



**Arunachal Pradesh**  
**The Tawang Hidden Paradise Excursion**  
Departure Oct 4 - Oct 14 and Oct 11 - Oct 21, 2012



**Tawang Hidden Paradise**

Tawang is a small beautiful land of Monpas situated in the western corner of Arunachal Pradesh. The quaint and sleepy villages, mesmerizing Mountain View, remote hamlet, magical Gompas, snow clad peaks, roaring waterfalls, magical Gompas, tranquil lakes and lot more attract the attention of Tourist across the world. Seeing its beauty many even call it “ the hidden Paradise” , and “ Land of Dawn Lit Mountains” . If you desire to witness the beauty of this place lifelong then we offer you with lifetime opportunity.

Thunder bow Expedition offers a trip of a lifetime to this peaceful enchanting abode of the Buddhist Monks. This home of his holiness 6th Dalai Lama is an ideal place for all. At Thunder bow expedition, offers 11-day expedition plan for you. For your convenience, we offer you with wonderful trekking experience (from easy to difficult). **Level of difficulty on this Trek: Demanding and Strenuous**

For young and adventurous people or those who have love trekking, we offer them with 3-day trek expedition. Perhaps on this trek, one can expect some difficulty as it is steep and rocky. Similarly, the terrain has some difficult descent as well. The trek is in good condition one, so if you are in good health then only this trek is recommended

**Level of difficulty: Easy (without trek)**

The expedition without the 3-days trek is rated as an easy. Only short walks required, take place after some long days of driving.

On arrival to Tawang, 10,000 above sea levels, some of you might like to explore the place on your own your own. Therefore, to make the first day easy village visit, sightseeing, leisure walks are organized. Furthermore, to keep up the spirits of all participants we will drive to high elevations to Tawang.

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## *Itinerary*

### **Day 1. Begins with Arrival at Guwahati.**

Our journey begins with arrival at Guwahati at 1200 hrs. Upon arrival, transfer to Brahmaputra hotel. In Guwahati we will visit Kamakhya temple, War Cemetery and Heygah. Back to hotel and we will have dinner here. Overnight stay at hotel.

### **Day 2 Visit to neighboring places**

Visit the neighboring places and tourist places of attraction like Madeh Kamden temple, pottery village, Tezpur temple gateway, craft centre, and eco camp. Overnight at eco camp.

### **Day 3 Overnight at Darang**

After having breakfast at Eco camp, we will move towards and then we will start our journey for next destination, Darang, a beautiful place with mesmerizing beauty. From Eco lounge we will drive to Darang via Bhalukpong (enter Arunachal), and Bomdila. Finally, upon arrival at Darang, we will move into Phemling hotel. After a short stay we will visit various places at Darang like yak farm, prison Dzong.

### **Day 4. Drive to Tawang**

Leave early morning for Tawang. On our way we will drive to Sela Pass (13,700 ft. ) Zong, Nurang Waterfalls, and visit Sandok Pelai. Arrive Tawang Inn for tradition welcome.

### **Day 5 Sightseeing at Tawang**

At Tawang we will visit Tawang war memorial, Urgel ling monastery (about 5 kms. Away from the heart of the town) – This place is the birth place of 6th Dalai Lama, Regyaling monastery, Handicraft exhibition, Brahma-Dung-Chung Ani Compa, and Tawang monastery, Lowergompa, main Monastery.

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## **Day 6** Trekking Day 1

We will drive for 3 hours Tawang to Namstering village and from there our trekking will start. There depending on your skills of trekking we will form two groups, Team A and Team B respectively.

**Team A** will begin trek from Namstering to Loudung village 3 hours. Steep up hill Climb then trek from Loudung to Phomghar approx 3.5hr and overnight Home stay. From here you will be able to see the great views looking west towards Bhutan.

**Team B** will interface with villagers and explores the surrounding area Namstering and overnight home stay in the village.

## **Day 7** Trekking Day 2

**Team A** will now trek from Phomghar with a steep uphill accent to village of Muktur. Approximate 2.5 hours then trek Muktur to Shurbin 3.5 hour. Overnight at Shurbin.

**Team B** drives to BTK - Gorsam Chortan- Zimethong and explores surrounding area. And Overnight Zimethong.

## **Day 8**

**Team A** will trek from Shurbin (1.5 hours) – Thikshi (3.5hours)- Khobleteng Camp Overnight there.

**Team B** Drives To Gompa, Stays there & explores the beauty of the area. (approx 2 hours)

## **Day 9**

**Team A** Treks To Khobleteng to BTK( 4 hours) Then Drives to Gorsam Stupa , Zimethong, T Gompa arrives Tawang.

**Team A & B** Drive to Gorsam – Zimethong - Tea Gompa Taksang Monastery. Arrive Tawang Lunch, En route and see rock inscriptions

## **Day 10**

Drive Tawang- Bumla- Tawang ( 5 hours)

## **Day 11**

Fly to Guwahti and from their take flight to Delhi & Kolkata

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### Cost Per Person - US \$2800

**Cost includes:** All hotels and breakfasts according to above plan, restricted area permit and fee, flight to Guwahati and back, tented and rest house/hotel accommodation and all meals while on the trip; professional guide fee and camp staff, all transfers by non – AC jeep, jungle safari at Kaziranga by jeep / elephant, all sightseeing.

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

#### **Note:**

- 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.
- This tour will operate on a minimum of 08 persons due to restricted Area permits needed for the tour. We need 05 passport size photos, valid India visa and passport photocopies to reach us 2 months before trip date to process restricted area permit.

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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

**NOTE: Submit all formalities to Thunder Bow Expeditions by August 15, 2012**

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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 Tawang Excursion**

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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, 2012 your payment will be refunded; besides the permit charge of Rs. 37311 INR

If cancellation takes place on or after September 7, 2012, 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 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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**On behalf of Thunder Bow 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:

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**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