

Bum La Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Tawang

- **Morning:** Arrive in **Tawang**, the district headquarters of **Tawang district** in Arunachal Pradesh, by road or air (via **Tezpur** or **Guwahati**, then drive to Tawang). The journey from **Tezpur** to **Tawang** takes around 12-14 hours by road, passing through scenic mountain landscapes.
- **Afternoon:** Check-in at your hotel or guesthouse in **Tawang**. Relax and refresh after the long journey.
- **Evening:** Explore **Tawang Town**. Visit the **Tawang War Memorial**, dedicated to the soldiers who fought during the Sino-Indian War of 1962. The memorial offers a glimpse into the region's history.
- **Night:** Overnight stay in Tawang.

Day 2: Visit Tawang Monastery and Local Attractions

- **Morning:** Start your day by visiting the **Tawang Monastery**, one of the largest Buddhist monasteries in India. The monastery is perched on a hill and offers panoramic views of the town and surrounding mountains. You can also explore the **Tawang Heritage Center** to learn more about the region's culture.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Taktsang Gompa** (also known as **Tawang Taktsang Monastery**) and the **Bap Teng Kang Waterfall**, which is a beautiful spot for nature lovers.
- **Evening:** Spend time in the local market and interact with the friendly locals. You can also visit the **Tawang Cable Car** for a quick tour of the town's surroundings.
- **Night:** Stay overnight in **Tawang**.

Day 3: Day Trip to Bum La Pass and Madhuri Lake

- **Morning:** Depart early for a day trip to **Bum La Pass** (approximately 37 km from Tawang). The drive takes you through winding roads with stunning views of the Himalayan landscape. You will need an **Inner Line Permit (ILP)** to visit Bum La, which should be arranged in advance.
 - On the way to **Bum La**, you will pass through beautiful spots like **Jaswant Garh**, a memorial dedicated to an Indian soldier who fought during the 1962 Sino-Indian War.
 - Reach **Bum La Pass**, where you can enjoy the spectacular views of snow-covered peaks and the serene surroundings. The Indo-China border is just a short distance away, making it a fascinating spot for those interested in border history and military significance.
- **Afternoon:** After visiting Bum La, head to **Madhuri Lake** (also known as **Shungatser Lake**), located around 22 km from Tawang. The lake is surrounded by dense forests and towering peaks, and its crystal-clear waters make it an ideal spot for photography and reflection.
- **Evening:** Return to **Tawang** for the night.
- **Night:** Overnight stay in **Tawang**.

Day 4: Explore the Local Villages or Optional Relaxation Day

- **Morning:** After breakfast, explore the **local villages** around Tawang. Some of the nearby villages like **Mukhang** or **Jang** provide a unique opportunity to witness the lifestyle of the local **Monpa** tribe, who are known for their traditional customs and hospitality.

- **Afternoon:** If you prefer a more relaxed day, you can spend your time at leisure, perhaps visiting local markets, indulging in local cuisine, or exploring nearby attractions like the **Sela Pass** or **Bap Teng Kang Waterfall**.
- **Evening:** Begin your journey back to **Tezpur** or **Guwahati** for your onward travel.
- **Night:** Depending on your travel schedule, you can catch a late evening bus or flight.

