GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM

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ADVISORY

It has come to the notice of the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya that there has been a surge in the spread of fake hotel websites and scams targeting guests to the state. With the ever-increasing usage of online bookings, it is important for everyone to be alert and keep an eye out for fake portals.

Kindly be advised that these fraudulent sites may appear as the actual pages and exploit unsuspecting victims.

The Department of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya strongly urges everyone to:

- 1. **Verify the source**: Check the authenticity of the pages/booking agent before making any payments. Kindly refer to the list of verified accommodation units in the department's official portal and/or the Android/iOS App.
- 2. **Contact official authority:** If you ever come across any suspicious webpage or scam activities, do not hesitate to report such activities to the department and/or to the police.
- 3. **Avoid providing personal Information**: Do not provide your personal information to anyone unless they are proven to be authentic. Exercise extreme caution if you feel the website/booking agent is asking for unnecessary information.
- 4. **Stay alert of scams:** If the offer is too good to be true, then its most likely false. Pay attention to any small detail that reveal signs of fraudulent activity.
- 5. **Contact Information:** Listed below are the official online handles of the Department of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya, where you can reach out for information:

Website : https://www.meghalayatourism.in

Twitter: @meghtourism (Verified)
Instagram: @meghtourism (Verified)

Facebook : @meghtourism (Meghalaya Tourism) (Verified)

Threads : @meghtourism (Verified)

YouTube : @meghtourism (Meghalaya Tourism Official)

E-mail : <u>info@meghalayatourism.in</u>

The Department of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya requests the public to kindly be cautions and vigilant for any scams and fraudulent activities.



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