

# Arunachal Pradesh — Option 1

Without Tawang · Central Arunachal via direct flight · Itanagar + Ziro Valley



**Traveller origin:** Kolkata (CCU) · **Dates:** 25 May 2026 → 30 May 2026 (5 nights / 6 days)

**Route:** Kolkata → **Hollongi / Itanagar (HGI)** — **direct flight** → Ziro Valley → back

**Costing basis:** 2 pax sharing · mid-range (3★ hotels / homestays) · mid-May shoulder season

## 1. Why this option

- **Direct flight from Kolkata** (~1h 35m) to Hollongi — no Assam detour.
- Lighter driving (~170 km Itanagar↔Ziro) vs 1,100+ km round trip for Tawang.
- Ziro Valley: UNESCO-listed Apatani cultural landscape, pine forests, rice-fish fields.
- Best for travellers with limited time / who dislike long mountain drives / prone to altitude sickness.

## 2. Flight plan

Leg	Date	Airline (indicative)	Route	Duration	Fare (₹, est.)
Outbound	25 May	IndiGo 6E (morning)	CCU → HGI (Hollongi / Itanagar)	1h 35m non-stop	4,500 – 6,000
Return	30 May	IndiGo 6E (afternoon)	HGI → CCU	1h 35m non-stop	4,500 – 6,500
Round-trip per person (book 3–6 weeks ahead)					~ ₹9,000 – 12,500

IndiGo is currently the only operator running non-stop Kolkata ↔ Hollongi; verify exact STD/STA 2 weeks before travel. Adani One / ClearTrip / ixigo sometimes list lower fares.

## 3. Permits (mandatory)

Permit	Who needs it	Where to apply	Cost
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Inner Line Permit (e-ILP)	All Indian citizens (non-AP residents)	<a href="https://eilp.arunachal.gov.in">https://eilp.arunachal.gov.in</a>	₹300 ( $\leq 3$ days) / ₹500 (4–14 days)
ID proof	Aadhaar / Voter ID / Passport	Carry original + photocopies	—

Apply 3–7 days before travel. Approval usually comes by email in 1–3 working days. No on-arrival ILP.

## 4. Day-by-day itinerary



Itanagar · state capital



Ziro · rice-fish fields



Apatani villages



Apatani elder · tattoo tribe

### Day 1 · Mon 25 May **Kolkata → Itanagar**

- Morning flight CCU → HGI (Hollongi airport).
- Drive HGI → Itanagar city (~35 km / 1 hr). Check into hotel.
- Afternoon: Ita Fort (14th-c. ruins), Gyakar Sinyi Gompa, Indira Gandhi Park.
- Overnight: Itanagar.

### Day 2 · Tue 26 May **Itanagar → Ziro Valley**

- Early drive to Ziro (~170 km / 6–7 hrs) via NH-13; scenic hill road.
- Lunch break at Yazali / Potin.
- Evening: settle into homestay in Old Ziro / Hapoli. Sunset walk through pine groves.
- Overnight: Ziro (homestay or Blue Pine / Ziro Valley Resort).

**Day 3 · Wed 27 May**    **Ziro — Apatani villages**

- Full-day tour of Hong, Hari, Hija, Bamin-Michi villages — bamboo houses, tattooed Apatani elders.
- Meghna Cave Temple, Dolo Mando viewpoint.
- Evening: local market, handloom emporium.
- Overnight: Ziro.

**Day 4 · Thu 28 May**    **Ziro — Kile Pakho & Talley**

- Kile Pakho (sunrise viewpoint over paddy-fish fields).
- Day hike to Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary entrance / Pine Grove forest.
- Visit Tarin Fish Farm, Shiva Lingam at Kardo Hill (optional).
- Overnight: Ziro.

**Day 5 · Fri 29 May**    **Ziro → Itanagar**

- Drive back to Itanagar (~6 hrs). Lunch en route.
- Evening: Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum, Craft Centre, Ganga Lake (if time).
- Overnight: Itanagar (near airport for easy morning transfer).

**Day 6 · Sat 30 May**    **Itanagar → Kolkata**

- Transfer HGI airport. Fly HGI → CCU.
- Arrive Kolkata same afternoon. **Trip ends.**

**5. Hotel / stay plan (indicative)**

Night	City	Suggested property	Category	Rate / night (₹)
25 May	Itanagar	Hotel Donyi Polo Ashok / Blue Pine	3★	3,000 – 4,500
26–28 May	Ziro	Ziro Valley Resort / Siiro Resort / Apatani homestay	3★ / homestay	2,500 – 4,000
29 May	Itanagar	Hotel Arun Subansiri / near airport	3★	3,000 – 4,000
<b>5 nights total (per double room)</b>				<b>≈ ₹14,000 – 20,000</b>

**6. Estimated expenses (per person, 2 pax sharing)**

Head	Notes	Low (₹)	Comfortable (₹)
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Return flight CCU ↔ HGI	IndiGo, booked 4–6 weeks ahead	9,000	12,500
Inner Line Permit	e-ILP, 4–14 day slab	500	500
Hotels (5 nights, share of dbl)	½ of room rate	7,000	10,000
Private cab / SUV (5 days)	Innova / Scorpio, ₹4,500–5,500/day incl. fuel & driver; ÷ 2 pax	11,000	14,000
Meals (6 days)	₹800–1,200/day	5,000	7,000
Sightseeing / entries / guide	Village tours, museum, cave	1,000	1,500
Misc / tips / buffer	SIM, snacks, shopping	2,000	3,000
<b>Estimated total per person</b>		≈ ₹35,500	≈ ₹48,500

## 7. Booking checklist

- Book IndiGo CCU ↔ HGI flights now (prices rise sharply within 3 weeks of travel).
- Apply e-ILP at [eilp.arunachal.gov.in](http://eilp.arunachal.gov.in) around 20 May.
- Confirm Itanagar & Ziro hotels on MakeMyTrip / directly with property — carry printed bookings.
- Pre-book Innova cab for HGI→Itanagar→Ziro→Itanagar→HGI through local operator (Arunachal Holidays, Himalayan Holidays, or hotel).
- Carry cash — ATMs scarce in Ziro; UPI works in towns but not in villages.
- Pack: light layers (15–25°C), rain jacket (pre-monsoon showers), sturdy shoes.

## 8. Risks & notes

- May = pre-monsoon; occasional landslides on Itanagar–Ziro road. Keep a buffer day in mind.
- Hollongi airport is small — flight cancellations due to weather happen; have a 1-day buffer return option if possible.
- Mobile connectivity: Jio & Airtel work in Itanagar / Ziro town; patchy in villages.
- No alcohol shops in tribal areas — carry what you need from Itanagar.

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