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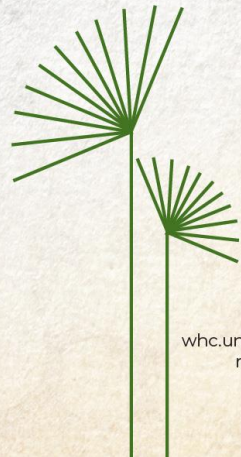
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# ADVENTURES IN THE WILDERNESS

MANAS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY





Discover an extraordinary world nestled in the Himalayan foothills of western Assam. At the Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, the air is pristine, the inhabitants roam free in their wild splendour and the forest flourishes, lush and undisturbed. The roar of the tiger, the chatter of the langurs and the bark of the deer are the only sounds that disturb the deep stillness. As one moves away from the gentle mountain slope, there's the sweep of grasslands, the canopy of tropical semi-evergreens and the span of a river to explore. Sprawled along the Manas River and bounded by forest, the sanctuary invites visitors for an exhilarating adventure in the wilderness.





## CALL OF THE WILD

The sanctuary is a haven for wildlife lovers. It is home to 22 of India's most threatened species of mammals. The region and its ecosystem are critical for the survival of the golden langur, pygmy hog and hispid hare. It is also the country's only habitat for the pure strain of the wild buffalo. Other inhabitants include the one-horned rhino, clouded leopard, sloth bear, and elephant. There is striking diversity in the plant life too. The sanctuary houses 89 tree species, 49 shrubs, 37 undershrubs, 172 herbs and 36 species of climbers. Manas is also famous for its orchids and ferns.



From glimpses of the elusive tiger on the prowl to spotting the endangered golden langur amidst the green trees, Manas Wildlife Sanctuary has plenty to offer those keen on exploring the unexplored.



## UNTAMED & UNDEFEATED



A biodiversity hotspot that boasts of rare flora and fauna, Manas Wildlife Sanctuary is a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts interested in preservation and conservation efforts. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1985.

The sanctuary with many different terrains and ecosystems in its 500-sq-km-area, can support several species of animals and plants. Manas was categorised as a game reserve in 1928. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in 1973, a Biosphere Reserve in 1989 and a National Park in 1990. It is designated as an Important Bird Area. Since 2003, it is a part of Chirang-Ripu Elephant Reserve, the international corridor for elephant migration between India and Bhutan.

The untamed and undefeated wilderness of the Manas Wildlife Sanctuary is testimony to the success of preservation and conservation measures.

## SPLENDOURS OF THE WILD



The animals are undoubtedly the stars at Manas Wildlife Sanctuary. But it's also a place of spectacular beauty. There's the lush backdrop of forests, the tumult of the River Manas rushing through rugged mountains and the serenity of the rolling grasslands. The sanctuary is vibrant with massive trees, birds, blooms, and the endless shades of nature's colours. Time spent in this wild and raw landscape rejuvenates the body and mind.

### How to Reach

- By Air : 137 kms (approx.) from Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Guwahati Airport
- By Rail : 19.6 kms (approx.) from Barpeta Road Railway Station
- By Road : 19.9 kms (approx.) from Barpeta Road

