

NEWSLETTER

Kokrajhar Tourism

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Kokrajhar, where vibrant cultural traditions and stunning landscapes await. Celebrate Bwisakh, the Bodo New Year, with traditional rituals, music, and dance, and explore Baukhungri Hill, a trekking destination of great cultural significance. Experience the region's natural beauty and traditions, culminating in the grand Baukhungri Festival. Join us in Kokrajhar for an unforgettable journey through heritage, adventure, and celebration!

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EXPLORE KOKRAJHAR'S CULTURAL HERITAGE DURING BWISAKH



Kokrajhar, transforms into a lively cultural hub during Bwisakh, the Bodo New Year. Rich in heritage and tradition, the city offers a vibrant celebration filled with colorful festivities, traditional music, and delectable local cuisine, providing visitors with an authentic experience of the Bodo way of life.

The city's cultural identity is reflected in its various institutions, including museums, libraries, and cultural centers, which highlight the history, art, and literature of the Bodo people. Exploring these institutions allows visitors to gain a deeper appreciation of the region's rich heritage.



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Food plays a significant role in the Bwisakh celebrations, with traditional Bodo dishes such as Narzi (dried jute leaf curry), Ondla (ground rice curry with non-vegetarian ingredients), and Gwkha Gwkhwi (a mix of various wild herbs) widely enjoyed at local eateries and street food stalls.

During Bwisakh, the city comes alive with cultural festivals featuring traditional music and dance performances, theatrical productions, and literary readings. These events not only highlight Kokrajhar's dynamic cultural scene but also provide a platform for local artists to showcase their talents.

Additionally, the city's traditional architecture, crafts, and weaving are integral aspects of its cultural heritage. Visitors can explore local markets to purchase exquisite Bodo handicrafts and watch skilled artisans at work, gaining insight into the traditional techniques behind these intricate creations.



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BAUKHUNGRI HILL TREK - A TRADITION OF BODO COMMUNITY



The traditional hill trek at Baukhungri Hill is an integral part of the customs of the Bodo people. This annual event, held in Kokrajhar district is infused with traditional Bodo music, dance, and cuisine, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

Baukhungri Hill holds deep cultural and spiritual significance for the Bodo community, as it is believed to be the sacred abode of their gods and goddesses. Considered a place of worship, the hill attracts devotees who offer prayers and make offerings.

The traditional community hill trek takes place on Chaitra Sankranti, an auspicious day that marks the beginning of the Bodo New Year (Mid April). On this occasion, worshippers undertake the journey to the hilltop to pay homage to their deities. The trekking route winds through lush green forests, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

A trek to the hill is a great activity for tourists as well who will be treated to the serene beauty of the region, accompanied by the sounds of chirping birds and the gentle rustling of leaves. Though the trek presents a moderate challenge, the sense of achievement upon reaching the summit and the stunning panoramic views make it an unforgettable experience.

Trekking up the Baukhungri Hill provides an opportunity to immerse yourself in pristine nature and the vibrant traditions of the Bodo community.

Overall, the traditional hill trekking at Baukhungri Hill is a unique and enriching experience that seamlessly combines adventure, culture, and spirituality. Whether you're an adventure seeker, a cultural enthusiast, or simply looking for a distinctive experience, this event promises memories that will last a lifetime.



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UPCOMING FESTIVAL - BAUKHUNGRI FESTIVAL

12-15 APRIL, 2025



Experience the vibrant cultural heritage of the Bodo people at the Baukhungri Festival, a grand celebration of traditions, music, dance, and cuisine. Held from 12th–14th April 2025 at the Baukhungri Festival Ground, Harinaguri, Kokrajhar, BTR, Assam, this festival offers a unique opportunity to witness Bodo customs and hospitality.

Organized by the BTR Government in collaboration with the Tourism Department and the Sports & Youth Welfare Department, the festival features an array of exciting events, including traditional community hill trekking, folk and cultural performances, indigenous sports like Khomlainai (wrestling), and various competitions such as cycling, marathon racing, indigenous games, and Bwisagu dance. Visitors can indulge in authentic Bodo cuisine at local food stalls, witness thrilling paragliding shows, and enjoy spectacular cultural evening performances by renowned artists.



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The Baukhungri Festival offers tourists a unique and immersive experience, with a range of facilities designed to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable visit. Visitors can indulge in traditional food stalls offering local delicacies and explore cultural demonstration areas. The festival also features competition venues for various exciting activities, including adventure sports like paragliding, mountain biking, and hill trekking. Tourists can experience traditional Bodoland culture through indigenous games, cultural displays, and food showcases. Additionally, the festival hosts competitions such as hill trekking, traditional food showcases, and indigenous games like khomlainai and cock-fighting, with cash prizes, gifts, and recognition for participants and winners.



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