

BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER CRUISES

The banks of the mighty Brahmaputra boast riches galore, from wildlife to tea gardens, walks through tiny villages to cycle rickshaw rides through country towns. With many places almost inaccessible on foot, a cruise is a leisurely, pleasurable way to experience the 'real India' in this often overlooked corner of the country.

Rated as one of the world's top 10 most adventurous cruises by CNN, our Brahmaputra cruises offer these once-in-a-lifetime encounters and experiences between October and April. Named after the Assam Despatch service, the daily mail and passenger service that once plied from Kolkata up the Brahmaputra to Dibrugarh, we offer a series of 4- to 10-night cruises which can also be combined to create itineraries up to 14 nights.

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Journeys through Assam

"Among the world's top 10 adventure cruises"

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With its blue rivers that often resemble the sea; green mountains that are home to leopards and elephants; and swathes of aromatic tea gardens forming the world's largest tea-growing region, it's easy to understand why Assam is a very special place on earth.

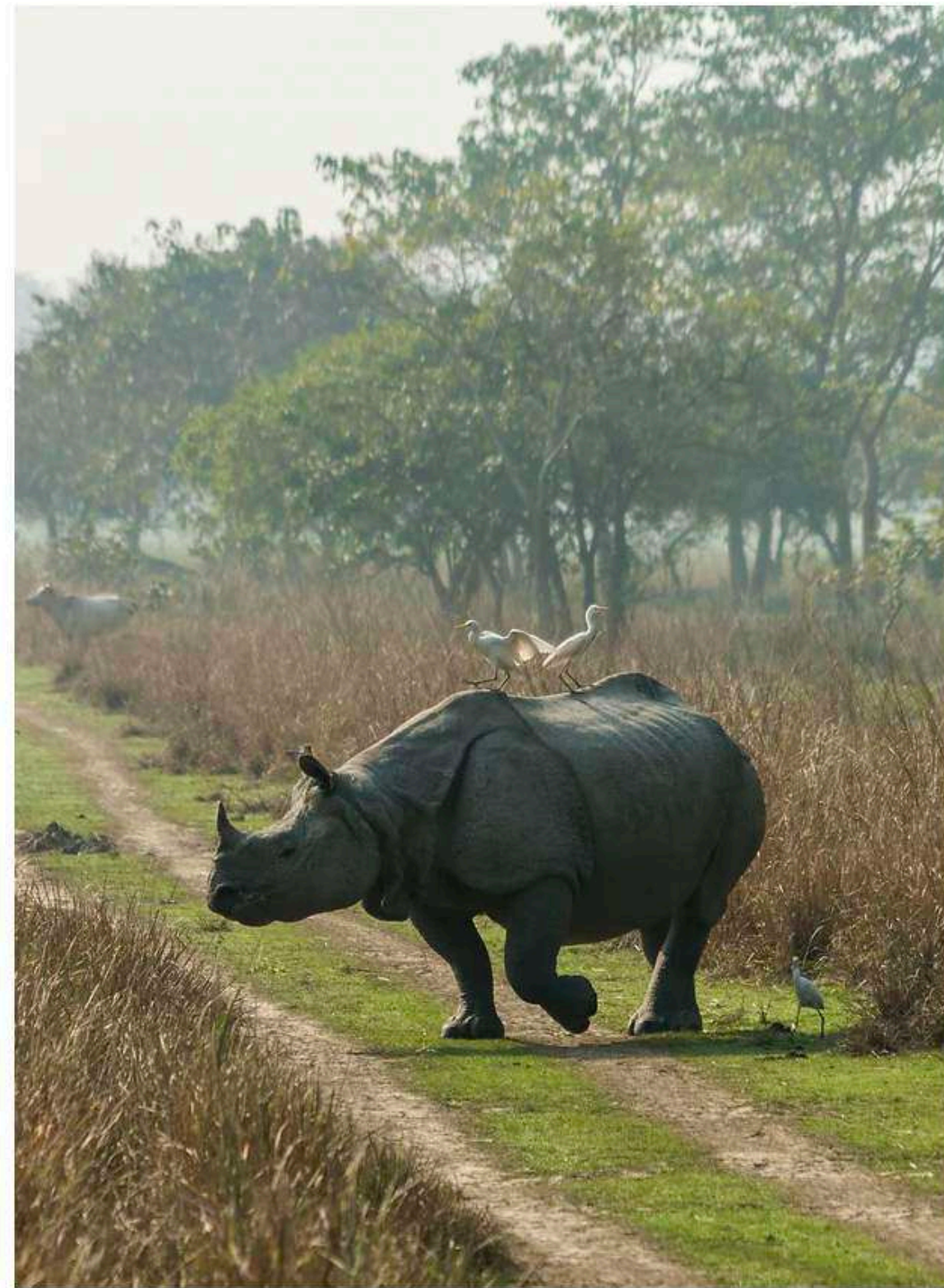
The mighty Brahmaputra River originates in Tibet and brings its glacial Himalayan waters down to India. As a vital source of transportation, its waters bring trade and life to the villages that dot its banks. The Brahmaputra River Valley is home to seven national parks, including two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, making it a wildlife enthusiast's paradise; home to an abundance of unique flora and fauna that may be viewed from the ship's deck.

The river offers a snapshot of life in northeast India; a chance to explore country towns and rural villages, the river island of Majuli and ancient temples, as well as spotting the magnificent One-horned Rhino on a jeep safari.



Curiosity is the fuel for discovery, inquiry and learning and we are proud to position our boutique river cruising journeys to offer a unique, authentic discovery of India's greatest Himalayan Rivers in the world river cruising map.

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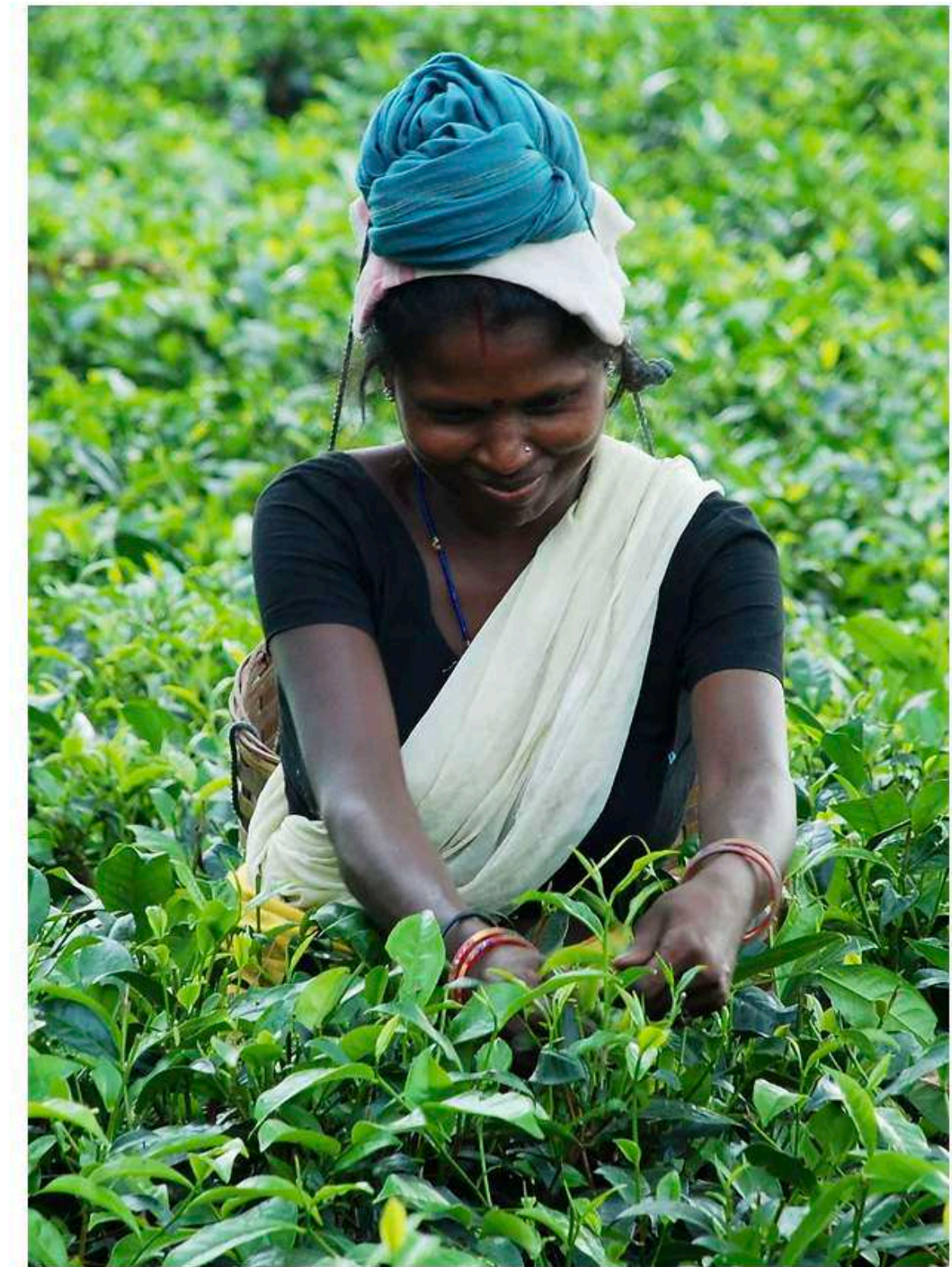
*Assam Despatch 2
Rhinos & More*



*Assam Despatch 2A
Silk & Rhinos*



*Assam Despatch 3
River Island Cruise*



*Assam Despatch 4
Brahmaputra Maximum*

7 NIGHTS

This 7-night cruise starts at Guwahati and terminates at Silghat near Tezpur and Kaziranga. Drawing on the rich variety of this remote region, it offers an insight into the religious, cultural and economic life of its people, as well as a chance to spot the famed One-Horned Rhino and Royal Bengal Tiger in Kaziranga National Park.



4 NIGHTS

This 4-night cruise starts at Guwahati and terminates at Silghat near Kaziranga. Discover Assam's rich silk-weaving heritage and learn about the process of sericulture by visiting village homes. Spend time relaxing and cruising the Brahmaputra river as you wind your way to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kaziranga National Park in search of rhinos and tigers.



7 NIGHTS

Travel to the highest navigable reaches of the Brahmaputra to explore the unique culture of the area. Uncover the region's Indian and Southeast Asian influences with a visit to Sibsagar, the old capital of the Ahom kings, and Majuli Island with its unique Hindu monastic communities, famous for their dance drama. Wildlife is not forgotten, as the cruise also visits Kaziranga where sightings of the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros are virtually guaranteed.



10 NIGHTS

This 10-night cruise starts at a river ghat between Jorhat and Dibrugarh, and terminates at Guwahati. Taking in the old capital of the Ahom kings at Sibsagar, Majuli Island with its Hindu monasteries, Kaziranga National Park, temples at Tezpur and Madan Kamdev, and the silk weaving village of Sualkuchi, it's a varied journey through the rich tapestry of life in Assam.



Unlike the Brahmaputra, where one bows to the might of nature, the Ganges is rich in culture, soul and reverence.

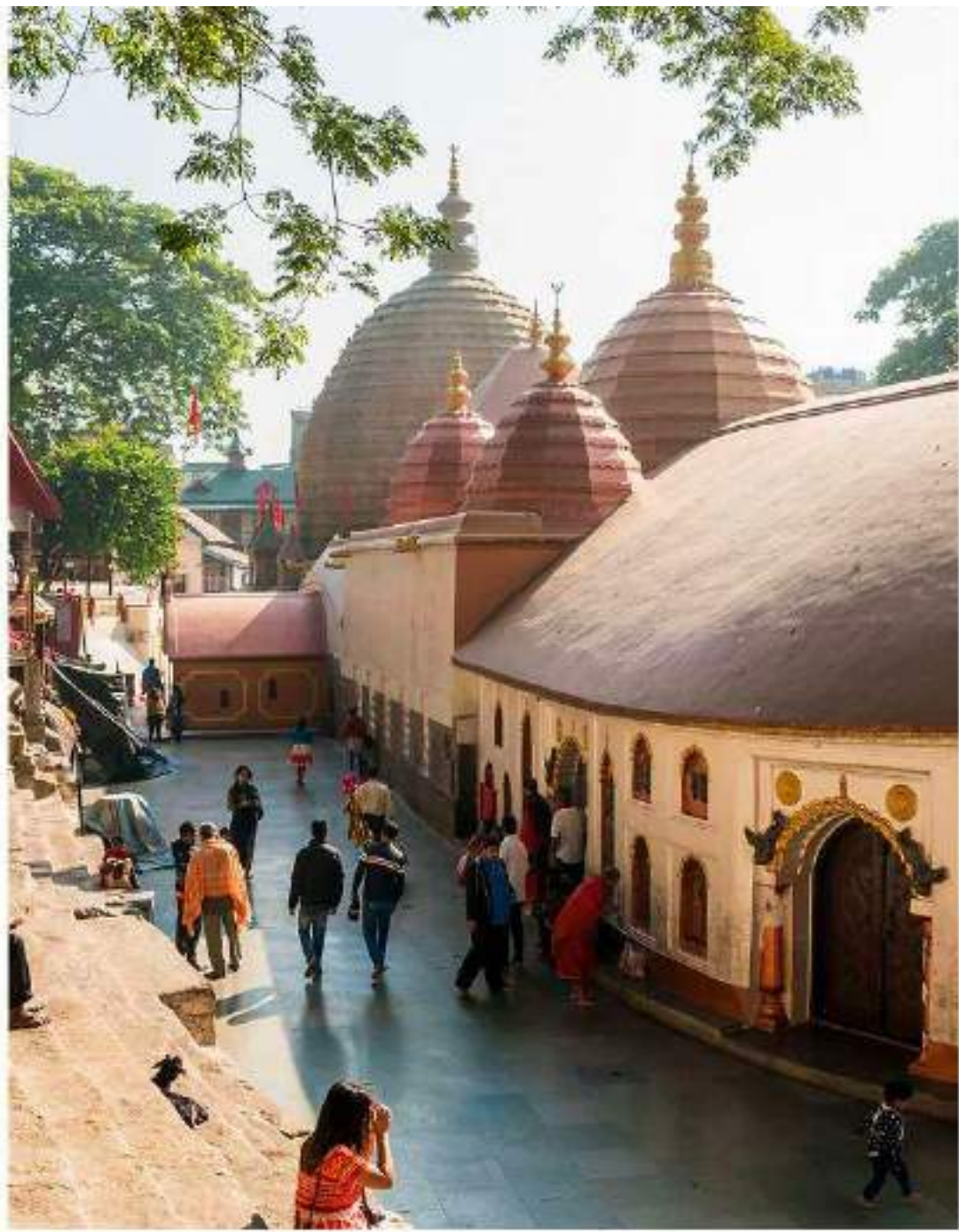
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Assam Despatch 7
Brahmaputra Taster

3 NIGHTS

This 3 night out-and-back cruise is a fascinating introduction to Assam; the gateway city of Northeast India. With walks through remote villages and jeep safaris through the jungle of the rarely visited Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in search of the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros, it offers a snapshot of the culture, wildlife and landscapes of this little-visited region of India.



ABN Sukapha

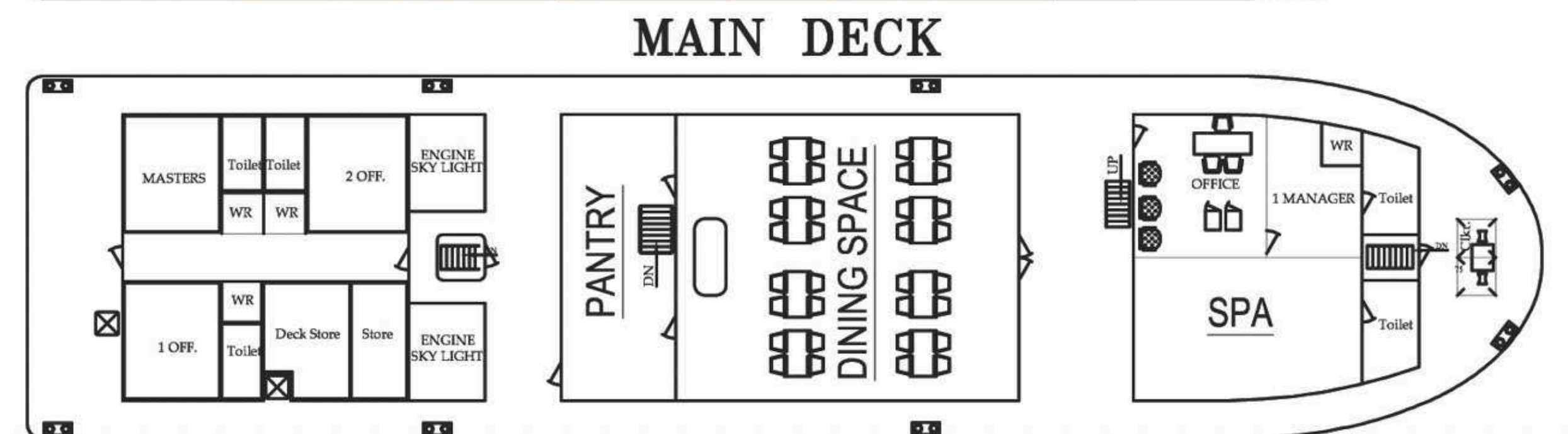
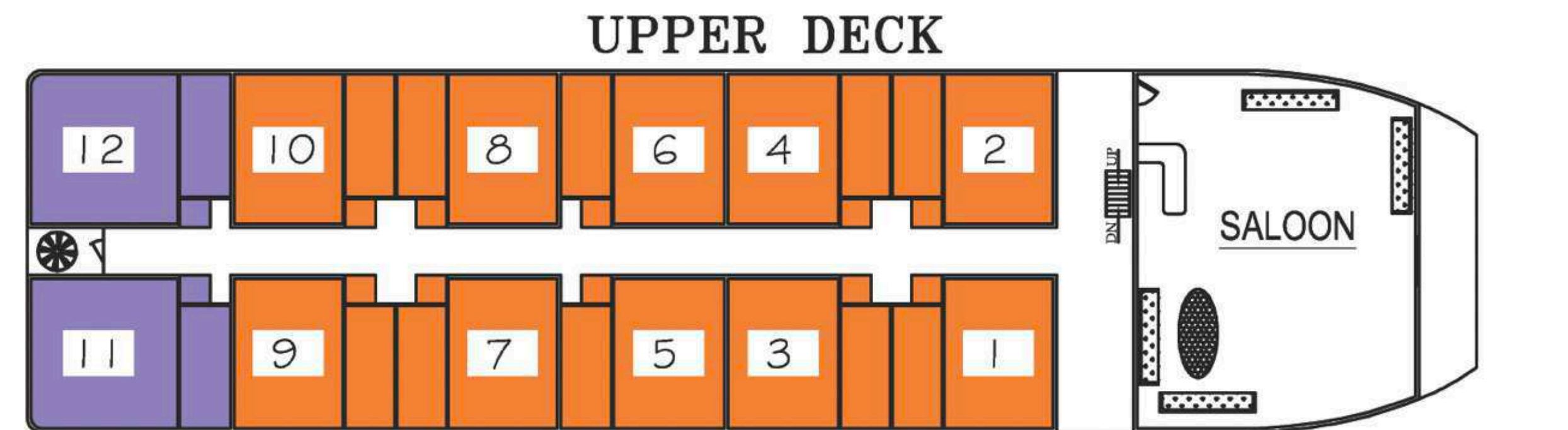
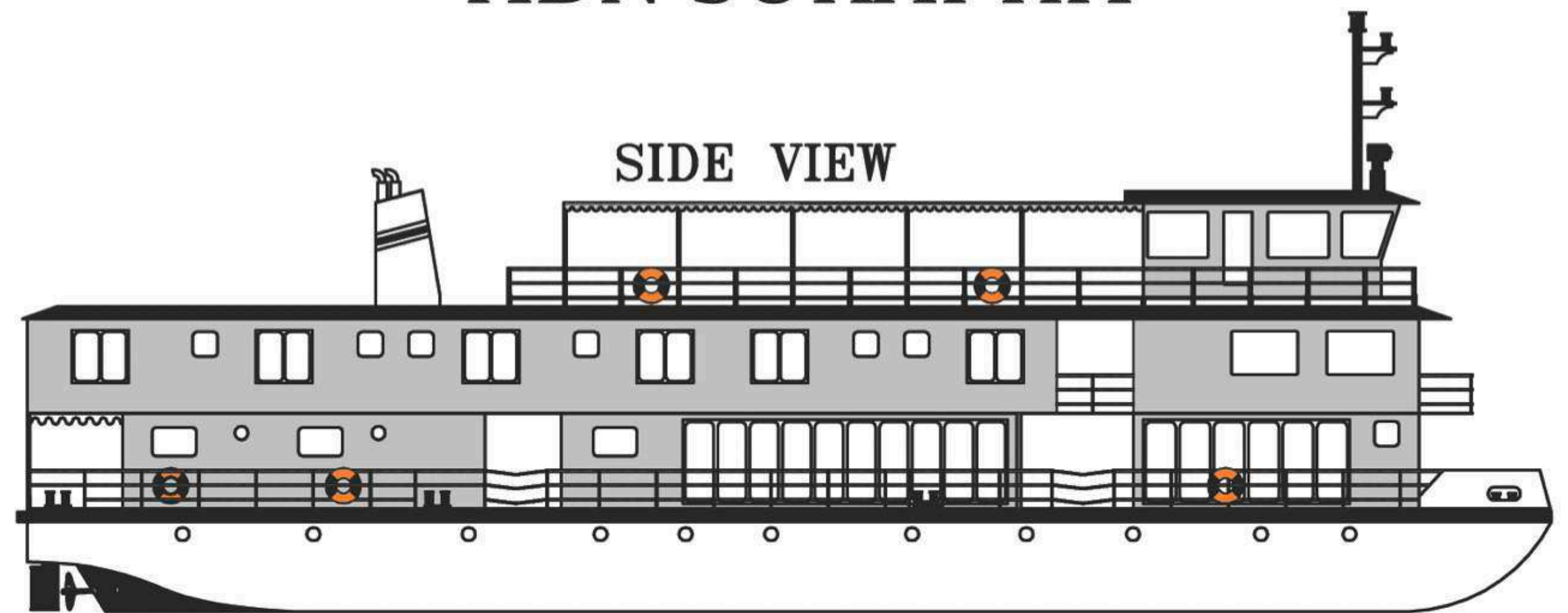
Petit expedition ship

With a maximum group size of 24 guests, ABN Sukapha was designed to closely resemble ABN Charaidew I, the first passenger river ship in India by the pioneers - Assam Bengal Navigation Co., both as a result of popular demand and reasons of practicality, retaining many of the features which make the original heritage passenger vessel from the 70s', the lovingly restored ABN Charaidew I, the grand old lady of the fleet.

In an effort to conserve India's forests, the ship is entirely bamboo-panelled (the green-gold of Assam) and the furniture on board is all locally made; objet d'arts in the saloon are from Assam and Bengal; and fabrics are almost all locally hand-made by weavers that we support.

Outfitted in true adventure spirit, this style of boat offers charm in vernacular eco-chic style.

ABN SUKAPHA











ABN Charaidew II

Boutique Expedition Ship

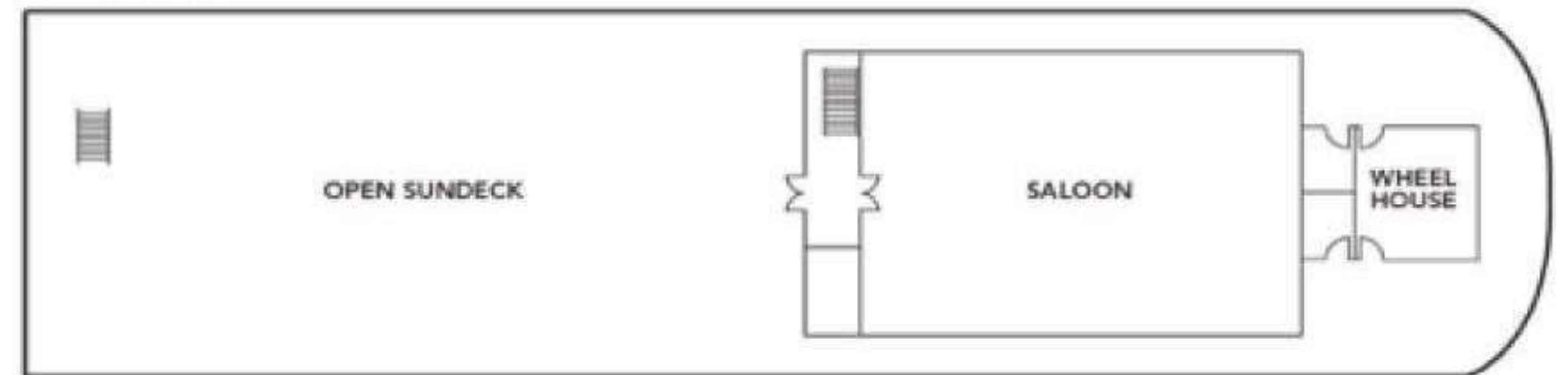
Inaugurated in 2019, ABN Charaidew II is a specially designed ship that is well-equipped to navigate the complex moods of the mighty Brahmaputra with an extra-shallow draught and a low profile that also allow her to cruise further upstream than any other ship on this river.

Purposely small in size at 44.5m in length, her maximum group size of 36 guests helps create an intimate atmosphere, as well as minimise the impact of tourism in these sensitive areas.

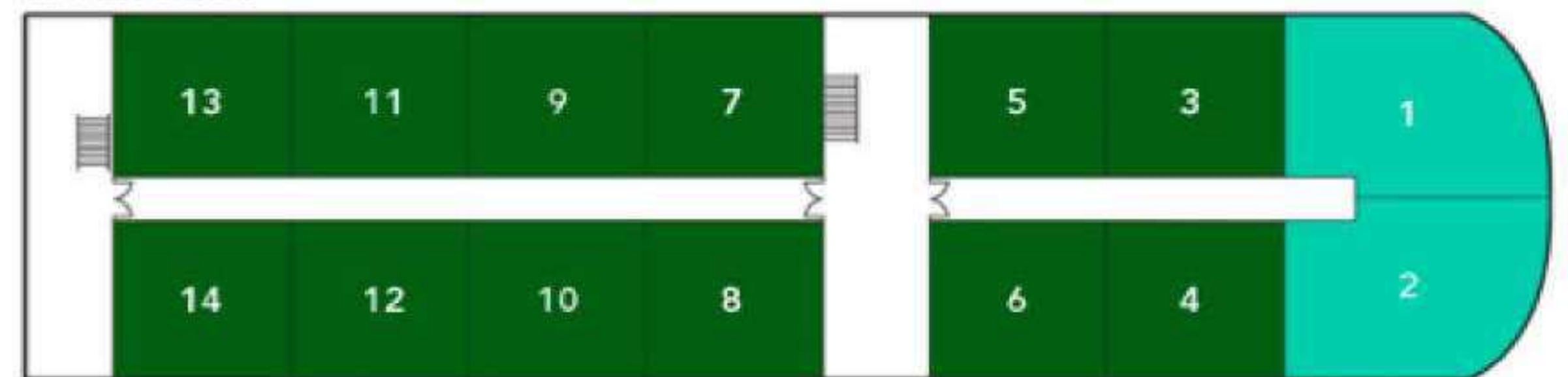
The décor onboard is designed to reflect a sense of homecoming to the region of Assam with touches of old-world elegance of the Assam Tea planters lifestyle and rural handicrafts, all brought to life with traditional designs on handwoven textiles.

ABN CHARAIDEW II

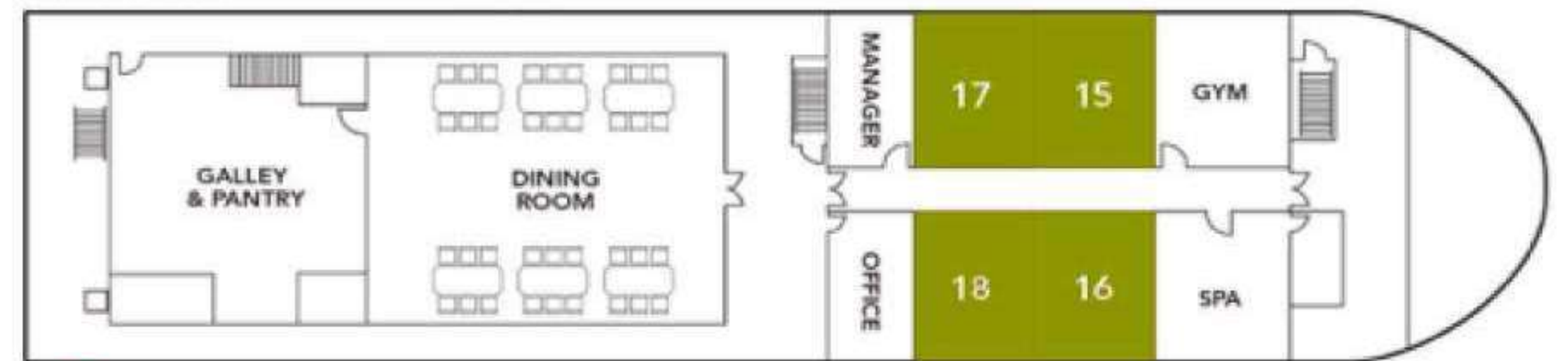
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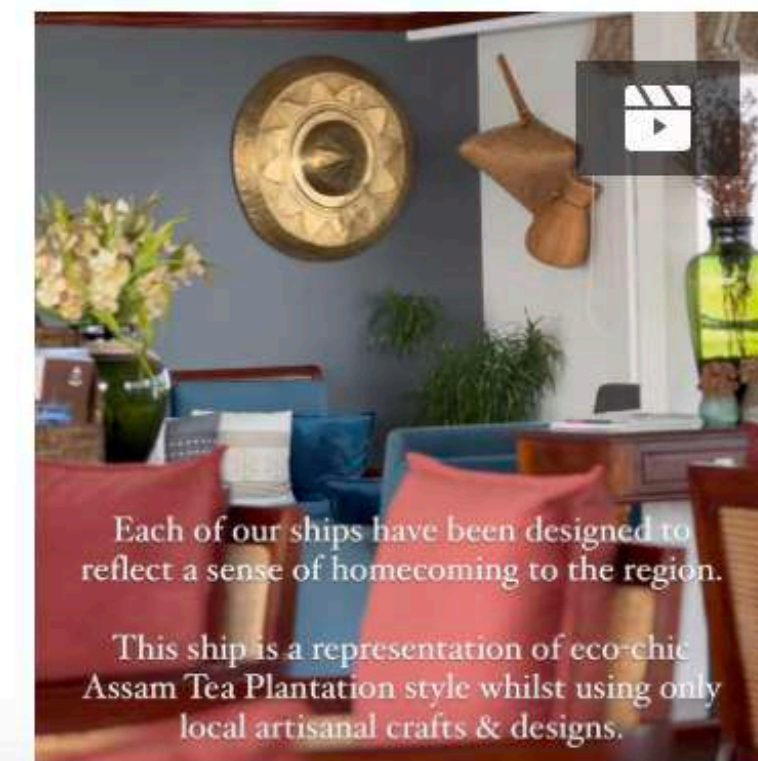
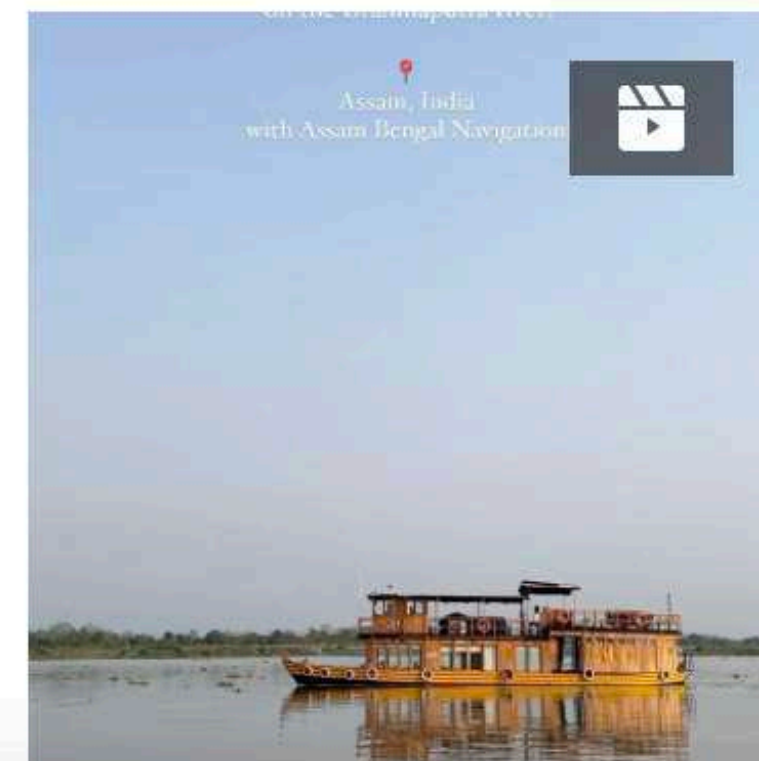
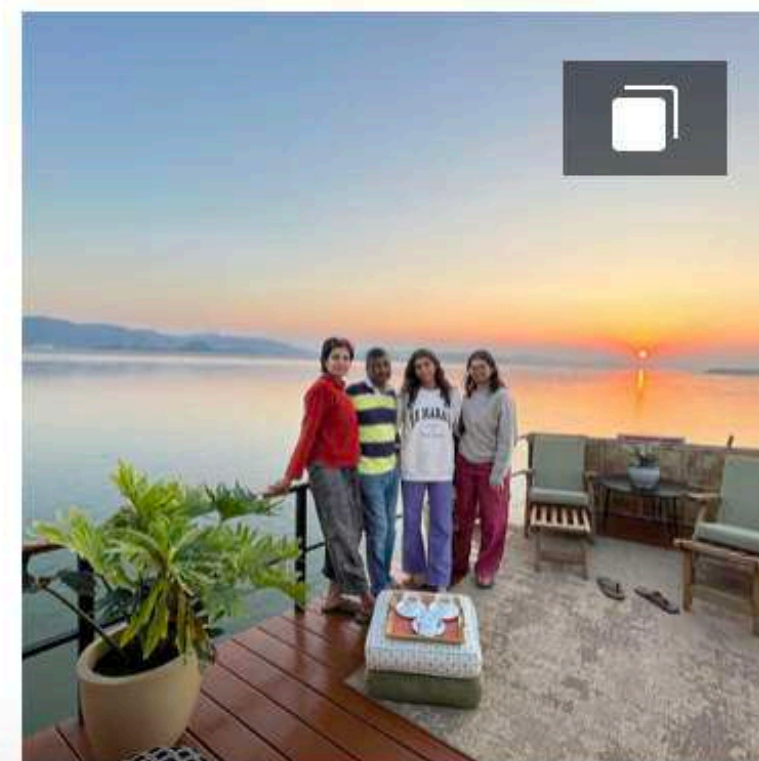
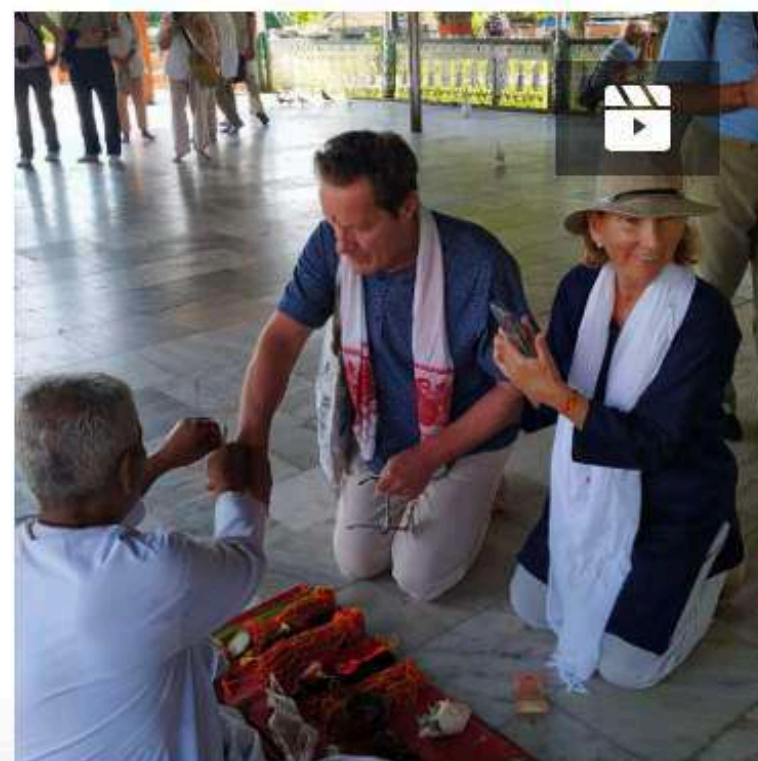
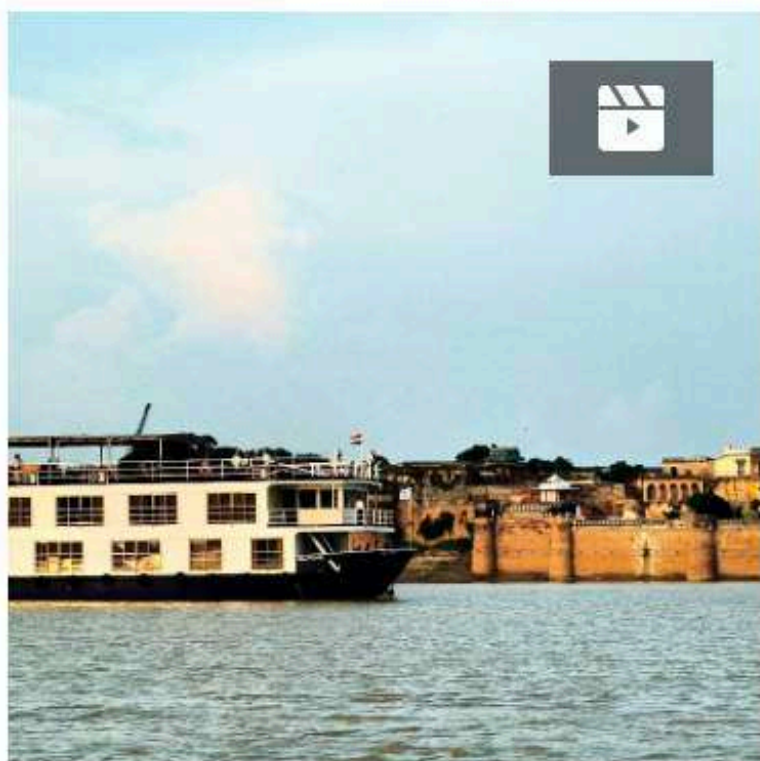
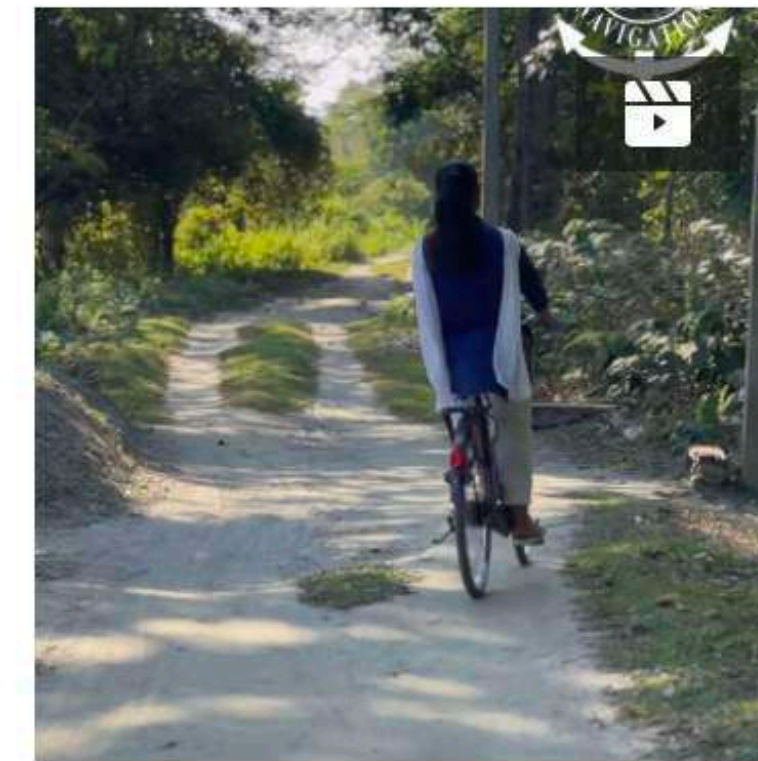
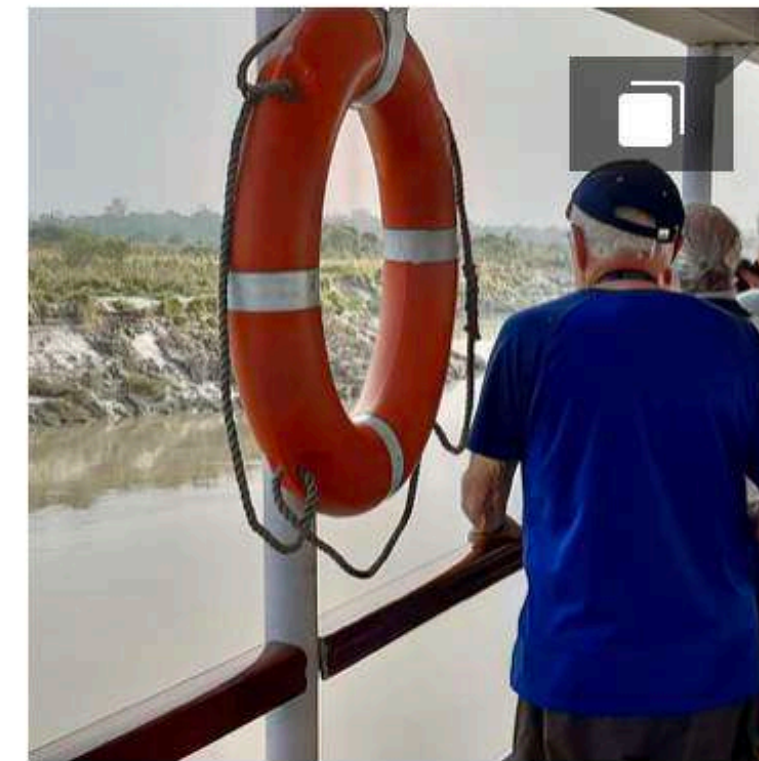
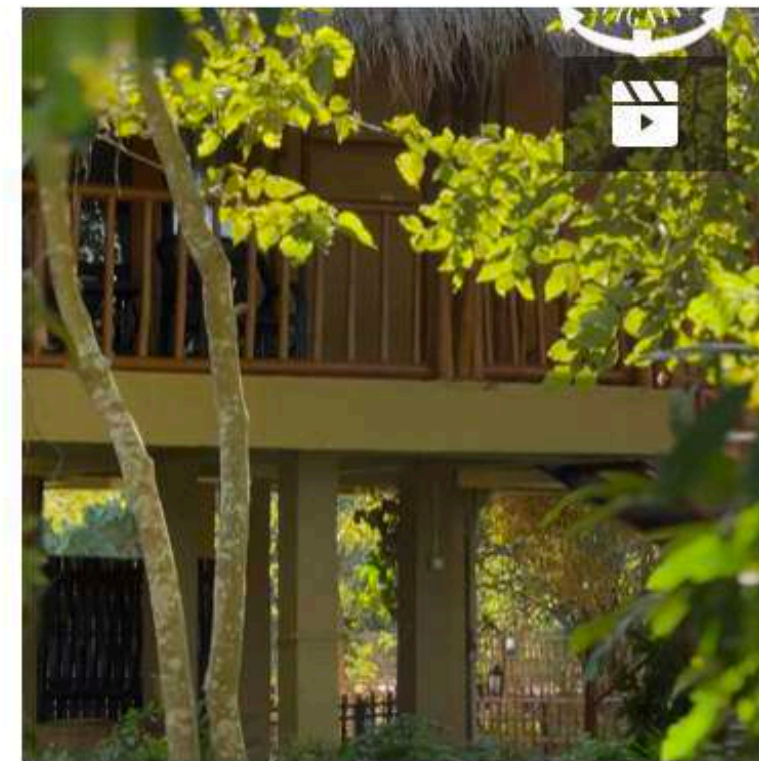
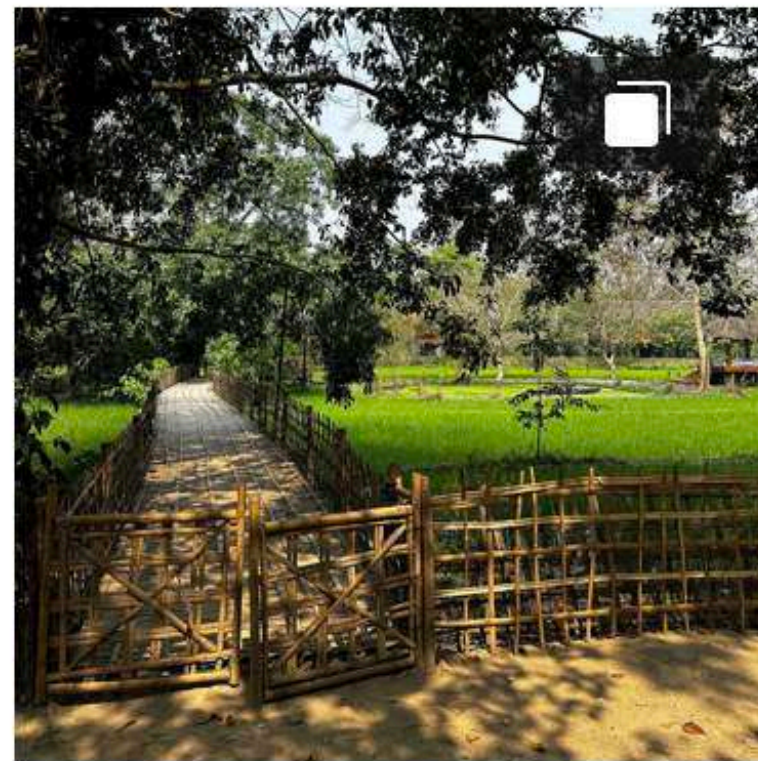
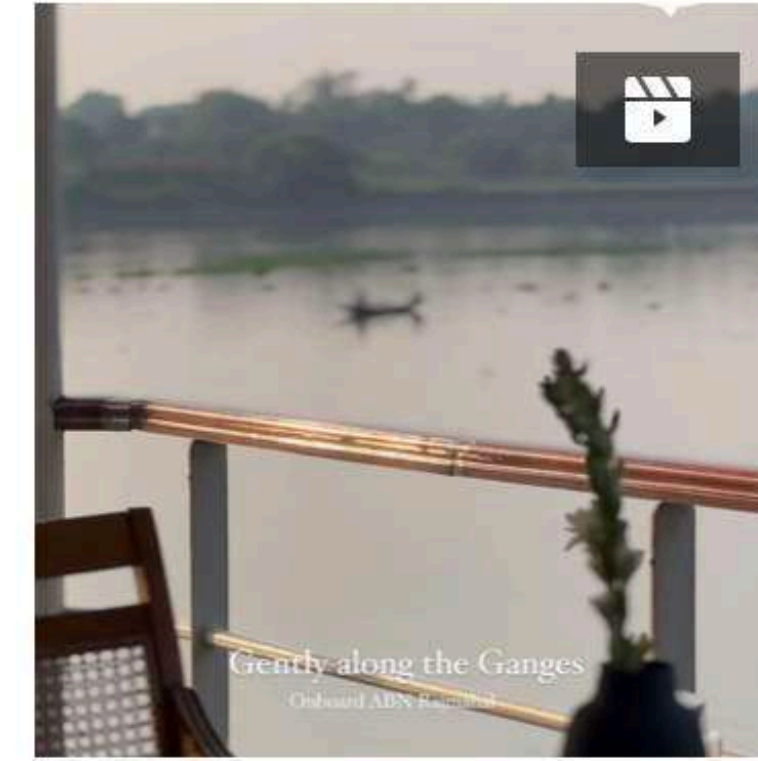
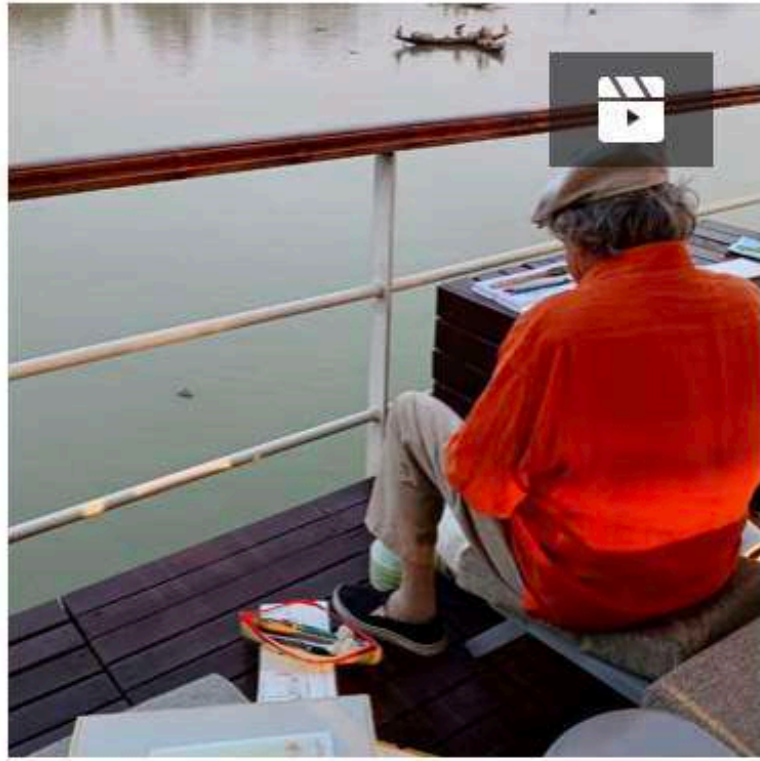
-  UPPER DECK DELUXE CABIN (350 Sq. Ft) WITH KING SIZE BED
-  UPPER DECK STANDARD TWIN/DOUBLE CABIN (240 Sq. Ft)
-  MAIN DECK STANDARD CABIN (170 Sq. Ft) WITH QUEEN SIZE BED





BEHIND THE SCENES

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Assam Bengal Navigation (ABN) river cruise line offers an authentic discovery of culture and nature along India's greatest Himalayan Rivers, away from the hustle & bustle and into the heart of India.

With community-engaged expeditions experienced in relative luxury of India's mighty, yet remote rivers, curated through years of experience, knowledge & expertise.

ABN values conscious luxury wherein the focus is on celebrating the distinct 'culture and nature' of the Himalayan Rivers brought to life by their local crew that involve both the rural riverine communities and the guests to participate, benefit and sustain.



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that introduced long-distance river cruising along India's greatest Himalayan rivers.

VALUE ADDITIONS

On all ABN small ships

Regional cultural performances from folk, tribal to classical

Meet change-makers and experts on a variety of cultural or regional subjects of interest

Local guides and naturalists who are from Assam and Bengal

5% of every cabin booked is contributed to ABN Foundation

Full board on all ABN small ships

All excursions included

Spa packages available upon request

Beverages packages available upon request

Complimentary transfers

Complimentary Wifi

Complimentary dock/port charges

Complimentary water flasks

Cycles on board our active expedition-style cruising ships

Established in 2003, this family company has grown into a conscious luxury collection of boutique river cruise ships, houseboats and jungle lodges in east India.