



## Arunachal Pradesh

### *The Subansari River Expedition*

*Fixed Departure December 13-23, 2017*



The “Gold River” is the biggest tributary of the Upper Brahmaputra and descends through verdant rainforests in the tribal state of Arunachal Pradesh. It drains the waters beyond the Great Himalayan Range spanning from Tsona Dozing up to the Great Loop of the Tango in Tibet slicing through the Eastern Himalayas to flow into India at Basophile through the rugged isolated hinterland of Arunachal. It has a run of 170 km in Tibet, 250km in the Eastern Himalayas and 86 km in the plains of Assam before joining the Great Brahmaputra at the mystic confluence of Majuli– the largest inhabited river island in the world. The river has no road artery linking it on either side of the Great Himalayan Range spanning about 150km. Very difficult terrain with vertical rock faces with only very sparse inhabitation in the belt has kept and continues to keep the upper reaches of this challenging river isolated. This beckoning river is challenging and demanding. It has volume, flow and adrenal flowing rapids set in a scenic breathtaking environment astride the Eastern Himalayas with its diverse warm-hearted hill people with their unique traditions and customs spread over millennia with the inevitable change encroaching upon them rapidly.

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## *Itinerary*

### *Day01*

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

### *Day02*

Transfer to Boghi wheel Ghat, cross the Brahmaputra river by ferry boat and drive to Dumporijo. Overnight Dumporijo.

### *Day03*

Drive Dumporijo-Nacho. Overnight Nacho.

### *Day04*

Expeditions begins at Nacho. Raft till So-Nala. Camp below So-Nala.

### *Day05*

Raft So-Nala till Taliha Camp.

### *Day06*

Run from Taliha to below Sippi village. Goodgorge section with the interest alive with Class 3+ rapids. Overnight Camp. CozyNook.

### *Day07*

Today we run plenty of rapids to go past Daporijo through inaccessible wilderness. Camp at Wilderness camp.

### *Day08*

We start with a spectacular gorge section. We raft down till below the confluence of the Subansiri with the Kamla river and the volume increases after the confluence. Camp below the confluence at Sunshine 51 beach. Set up Camp, tents and overnight on the river.

### *Day09*

Paddle 38 Kms to North Lakhimpur bridge. Camp.

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### Day10

Drive to Boghiwheelghat and cross over to Dibrugarh by ferry boat. Transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. Trip ends.

### *Cost*

#### *Price per Person*

*Rs. 1,35,000 INR ( For Rafters )*

*Rs. 1,25,000 INR (For Kayakers)*

*+ 3.5% gov tax*

**Cost includes:** Flight 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, wet suits and all sightseeing.

**Cost excludes :** Delhi hotels and airport transfers, expense of a personal nature like laundry, phone calls, alcohol, cigarettes, insurance; any hike in air fare/fuel costs/taxi rates. Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather, landslides, flight cancellations, road conditions or any other circumstances beyond our control.

#### **Note:**



Kayakers to bring own boat and gear. We can provide kayaks for Rs. 15,000 INR if you do not want to carry your boat out. (Choose from Liquid Logic HOSS, Session Plus, Dagger, Necky & Perception boats)

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### *How to book the above trip:*

- 1 Email Thunder Bow Expeditions of your participation as soon as you decide to sign up
- 2 Read the booking form carefully, complete it and sign the trip booking form and fax it to us at 403-762-2708
- 3 Wire us your trip payments to confirm space for yourself on the trip. We will send details by e-mail
- 4 Apply for an Indian Visa
- 5 Fill out the RAP form on the next page and exclude points 9 to 15
- 6 Send us 5 original passport size photos, the RAP form, your passport and visa page photocopies
- 7 Let us know at the outset if you would like us to arrange airport transfers and hotels or any trip extensions
- 8 Its possible to plan longer trips, should big water experience be desired, to include as starters, a trip to our Ganga base camp to get a better feel of bigger Himalayan water

**NOTE: Submit all formalities to Thunder Bow Expeditions by September 25, 2017**

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**Government of Arunachal Pradesh**  
**Office of the Commissioner Home: Itanagar**  
**(Application for Restricted/Protected Area permit)**

1. Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Fathers name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place and date of birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nationality \_\_\_\_\_
5. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
6. Residential address \_\_\_\_\_
7. Passport details (a) Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Issued by, validity \_\_\_\_\_
8. Details of Indian Visa (a) Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If obtained) (b) Issued by, validity \_\_\_\_\_
9. Proposed Place of visit \_\_\_\_\_
10. Route intended to be followed \_\_\_\_\_
11. Purpose of Visit \_\_\_\_\_
12. Duration of stay \_\_\_\_\_
13. Date of visit \_\_\_\_\_
14. Have you visited any PAP/RAP areas before?  
If yes please give (a) Purpose of visit \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Duration and date of stay \_\_\_\_\_
15. Has any earlier request for permit been refused?  
If so please furnish date of application. \_\_\_\_\_

The information given above is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.  
Place:

Date :

Signature of applicant



## *Booking Form*

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name to be written as it appears in your passport)

(First Name \_\_\_\_\_)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Height (in cm): \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a pre-existing medical condition? Yes / No? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please give details:

### **PARTICIPANT 2**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name to be written as it appears in your passport)

(First Name \_\_\_\_\_)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Height (in cm): \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a pre-existing medical condition? Yes / No? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please give details:

### **TRIPSELECTED**

Trip Name: **The Subansari River Expedition**

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## ***Booking Contract & Agreement***

### **1. How to Book:**

To hold your place on this trip please complete the booking form and send it by e-mail/mail or fax to our office.

### **2. Payment:**

Space on the trip is reserved once full payment is received. Payments are accepted by cash, cheque or wire transfers. The tour price is payable to Thunder Bow expeditions. Details and routing instructions will be sent to you by e-mail. Prices are quoted in US dollars. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance including cancellation insurance upon booking.

### **3. Cancellations**

If it becomes necessary to cancel your tour you must notify Thunder Bow Expeditions immediately in writing. Once we receive your notice cancellation we will take effect. Please note that the following charges will apply upon cancellation.

\_ if cancellation takes place before September 7, 2017 your payment will be refunded; besides the permit charge of Rs.37, 311INR

\_ if cancellation takes place on or after September 7, 2017, 100% of the tour price will be forfeited.

### **4. Health and Fitness Requirements:**

Participants must be in good health and good physical condition. It is vital that participants with medical problems make it know to us well before departure. If you should suffer from severe muscular, chest, heart or bronchial disorders or if you are a severe asthmatic, have high blood pressure you are strongly advised against participating. This expedition takes place in a remote area where there is little to no access to medical services or hospital facilities for serious problems. Where necessary evacuation may be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Medical and evacuation expenses will be the responsibility of the participant.

### **5. Tour Leaders**

Our tour leaders take their responsibilities very seriously and if a tour leader believes in his/her judgment that you should not participate in part of the t

Certain section /rapid of the river he/she may exclude you from that particular section of the trip. If during the trip the tour leader considers you should not participate further he/she may direct you not to continue and you must follow their instruction.

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**6. Delay or Change of Itinerary** While every effort is made to run our expedition according to the itinerary Thunder Bow Expeditions reserves the right to change the trip plan prior to departure in the best interest of the trip. Delays may be possible and may become

necessary due to inclement weather, snow and ice conditions, political restrictions or due to roadblocks, landslides, high river levels etc.

You will not be entitled to make any further claim for any injury, loss of expenses or damage, or for any loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such delays (including but not limited to visa, passport and vaccination charges, or departure, gear purchases, airport and airline taxes or charges).

### **7. Insurance**

Personal travel insurance is not included in the tour price. We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance including cancellation insurance upon booking.

### **8. Package Prices**

Prices are based on ground costs, airfares and exchange rates. Thunder Bow Expeditions tries its utmost not to increase tour prices (in full or in part) however sometimes increases are outside our control.

We reserve the right to amend tour prices without notice at the time before and including the departure date. Amendments may be necessitated for many reasons including but not limited to exchange rate fluctuations, increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges etc. Any increase in tour price must be paid prior to the departure.

### **9. Exclusions from Tour Price**

- Visa, passport and vaccination charges
- Departure, airport and airline taxes
- Meals on train, airports, in Delhi, extra meals not included in the
- Laundry, postage, personal itinerary, alcoholic beverages, clothing, medical expenses, personal travel insurance and items of personal nature
- Emergency evacuation charges  
Tips and excess baggage charges

### **10. Important Note**

Our expeditions are for people who enjoy venturing into natural places, individual must be aware of the travel limitations and restrictions in this part of the world and the flexibility that goes along with it. These trips have a fixed departure where anybody can join and run the river.

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**On behalf of ThunderBow Expeditions**

**On behalf of**

Name:

Name:

Date:

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Signature:

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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY; BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ARE GIVING  
UP THE RIGHT TO SUE***

**To: Kim Hartlin operating as Thunder Bow Expeditions** (herein referred to as Thunder Bow):

Aquaterra Adventures Ltd. (India)  
The Government of India and its States

**IN CONSIDERATION** of Thunder Bow accepting my application for and of my being permitted to attend and take part in rafting or kayaking trips conducted by Thunder Bow and Aquaterra on public lands and rivers in various States of India:

- 1. I agree to grant this release from liability,**
- 2. I agree not to sue and I waive all claims and,**
- 3. I agree to assume all risks of rafting or kayaking trips that I have agreed to participate in, some of which risks are described below.**

1. **I HEREBY WAIVE** any and all claims that I may now and in the future have against Thunder Bow, its owners, servants, agents and contractors (collectively referred to as the staff of Thunder Bow) together with Aquaterra as co-operator of some Thunder Bow trips, as well as the Government of India and its States as owners of the lands and rivers on which Thunder Bow rafting and kayaking trips take place, and I release from liability and agree not to sue those parties for any personal injury, death, property damage or loss, including economic loss sustained by me or by any other person as a result of my participation in any Thunder Bow rafting or kayaking trip due to any cause whatsoever, including, without limitation, negligence on the part of the staff of Thunder Bow.

2. **I AM AWARE** that rafting and kayaking on remote rivers in mountainous terrain are strenuous activities and that these activities have in addition to the usual inherent dangers and risks, certain additional dangers and risks which may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) **The possibility of capsizing, striking rocks or other obstacles** which may cause personal injury, death or property damage. Areas traveled may not have been previously traveled or examined as to potential dangers;
- 2) **Unstable or unpredictable weather conditions** which may cause injury, death or property damage due to extreme temperatures and which may prevent travel to, from or within an area;

- 3) **Unfamiliar and remote rivers and terrain** where I may become lost, or become separated from the rest of the party, and which may hamper or prevent communication and result in delays in rescue or the unavailability of prompt medical assistance;
- 4) **Rough terrain, which may contain dangerous obstacles and hazards**, some of which may include loose rock, tree stumps, boulders, forest deadfall, holes and depressions, as well as slippery, rocky and muddy trail conditions;
- 5) **Public health hazards**, including contaminated water, tropical diseases and similar hazards of travel in remote areas of developing countries;
- 6) **The staff of Thunder Bow and other travelers** who, by their conduct, including negligence, may cause injury, death or property damage.

3. **I ACCEPT** all the dangers and risks of rafting or kayaking and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting there from.

4. **I ACKNOWLEDGE** that the enjoyment and excitement of the rafting or kayaking trip is derived from being in the wild outdoors far from the comforts and security of populated areas and that the inherent risks of outdoor adventure contribute to such enjoyment and excitement.

5. **I AM NOT RELYING** on any oral, written or visual representation or statements made by the staff of Thunder Bow in deciding to participate in the rafting or kayaking trip.

6. **I CONFIRM** that I am the full age of 19 years and that I have read and understood this Agreement prior to signing it and agree that this Agreement will be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, successors or assigns.

7. **I WOULD FURTHER CONFIRM** that I am the parent or guardian (or have the authority of such) in respect of the following minor individuals, who I have encouraged to participate in a Thunder Bow rafting or kayaking trip:

List those individuals under the age of 19 years that you accept liability for:

**I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY** for the safety and conduct of the minor individuals listed above, and hereby indemnify Thunder Bow and the authority having jurisdiction of the land on which the Thunder Bow rafting or kayaking trip takes place, in respect of all liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss sustained by occasion by the participation of those minor individuals in the Thunder Bow rafting or kayaking trip.

8. **I CERTIFY** that I am physically capable and fit to participate in the guided rafting or kayaking trip and that **I have no medical conditions or needs which might create or subject me to unusual risks in respect of my participation.**

9. **I AGREE** to govern myself in a manner so as to be responsible for my own safety, and I will abide by all applicable laws.

10. **I AGREE** that this Assignment shall be governed in all respects by and be interpreted in accordance with the laws of India.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
\_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_ )

by: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Signature of participant )

by: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
as parent/guardian/indemnitor )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

In the presence of )  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Witness

