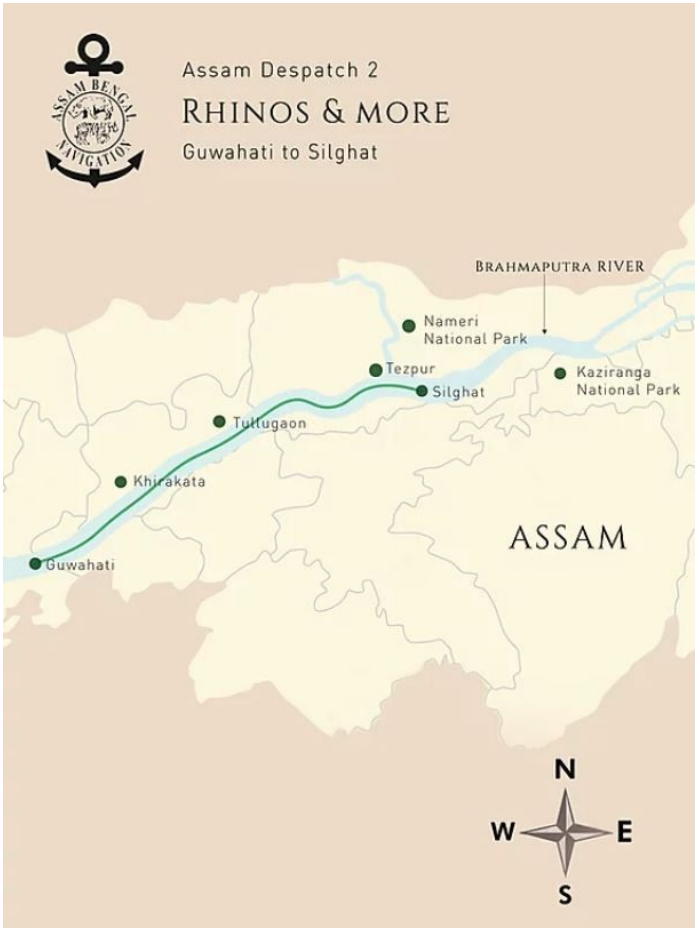


RHINOS & MORE - 8 DAY INDIA RIVER CRUISE

Brahmaputra cruises feature visits and attractions such as wildlife viewing, village walks, visits to tea gardens, exploring country towns in cycle rickshaws, barbecues on deserted river islands, dance performances, and visits to craft workshops. This 7-night cruise starts at Guwahati and terminates at Silghat near Tezpur and Kaziranga.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Guwahati

Meet at Guwahati airport and transfer to our cruise at Pandu port, Enjoy lunch while crusing downstream to Sualkuchi. PM walk through Sualkuchi, a bustling little town that is the centre



of Assamese silk production, to visit weaving workshops. Witness the whole process of silk manufacture, from cocoon and spinning to dyeing and hand-weaving into exquisite mekhela chadars (a two-piece sari, the traditional attire of an Assamese woman). We then sail up to dock close to the great Saraighat bridge

DAY 2 Nilachal Hill

This morning, drive up Nilachal Hill to see the holy Kamakhya temple. With its tantric rites and animal sacrifice, the more squeamish among us may prefer to content themselves with the exteriors. Visit the poignant Commonwealth War Graves cemetery before embarking on your cruise vessel at Uzan Bazaar. We set sail and cruise pass Kurua on the north bank.

DAY 3 River Sailing

Morning cruise and visit to a riverside village with its lush green fields of vegetables. The day is spent mostly cruising upstream and presents an opportunity to catch up on reading, writing about your experiences so far, or simply watching life unfold on the riverbanks and jungle-covered hills that rise on either side. Enjoy an Indian cooking demonstration onboard.

DAY 4 Tezpur

This morning you cruise on to reach Tezpur where, after lunch, you'll visit the 6th century Da Parbatia temple ruins with its beautifully carved portal. Later, explore the town by cycle rickshaw, stopping at Cole Park with its mediaeval stone carvings saved from sites all over the region. Enjoy free time in the local market. The ship will be waiting at the town's waterfront for you to reboard.

DAY 5 Nameri National Park

After an early breakfast, drive for some two hours to the Nameri National Park at the foot of the blue hills of Arunachal Pradesh, the old North East Frontier Agency. Here, we take a float trip of around two hours down the Jia-Bhoreli River through the park. There are excellent bird-watching opportunities here (look out for the great Hornbills) and, perhaps, the chance of sighting wild elephants. After lunch, take a village walk before returning to the ship. Continue upstream, passing below a seemingly endless new bridge across the vast width of the riverbed, to moor at Silghat.

DAY 6 Kaziranga National Park

Today, you drive to Kaziranga's Central Range for a morning jeep safari. Enjoy lunch at Diphlu River Lodge before taking another jeep safari in the little visited Burapahar Range before returning to the boat. Covering an area of approximately 430 sq kms, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kaziranga National Park is home to the world's largest population of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros as well as the Indian Wild Water Buffalo. It has also earned the distinction of having the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers (one every five sq. km.), making this park an incredibly rich biodiversity hotspot. With its marshy swamps and thickets of elephant grass, the park supports large populations of Indian elephants, Indian bison, swamp deer, and Capped Langurs. Kaziranga National Park frequently draws comparisons to the Serengeti in Africa due to the park's abundance of wildlife and birds and is considered a birding paradise. Bird species found here include the Oriental Honey Buzzard, Black-shouldered Kite, White-tailed Eagle, Himalayan Griffon and many more.

DAY 7 Kaziranga National Park



This morning, go on a visit to a local tea garden and the weekly market of Uloni. In the afternoon, drive to Kaziranga's Western range (Bagori Range) for a jeep safari through the lush, biodiverse landscapes of the park.

DAY 8 Transfer to the Airport

This morning you bid farewell to the crew and new friends as you set off for the 4-hour drive to Guwahati airport. Alternatively, we can arrange a 40-minute transfer to Tezpur airport or a 2 ½ hr transfer to Jorhat airport. Kaziranga National Park has low-lying grassland, which may not be accessible when the river is at or near flood level.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

ABN Charaidew II, entered service on the Brahmaputra in January 2019. Built in Kolkata, her length is 44.50 m and breadth is 11.00 m and is powered by 2 engines. Her extra-shallow draught and a lower profile than conventional designs allow her to cruise faster. ABN Charaidew II has 18 cabins in total: 2 spacious deluxe cabins (350 sq. feet) and 12 spacious twin/double cabins (240 sq. feet.) are on the upper deck while 4 cabins with queen size bed (170 sq. feet) are on the main deck for which we charge no supplement. The decor reflects a sense of homecoming to Assam, with touches of colonial elegance, brought to life by traditional Assamese designs on hand-woven cotton fabrics. All standard cabins on ABN Charaidew II have French balconies, while the two deluxe cabins have a private balcony. There is a comfortable saloon and bar, dining room, a big open sundeck, gym, and a small spa onboard which offers a wide range of treatments. ONBOARD FEATURES Spacious cabins with individual climate control En suite shower/WC with Biotique toiletries Generous cupboard space and under-bed storage Hair drier in each cabin Minibar in each cabin In-room electronic safe Tea/coffee making facilities in cabins Intercommunication telephone in cabins High quality bathrobes and slippers in cabins Large sliding glass windows offering panoramic views of the river Vast sundeck both open and shaded, with sofas and sun loungers Spacious air-conditioned saloon Mini library Spa with choice of treatments In-house gym SERVICES Shore excursion program including all admissions Services of in-house guide and naturalist during excursions and onboard Cold towel service after excursions Welcome drink after excursions Shoe-cleaning after excursions Turndown service in all cabins Expertly trained culinary staff Single seating for buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Acclaimed combination of Indian and Western cuisines Wide choice of wines, spirits and beer Complimentary tea, coffee and packaged water throughout Welcome reception Farewell reception Local on-board dance & song performances 24/7 power backup Wi-Fi internet in the saloon, sundeck; dining hall (subject to network availability) during

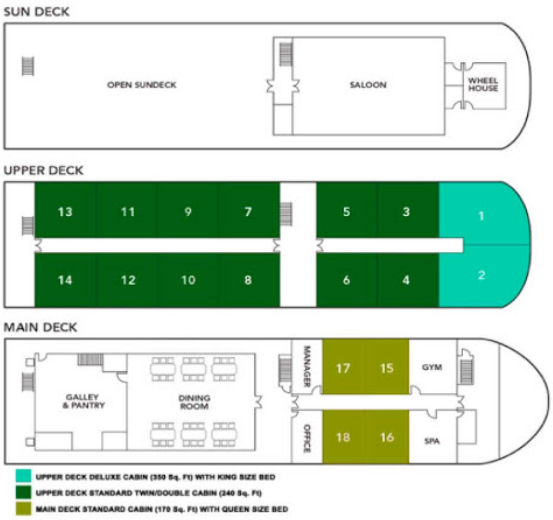


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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

ABN CHARAIDEW II



MAIN DECK CABIN



Main deck cabin for single occupancy



UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE



UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE



Upper deck cabin for solo occupancy





PRICING

21-Nov-2026 to 28-Nov-2026

MAIN DECK CABIN	£2859 GBP pp
Main deck cabin for single occupancy	£2859 GBP pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	£3315 GBP pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	£3615 GBP pp
Upper deck cabin for solo occupancy	£5045 GBP pp

19-Dec-2026 to 26-Dec-2026

UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	£2859 GBP pp
MAIN DECK CABIN	£2129 GBP pp
Main deck cabin for single occupancy	£2129 GBP pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	£2589 GBP pp

13-Feb-2027 to 20-Feb-2027

UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	£3315 GBP pp
MAIN DECK CABIN	£2859 GBP pp
Main deck cabin for single occupancy	£2859 GBP pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	£3615 GBP pp

06-Apr-2027 to 13-Apr-2027

Main deck cabin for single occupancy	£2129 GBP pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	£2589 GBP pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	£2859 GBP pp
MAIN DECK CABIN	£2129 GBP pp

19-Feb-2028 to 26-Feb-2028

Main deck cabin for single occupancy	£3129 GBP pp
MAIN DECK CABIN	£3129 GBP pp
UPPER DECK TWIN/DOUBLE	£3615 GBP pp
UPPER DECK DELUXE DOUBLE	£3935 GBP pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: 5% of cabin price pp