



Information sheet for the Brahmaputra

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Location

Arunachal Pradesh North East India

Date

Autumn 2008 16-28 November*

Description

An exciting, true expedition style journey down one of the world's greatest rivers, The Tsang Po river, after flowing gently eastwards through Tibet, cuts the Greater Himalaya and the highest unclimbed mountain in the world, Namche Barwa before it enters Arunachal Pradesh, where the expedition begins, a few miles inside the line-of-control with China. It’s now called the Siang, or the Upper Brahmaputra.

The expedition begins with a ferryboat ride at Dibrugarh up the river to the plains of Pasighat, where the river enters India. It travels through remote hillsides dotted with tribal settlements in clearings surrounded by dense rainforest with many species of ferns, palms and orchids. It negotiates the finest big volume white water in an area, which is surely one of the most inaccessible in the world. A weeklong, 180 km long self-contained run from Tuting to Pasighat through one of the most inaccessible regions in the world makes this one of the most premier expeditions offered. It's a complete expedition with a fabulous ferry ride up the river, a two-day drive through rainforest and remote tribal villages, and an expedition down one of the world’s greatest rivers.

Be an expedition member on one of the top rafting expeditions in the world!



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The most exciting way to run the Upper Brahmaputra's (or Siang as its known in Arunachal Pradesh) legendary big drops, rapids, riffles, and strong eddies is on a 08-day river trip in 16 or 18 foot long hypalon paddle or oar-paddle combination rafts. Before launching from the put-in at Tuting, your guides will instruct you in the fundamentals of safety, paddling, white-water, and self-rescue. After your day-one plunge through a ten-mile stretch with some of the biggest rapids rafted commercially (they are massive but really, doable), rapids known as "Ningguing" (twice the size of "Lava Falls on the Colorado) and 'Pulsating Palsi", you'll be ready to navigate down the Ningguing and Marmong gorges. You will raft down big drops in the gorge including the 'Roaring Rikor" and "Zebra Rock" till the portage on "Toothfairy" rapid at Cherring. You will scout "Moing Madness" and see huge 20 foot plus breakers within arms length. You will spend days floating down the vastness of this river, past tribal settlements, run down "Karko Rapid" and brace yourself for the final drop at the "Pongging Punch". Itinerary

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 tribes 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 Ningguing 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.

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.



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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 ferryboat across to Dibrugarh. Transfer to airport for flight to New Delhi. Trip ends.

Cost

Cost Rafters £2350 + 4.896% tax.

Kayakers £2100 + 4.896% tax.

Above date is a forecast for next year and may change by a day or so.

Some minor changes in the trip Itinerary may occur, this is a very remote trip and it is Asia. The pace of life is very slow unlike the west.

Cost includes:

Restricted area permit fee, royalty for rafting the Siang, all flights from Delhi and back to Delhi; tented and rest house/hotel accommodation and all meals while on the trip; professional guide fee and camp staff, all transfers on trip, guide.

Cost excludes:

International flights, expenses of a personal nature, restaurant meals taken either end of the trip, Extra Hotels fee because of unseen flight arrivals departures travel delays etc.; insurance; taxi rates; any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather, landslides, flights cancellations, road conditions and any other circumstances beyond our control.

I paddled this river in 2003 in the company of Peter knowles, Gian-Luca-Ricci, David King and other friends. It was an amazing trip and I have always wanted to return. Allan Ellard's lecture at our Christmas party about paddling in Arunachal Pradesh has inspired me to do just that. I hope you will join me and other Kayakers and Rafters for a trip next year that ranks with one of the greatest big volume runs in the world.

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