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At Eastern Globe, travel has never been just about reaching a destination—it's about the meaning we create along the way. Every journey we design carries a purpose: to connect people with cultures, to support local communities, and to showcase the soul of the Northeast in a way that is responsible, authentic, and memorable. Over the years, we've learned that today's travellers seek more than itineraries. They seek stories, experiences, and emotions that stay with them long after the journey ends. This belief continues to guide us as we innovate, personalise, and curate travel experiences that are deeply rooted in the region yet aligned with global expectations.



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Assam is not merely a land of tea gardens and wildlife; it is also home to one of India's most remarkable royal civilizations – the Ahom Kingdom. For nearly six centuries, the Tai Ahoms shaped the cultural, political, and social identity of Assam, leaving behind a legacy of magnificent monuments, sacred traditions, unique cuisine, and vibrant living heritage.

Today, this legacy survives through what is increasingly known as the Ahom Circuit – a cultural and heritage trail across Upper Assam that connects ancient capitals, royal palaces, burial mounds, temples, traditional villages, and Tai Ahom communities. The circuit offers travellers an immersive experience into Assam's royal past while also discovering authentic local culture.

For heritage lovers, photographers, historians, cultural explorers, and experiential travellers, the Ahom Circuit is one of Northeast India's most fascinating journeys.

THE ROOTS OF THE TAI AHOMS

The story of the Ahoms began in 1228 CE when Chaolung Sukapha, a Tai prince from present-day Yunnan region of China, crossed the Patkai Hills and entered the Brahmaputra Valley with his followers. Rather than ruling purely through conquest, Sukapha built alliances with local tribes and communities, laying the foundation for a powerful kingdom that would rule Assam for almost 600 years. The Tai Ahoms brought with them advanced systems of governance, agriculture, warfare, architecture, language, and spiritual traditions. Over centuries, they blended with indigenous Assamese communities while preserving many of their original Tai customs and rituals.

The Ahom Kingdom became one of the strongest powers in Northeast India and famously resisted repeated Mughal invasions, including the historic Battle of Saraighat led by the legendary Ahom general Lachit Borphukan.

Today, the Ahom Circuit preserves this extraordinary history through monuments, cultural landscapes, festivals, cuisine, and living traditions.



MAJOR DESTINATIONS IN THE AHOM CIRCUIT

Sivasagar - The Heart of Ahom Heritage

Sivasagar was once the capital of the Ahom Kingdom and remains the cultural centre of Ahom history. The town is dotted with magnificent monuments that reflect the grandeur of the dynasty

Jorhat - Culture, Tea & Traditions

Jorhat beautifully complements the Ahom heritage trail with its tea gardens, monasteries, and cultural richness

Majuli - Spiritual & Cultural Extension

The river island of Majuli adds a spiritual and artistic dimension to the Ahom Circuit. The Ahom kings patronized Vaishnavite monasteries (Satras), helping preserve Assamese art, dance, theatre, and literature.



FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS

Me-Dam-Me-Phi - Ancestor worship festival of the Ahoms.

Bihu - Assam's most celebrated harvest festival.

Traditional rituals performed by Ahom priest communities.

CUISINE

Ahom cuisine is simple, organic, and closely connected to local produce.

Popular dishes include:

Bamboo shoot preparations

Fish cooked in herbs

Sticky rice delicacies

Smoked meat dishes

Traditional rice beer during festivals

Travellers often enjoy authentic home-cooked meals in heritage villages.



SUGGESTED
TAI AHOM HERITAGE ITINERARY
5 DAYS

Day 1 | Arrival in Jorhat - Drive to Sivasagar

Arrive at Jorhat Airport
Drive through tea gardens to Sivasagar
Evening heritage walks around Sivasagar Tank
Explore local Assamese cuisine
Overnight stay in Sivasagar

Day 2 | Royal Ahom Monuments of Sivasagar

Visit:
Rang Ghar
Talatal Ghar
Visit Tai Ahom Museum
Shiva Dol
Evening cultural interaction with local Tai Ahom community
Overnight stay in Sivasagar

Day 3 | Charaideo - The Pyramids of Assam

Kareng Ghar
Excursion to Charaideo Moidams
Learn about Ahom burial traditions and royal history
Visit surrounding villages and explore tai cuisine
Overnight stay in Sivasagar

Day 4 | Tai Ahom Cultural Immersion

Visit heritage tea estates around Jorhat
Tea Tasting
Explore weaving and handicrafts
Attend folk performances (subject to availability)

Day 5 | Jorhat Tea & Departure

Drop to Jorhat Airport
Tea tasting session
Departure



THE FUTURE OF THE AHOM CIRCUIT

- ✦ With increasing interest in heritage and experiential tourism, the Ahom Circuit has the potential to become one of India's most distinctive cultural journeys. The UNESCO recognition of the Charaideo Moidams has further placed Assam's Ahom heritage on the global tourism map.
- ✦ Yet what truly makes this circuit unforgettable is not just the monuments, it is the living culture, warm hospitality, ancestral traditions, and timeless stories preserved by the people of Upper Assam.
- ✦ The Ahom Circuit is more than a heritage trail; it is a journey into the soul of Assam.

Why the Ahom Circuit is Unique for Travellers

Unlike conventional tourist circuits, the Ahom Circuit is deeply experiential. It is not only about visiting monuments; it is about entering a living civilization.

Travellers can experience:

Ancient royal architecture

UNESCO-recognised burial mounds

Traditional Tai Ahom rituals

Indigenous cuisine

Village-based cultural interactions

Tea garden landscapes

Riverine Assamese life

Historical storytelling and folklore

The circuit beautifully combines heritage tourism with culture, food, spirituality, and rural experiences.



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