

Arunachal Pradesh Trip Summary

Kolkata ⇌ Arunachal Pradesh · 25–30 May 2026 · 2 options compared

Outbound: 25 May 2026 (Mon) from Kolkata · **Return:** 30 May 2026 (Sat) to Kolkata
Duration: 5 nights / 6 days · **Base:** 2 pax sharing, mid-range

Quick side-by-side

Factor	Option 1 – Without Tawang	Option 2 – With Tawang (via Assam)
Fly into	Itanagar / Hollongi (HGI) – direct from CCU	Guwahati (GAU) – direct from CCU (Tawang has no airport)
Places covered	Itanagar, Ziro Valley (Apatani)	Bhalukpong, Dirang, Tawang, Bumla, Sela Pass
Direct CCU → AP flight?	Yes – IndiGo, 1h 35m	No – any route to Tawang needs Assam road trip
Total driving	~18 hours	~38 hours over 4 travel days
Max altitude	1,600 m (Ziro)	4,630 m (Bumla Pass)
Cost / person (low)	≈ ₹35,500	≈ ₹49,000
Cost / person (comfortable)	≈ ₹48,500	≈ ₹65,000
Best for	Relaxed cultural trip, first-timers	Adventure, mountain scenery, war history
Risk level	Low – short flights, easy roads	Moderate – weather & altitude dependent

Flight summary (both options)

Option	Sector	Airline	Time	Fare / person return (₹)
Option 1	CCU ⇌ HGI (Itanagar)	IndiGo non-stop	1h 35m each way	9,000 – 12,500
Option 2	CCU ⇌ GAU (Guwahati)	IndiGo / Akasa / Air India non-stop	1h 05m each way	8,000 – 11,000

Expense roll-up

Head (per person)	Option 1 (low – high)	Option 2 (low – high)
Flights	9,000 – 12,500	8,000 – 11,000
ILP + special permits	500	4,000 – 4,500
Hotels (5 nights share)	7,000 – 10,000	7,500 – 10,500
Transport (cab / SUV share)	11,000 – 14,000	20,000 – 25,000
Food	5,000 – 7,000	5,500 – 8,000
Sightseeing / entries	1,000 – 1,500	1,500 – 2,000
Misc / buffer	2,000 – 3,000	2,500 – 4,000
TOTAL / PERSON	₹35,500 – 48,500	₹49,000 – 65,000

Recommendation

If this is your first Arunachal trip and you want a relaxed experience — pick **Option 1 (Ziro)**. The direct flight saves two full driving days and the Apatani culture is unique to this valley.

If the headline goal is Tawang Monastery / Bumla / Sela Pass — pick **Option 2**, but consider extending to 7 nights if possible; 5 nights is the bare minimum and leaves no buffer if the first flight is delayed or Sela Pass closes for weather.

What to do next

- **This week:** Book flights (prices rise ~20% in last 3 weeks). Lock hotels on free-cancellation rates.
- **Week before travel:** Apply e-ILP at eilp.arunachal.gov.in. Confirm cab operator with written quote.
- **Day before:** Print ILP, hotel vouchers, flight tickets. Download offline Google Maps for all towns.
- **Pack:** Warm layers (Option 2 mandatory), rain jacket, cash ₹20k+, power bank, ID originals + copies.

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Option 1 · Without Tawang

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Option 2 · With Tawang

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