

The Mighty Brahmaputra

Our Brahmaputra cruises focus on **Assam** and feature game viewing by jeep and on elephant back, village walks, **tea estates**, exploring country towns in cycle rickshaws, barbecues on **deserted river islands**, cultural dance performances and visits to craft workshops. Taken as independent journeys or as part of a longer tour, they are a unique experience of India's **less accessible** wonders. Full itinerary details available on request.

THE VESSELS:

RV Charaidew & RV Sukhapta

Both vessels have 12 roomy double cabins with en-suite facilities, complemented by a saloon, dining room and sundecks. Excellent service, cuisine and comfortable furnishings make for a relaxing journey while India passes by.

Assam Despatch 2

(October to April)

A 7-night cruise from Guwahati to Silghat near Tezpur. Highlights are the Orang and Kaziranga National Parks and the beautifully carved 6th century Da Parbatia temples in Tezpur.

Assam Despatch 3

(October to April)

A 7-night cruise from Silghat to Neamati. Highlights are Kaziranga National Park, the Hindu monasteries on Majuli Island, famed for their dance drama, and the palaces and temples of Sibsagar, the old capital of the Ahom kings.



Spoonbill



Assam Despatch 4

(October to April)

A 10-night cruise from Neamati to Guwahati, including Sibsagar, capital of the Ahom kings, Majuli Island with its Hindu monasteries, Kaziranga National Park, the Tezpur temples, Madan Kamdev and the silk weaving village of Sualkuchi.

Wild Assam

(October to April)

4 nights concentrating on Manas, Kaziranga and Orang National Parks, plus a 3-night river cruise. This is a perfect way to discover Assam's wilderness areas, home to a multitude of flora and fauna including the great Indian one-horned rhinoceros and rare Gangetic dolphin.

Hugli Cruise

(July to September)

7-night cruises on the Hugli River to the Ganges, between Kolkata (Calcutta) and Jangipur. Highlights are the ruins of the medieval city of Gaur, Murshidabad, capital of the Nawabs of Bengal, Bengali terracotta temples and the colonial trading stations north of Kolkata.

* "Assam Despatch" is derived from "Assam Despatch Service", the daily mail/passenger service that once plied from Kolkata up the Brahmaputra to Dibrugarh.

* The day-to-day schedules may be changed at short notice to suit local logistics.