



Arunachal Pradesh
The Brahmaputra River Expedition Fixed Departure
November 16th to November 27th 2024



India has possibly the largest untapped whitewater potential in the world today. The jewel in that crown must go to Arunachal Pradesh, which boasts some of the country's most challenging river runs. Set in remote, tribal belts ranging from tropical rainforest to alpine regions.

Our river expeditions began with a fixed departure expedition on the Upper Brahmaputra River, beginning on **November 16th to November 27th 2024**

Paddling the Brahmaputra River is an exciting journey down one of the world's greatest rivers, an option only for the true adventurer. The river flowing gently eastwards through Tibet cuts the greater Himalayas and the highest unclimbed mountain in the world, the Namche Barwa where it enters Arunachal Pradesh. This adventure takes you through remote hillsides dotted with tribal settlements in clearings surrounded by rainforest. The river negotiates the finest large volume white water in an area, which is surely one of the most inaccessible in the world. A 9 day self-contained run from Tuting to Pasighat approximately 180km takes the expedition through one of the most beautiful and culturally rich regions of Indian Himalayas. Between 2002 and 2006 we have run 5 very successful expeditions on the Upper Brahmaputra, we have over 100 guests to bear testimony to our operational expertise on one of the most wonderful river expeditions.

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Itinerary

Day 01

Arrive Delhi and transfer to domestic airport. Arrive Dibrugarh late afternoon by air. Visit an ethnic weaving centre & a heritage tea garden. Overnight Dibrugarh hotel.

Day 02

Transfer to Pasighat by boat (80 km; 08 hrs). See the Ganges River Dolphin & a great variety of resident & migratory birdlife from Siberia & Central Europe enroute. Overnight Pasighat.

Day 03-04

Drive 02 long days along a Siang river, through Adi villages, settlements and lush tropical rainforest. Reach Tuting by teatime. Check into tents, relax

Day 05

Relaxed day to sort out gear - walk around and interface with local tribals at Jedu village, time permitting. Ready rafts in the afternoon - a comprehensive safety briefing followed by instruction on paddling commands and rescue procedures. Overnight at Tuting.

Day 06

Raft Tuting - Pango (5 hrs). Camp. This morning, we encounter the big Class IV Ninguing rapid and continue past another Class 3 rapid at Palsi to reach Pango, where we set up Camp for the night, above yet another big rapid to be encountered the following morning. Campfire dinner and overnight Camp.

Day 07

Raft Pango – Cherring. Camp. Today, we scout and raft down the Pango rapid and enter the Ninguing 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 at Cherring. Overnight Camp.

Day 08

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.

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Day 09

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 the “Karko Killer” and make it to a beautiful site near Geku. Camp for the night.

Day 10

Rest day at Geku Twins Camp

Day 11

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

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

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

NOTE: Thunder Bow Expeditions reserves the right to begin the rafting trip at Purang Nallah, 20 minutes downstream from Tuting; if guide discretion demands that the Ninguing rapid be excluded from the run. This right will be exercised in the best interest of the trip. Thunder Bow has run the Tuting rapid on all previous occasions.

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Cost

Price Per Person for Rafting- Rs.121,600 INR And For Kayaking- Rs. 121,600 INR
5% gov tax

Cost includes: All hotels and breakfasts except in Delhi, restricted area permit and fee, flight to Dibrugarh and back if applicable, 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.11660 INR if you do not want to carry your boat out. (Choose from Liquid Logic HOSS, Session Plus, Dagger, Necky & Perception boats)
- This river demands solid boaters with class 4+ skills and experience in big water.
- Cost does not include transfers and hotels in Delhi and Delhi hotels can be arranged on request. ○ Airport transfers cost Rs. 1865 INR per transfer.
- USD exchange rate is calculated using average exchange rates from the previous year.

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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 your self 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, 2024

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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

Please fill in this form after reading Conditions of Contract and send it to us by fax or scan and email.

PARTICIPANT 1

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:

TRIP SELECTED

Trip Name: **The Great Brahmaputra Descent**

Additional arrangements or extensions if required:

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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 USD 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, 2019 your payment will be refunded; besides the permit charge of Rs. 37311.00 INR

- If cancellation takes place on or after September 7, 2019, 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 trip or not run a 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 claims for any injury, loss of expenses or damage, or for any loss of time of 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 itinerary, alcoholic beverages

Laundry, postage, personal 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 enjoying 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 Thunder Bow Expeditions

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Name:

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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)
_____)

Witness

Name of Witness

Address of Witness

