



The Siang is truly transnational, flowing almost 4,000 kilometers across countries, peoples, cultures and through varied topography and terrain. It is majestic and elegant, especially in the almost three hundred kilometers of its journey through Arunachal Pradesh.

It's descent from the high environs of the Tibetan plateau to the teeming plains of Assam is a passage through rich and diverse cultures; its banks are lined with forested hills in a hundred shades of green.

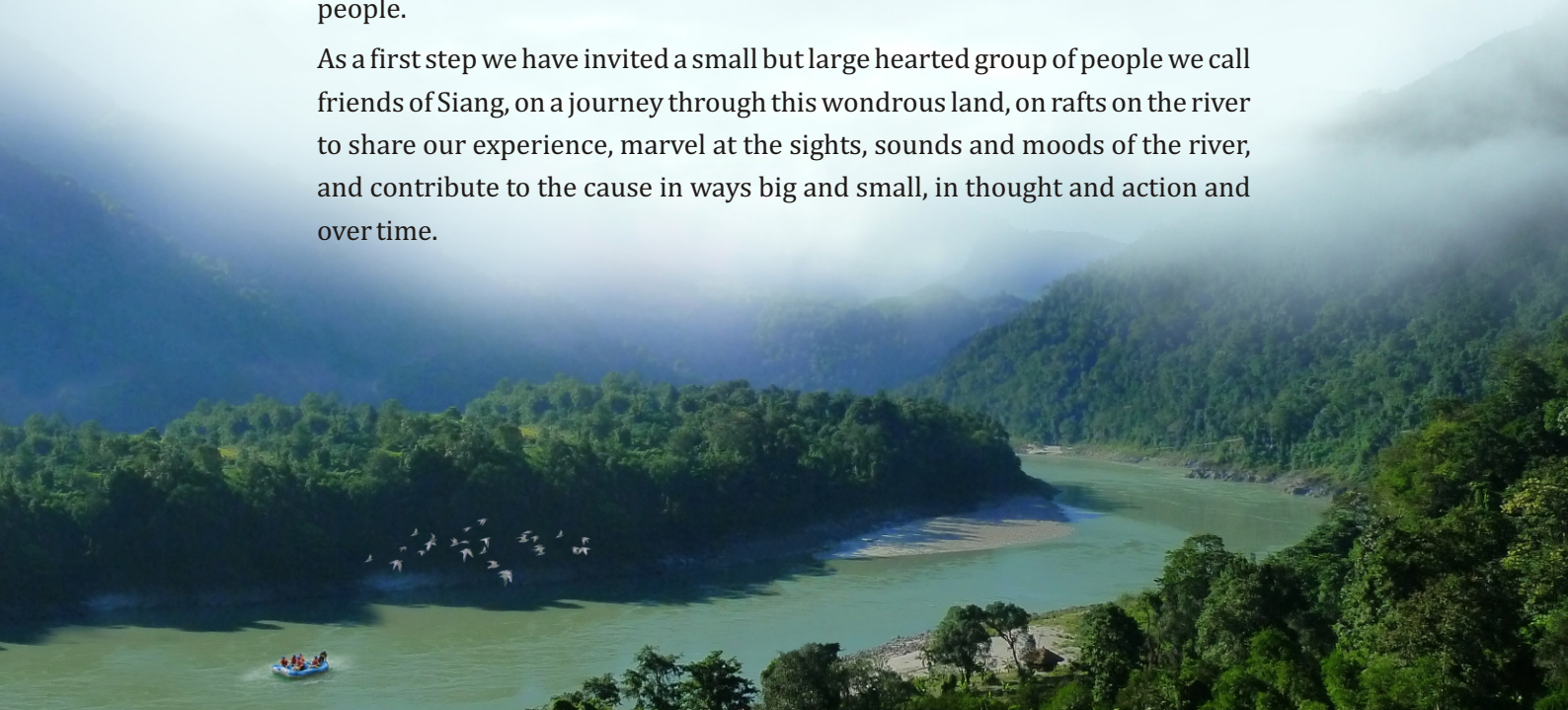
In the plains, not far from Arunachal's borders, the Siang meets the Lohit and Dibang rivers; from this union is born the greatest river of North East India, invariably referred to as the 'mighty Brahmaputra.'

We at Abor Country Travel & Expeditions with support from the Department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, feel it is our pleasure and duty to make all and any efforts to protect all the destinations we travel through. We aim to make a difference and hope that others will follow our example.

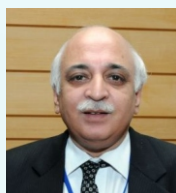
Abor Country Travels & Expeditions has been in the forefront of efforts to bring the charms and challenges of the Siang to people beyond its proximate populations, a commitment nurtured and honoured by its founding team. It has worked to create awareness of its healthy eco-system, and of the vibrant cultures of the tribes that reside along its banks.

We foster and promote responsible tourism that gives back, in eco-practice, through spreading awareness, and through support to the land and the people.

As a first step we have invited a small but large hearted group of people we call friends of Siang, on a journey through this wondrous land, on rafts on the river to share our experience, marvel at the sights, sounds and moods of the river, and contribute to the cause in ways big and small, in thought and action and over time.



FRIENDS OF SIANG



Vinay Sheel Oberoi

*Former Ambassador
to UNESCO,
Former Secretary,
Government of India*



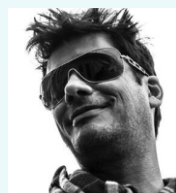
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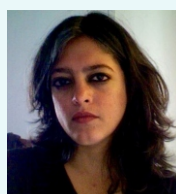
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*River runner and
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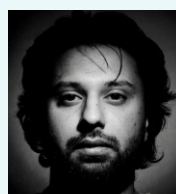
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Sumit Dayal

*Photographer and
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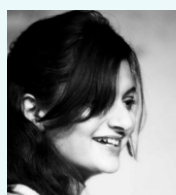
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*Chef and
Go pro Advocate*



Manan Dhuldhoya

Freelance travel writer



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Fashion Designer



Lhakpa Tsering

*Champion motor rallyist,
2 times WINNER, Raid De
Himalaya*



Sonia Shukla,

*Writer, former Editor
Indian Express*



**Arambam
Agamba Singh**

*Manipur Tourism Forum,
Co-founder
Imphal Campaign WW2*



**Puneet Inder
Gaur Sidhu**

Freelance Writer

THE ITINERARY

23 rd April

Arrive at Dibrugarh airport then transfer to ferry point to cross the mighty Brahmaputra.

Disembark on the other side then drive 3 hours to Pasighat. Overnight at **Hotel Serene**.

24 th April (6 hrs)

Drive along the Siang river and arrive at Geku beach Camp.

Reception of guests; introduction with crew members; snacks with welcome drink; Dinner.

Camp by **Ane Siang**.

25 th April (6 hrs)

After breakfast safety talk and introduction to the Geku - Pasighat stretch of the Siang. Today will be a class 3 section. Commence rafting; shortly after start we get to the first rapids called Gunker followed by the Geku wave train before reaching class 3 rapids called 65 rapids (before reaching Dite Dime bridge). Then we come to the Dite Dime rapids (class 2+) followed by Riyu rapids and Begging rollercoaster (class 3).

We stop for refreshments at the Parong bend and follow a flat section all the way to Kebang camp crossing a few suspension bridges; snacks and drinks followed by dinner.

Camp by **Nature Unlimited**.

26 th April (4 hrs)

After breakfast start towards Pongging camp; shortly we encounter Rottung rapids (class 3+). Make a short stop at the Asi cave to finally reach Pongging camp just above the Big Pongging rapids (class 4).

After reaching Pongging beach camp, hike to Pongging village to be welcomed by the villagers for lunch organised by the Pongging women's self help group; hike back to camp; snacks and drinks followed by dinner.

Camp by **Donyi Hango**.



27 th April (3 hrs)

After briefing members can either do the Pongging to Yamne hike (2 hrs) crossing the Siang – Yamne confluence on a traditional hanging bridge or join the boats to hit the Pongging rapids; followed by Sikit Siimar rapids to finally take out at Rane Ghat.

Evening felicitation at Abor Country River Camp.

28 th April

Workshop and interaction between friends of Siang and tourism officials, tour operators, media community people etc.

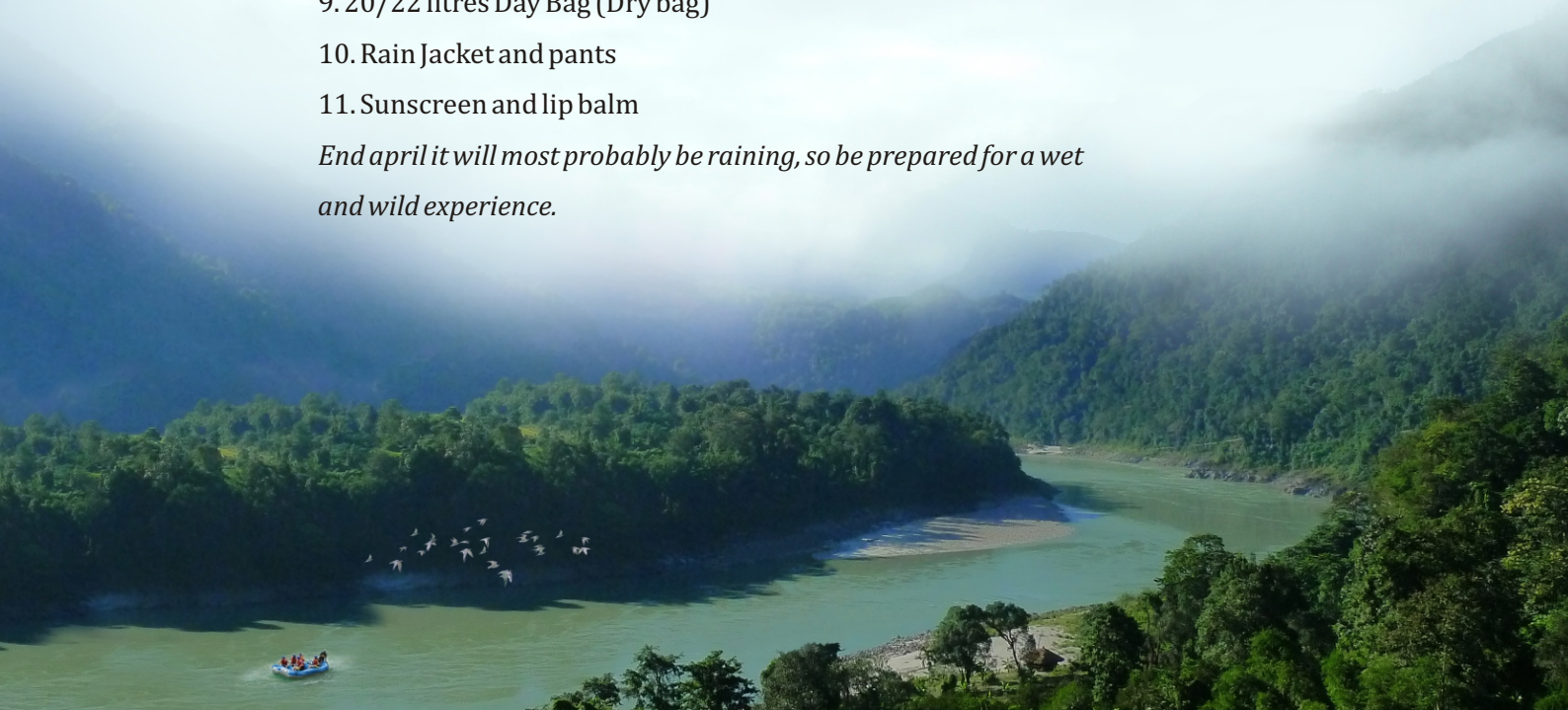
29 th April

Cross the Brahmaputra then drive to Dibrugarh airport for return journey.

PACKING LIST

1. Quick drying clothes
2. Water proof sandals
3. Sunglasses with straps
4. Retainers for spectacles
5. Luggage in soft bags
6. Light sleeping bag
7. Personal first aid
8. Headlamps
9. 20/22 litres Day Bag (Dry bag)
10. Rain Jacket and pants
11. Sunscreen and lip balm

End april it will most probably be raining, so be prepared for a wet and wild experience.



12. Hats for sun/rain protection

13. Waterproof case for your camera/phone

You can bring your own Day Bag to hold things you may need to use during the day on the river, a camera, sunscreen, an extra layer, etc. The day bags will be clipped into the raft.

The rest of stuffs, extra clothes, shoes etc will be brought and kept ready at your next camp.

Except for the camp Ponging (26 th April) where there is no land access, You can put the stuffs you require for the day in a large dry bag provided by us which will be carried along on the river.

SAFETY TEAM

01. **Ayodhya Prasad** *Expedition leader, River Guide and Safety Kayaker*

Qualifications & Certificates

IRF Assessment grade III in Rishikesh, India

Advance First Aid Training (Vivo Health Care)

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)

RESCUE 3 Pro

Swiss Outdoor Association (Guide II)

Swiss Outdoor Association (Guide II Tripleader)

Swiss Outdoor Association (Kanu Guide I)

02. **Vijay Singh Pundir** *River guide and white water rafting trainer*

IRF certified guide class IV

First Aid Course from American safety & health institute (2017)

Certified guide by IPRO.

Certified river guide by Uttrakhand Tourism.

White Water Rescue Training Course in 2015

03. **Pawan Kumar** *Professional River guide and safely Kayaker*

04. **Abhishek Sagoi** *Professional River Guide and Safety Kayaker*

05. **Akoying Tekseng** *Professional River Guide and Safety Kayaker*

A son of the soil born and bred by the Siang river

