste, creed, colour and religion, is celebrated with face paints, water and colour where people gather outside the Doul Govinda Temple and Kamakhya Temple for a grand celebration.

Durga Puja (September-October)

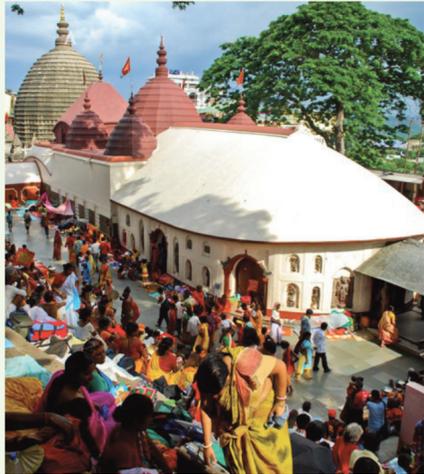
This is a festivity of great zeal and thrift, celebrated over a period of 5 days. It glorifies the victory of Devi Durga over the demon king Mahisasur.

Brahmaputra Beach Festival (April)

Having a huge and exciting river like the Brahmaputra has its own set of advantages. The water rapids and the grains of sand create a perfect ambience for adventure sports lovers, with activities that range from wind surfing, hot air ballooning, rafting, canoeing to surfing.

Ambubachi Mela (June)

This festival is celebrated in the time of the monsoon season. It is celebrated during the three day interval which supposedly is the time when the goddess goes through her menstrual phase.



Ambubachi Mela (June)

Debadhani Festival (July- August)

This is celebrated during the three day festival of Debadhani, with offerings made to the goddess of snakes, Devi Manassa. A strange ritual takes place where possessed devotees walk on sharp sword's edge in a trance-like state.

Lakshmi Puja (October)

During Kojagari Purnima, locals visit the Beltola Lakshmi to worship and pay homage to Devi Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth.

Diwali/ Kali Puja (October-November)

It is an evident fact that Diwali is a bright and colourful festivity, with fireworks and crackers that light up the night, but in Guwahati, Narak Chaturdashi is celebrated a day before Diwali. This is an occasion that indicates and celebrates the demise of demon Naraksur at the hands of Lord Krishna.

Assam Tea Festival (November)

This annual festival not only caters to tea lovers but also to people that differ in personal preference. Besides tea-tasting and a tour of the tea gardens, visitors can enjoy jungle safaris and river rafting.

SHOPPER'S PARADISE

Pan Bazaar (Map Grid C2)

Situated on the southern banks of the Brahmaputra River, Pan Bazaar is an active market with shops selling books to tribal artefacts. Now with the construction of modern malls, the brand-conscious consumers can buy their share of happiness as well.

Fancy Bazaar (Map Grid C2)

Previously known as Phansi Bazaar, the Fancy Bazaar of today is a humming commercial space where almost everything you need is available at a fair price.

Paltan Bazaar (Map Grid C2)

The name literally translates to 'military market', because back

in the day Paltan Bazaar was a shopping centre for British army sepoy. It is among the busiest places the Guwahati Railway Station and main bus stand are within the vicinity.

Uzan Bazaar (Map Grid C1)

Uzan Bazaar, previously known as Chowk Bazaar in the British Era is one of the oldest settlements of Guwahati. It derives its name from the azaan, or the muezzin's call for the communal prayer, emanating from the old mosques in the area. Every morning, fishermen come in to the ghats of the Brahmaputra in Ujan Bazaar and sell their catch.

Ulubari (Map Grid C2)

A place for shopping malls and complexes that has in stores both branded and non-branded products to the consumers. It gains its popularity from bakeries and sweet shops that are among the best you could find anywhere.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

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LIST OF MUSEUMS

Anthropological Museum (Map Grid A3)

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Timings: 10am-4pm;

Closed: Sundays, University Holidays

Assam State Museum (Map Grid C2)

Directorate of Museums

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Timings: 10am-5pm

(summer), 10am-4.15pm (winter)

Closed: Monday, Second and Fourth Saturday,

Government Holidays

Entry Fees: Adults ₹5, Children ₹2.50

Science Museum (Map Grid E5)

Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Kamrup District

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Timings: 10am-5.30pm;

Closed: Holi, Diwali

Entry Fees: Adults/ Children ₹10, Students ₹5

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