



Arunachal Pradesh
THE KAMENG RIVER EXPEDITION
Fixed Departure - December 12-20, 2010



The Kameng River

The Kameng River (previously named Bhareli River, now called Kameng in Arunachal Pradesh and Jia Bhoreli in Assam) in the eastern Himalayan mountains, originates in Tawang district from the glacial lake below snow capped Gori Chen mountain (6,300 metres (20,669 ft) on the India-Tibet border in South Tibet and flows through Bhalukpong circle of West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh and Sonitpur District of Assam, India. It is one of the major tributaries of the Brahmaputra River, joining it at Tezpur, just east of the Kolia Bhomora bridge. The Kameng forms the boundary between East Kameng District and West Kameng Districts and is also the boundary between the Sessa and Eaglenest sanctuaries to its west and the Pakke tiger reserve to the east. The Dafla Hills are east and the Aka Hills (home of Aka tribe) are west of the Kameng River.

Adding to the trilogy of our offerings on the Upper Brahmaputra, Subansari and Lohit rivers, the Kameng is a fascinating medium-large volume river trip with surprisingly consistent rapids, deep gorges, pristine camps and well kept old forests ; and boasts of the first white water in western Arunachal Pradesh.

For self contained team of kayakers, we can organise a higher put in from Taksing, with helicopter induction, on request.

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Itinerary

Day 01

Fly Delhi-Guwahati. Drive onto the Eco Camp Nameri near the banks of the Kameng River, a six hour 220 km drive from Guwahati.

Day 02

At the Nameri National Park, a biodiversity hotspot and home to several endangered avian and animal species of the region. Overnight at the Eco Camp..

Day 03

Drive to our secluded beach campsite on the Kameng below Seppa, and settle into our tents. Overnight river camp.

Day 04

After a thorough safety briefing, our river journey begins. Our trip goes self contained with all provisions and gear for the next 5 days. We encounter rapids of mostly Class 3 and one Class 4 till we reach the picturesque campsite at Bana, the confluence of the Tenga River with the Kameng. Overnight tented camp.

Day 05

We continue down the Kameng, with great rapids and spectacular scenery throughout the 4 hours we are on river. This section passes through the Pakke Tiger Reserve on the left bank, and borders the Eagles Nest Sanctuary on the right; home to the famous Hornbill avian species that the e camp on a secluded beach adjoining the thick forests of the Reserve, and may get a chance to see wild elephants as well. Overnight tented camp.

Day 06

Rest Day. Relax, read, swim, sunbathe.

Day 07

After packing the boats, we move downstream on another exciting day of numerous rapids in the Grade 3 and 4 categories. The gorge opens up a little affording a different perspective ofand thick forest cover. We camp on a secluded beach after having rafted 4 hours. Overnight tented camp.

Day 08

Our last day on the water – we negotiate big rapids before the river finally gives in to an easy going picturesque float ending our exciting journey at the welllocated Forest Rest House at Tippi by the banks of the Kameng. Later we have a chance to visit the adjoining ‘Orchid Museum’ run by the Forest Dept that perhaps houses the largest variety of orchid species in the world. Overnight Forest Rest House.

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Day 09

Depart early to reach Guwahati for the flight back to Delhi.

Cost

Price Per Person Rs. 1,30,000 INR

Service Tax Of 2.575% extra

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, profess

Cost excludes: Delhi hotels and airport transfers, expense of a personal nature like laundry, guide fee and camp staff, all transfers by jeep/coach, wet suits and all sightseeing. phone calls, alcohol, cigarettes, insurance; any hike in air fare/fue 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.
- CAD 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

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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)
(First Name) _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
_____ Tel: (H) _____ (B) _____

_____ 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)
(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 Subansari River Expedition**

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. Payment 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 refund 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, 2010 your payment will be refunded; besides the permit charge of Rs. 37311 INR
- If cancellation takes place on or after September 7, 2010, 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 known 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 is 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 claim 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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