

WELCOME TO MEGHALAYA

The Abode of Clouds

Meghalaya's homegrown festivals add a refreshing, people-centric dimension to the state's already vibrant cultural calendar. While cultural festivals celebrate tribal heritage, rituals, and music, these newer initiatives reflect on Meghalaya's evolving identity, rooted in its land and people. Curated with community at their core, many of these festivals highlight local produce, empower farmers, and nurture grassroots entrepreneurship. Due to their scattered occurrence, the homegrown festivals of Meghalaya allow visitors to experience the diversity and cultural extravaganza of the state throughout the year. These festivals offer immersive experiences that honor tradition and innovation, while amplifying the voices and crafts of the people. From celebrating seasonal blooms and local cuisine to fostering creative expression and sustainable practices, festivals such as Cherry Blossom, Winter Tales, Me-Gong, and Monolith festivals all offer a fusion of cultural identity with a tinge of modernity.



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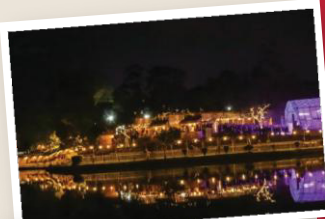
Winter Tales

December

A captivating festival, the Winter Tales is an annual celebration that heralds the onset of the Christmas season in Meghalaya. Rooted in the rich cultural tapestry of the local communities, this festival brings to life the enduring traditions, stories, and artistry of the people. It is a meaningful tribute to sustainable practices that also signals to the profound bond shared between the people and their land. It is where age-old wisdom meets modern creativity.

Championing the theme "Homegrown, Handpicked, and Handcrafted," Winter Tales continuously work to uplifts local entrepreneurs and creators. Visitors can experience a thoughtfully curated marketplace featuring

an eclectic mix of handlooms, handicrafts, regional cuisine, music, visual arts, and literature. Artisans, musicians, and storytellers come together to offer an immersive experience in an atmosphere that is both intimate and spirited.



Culinary Cascade

May

Culinary Cascade is a three-day celebration of Meghalaya's rich culinary heritage. It is a culinary movement, the first of its kind, that honors age-old culinary traditions, sustainability, and the deep ties between the people and nature. The event features local produce, traditional spices, regional brews, and cuisines from the Khasi, Jaintia, and Garo tribes, alongside global culinary influences. Visitors can enjoy live cooking demos, food innovation showcases, expert discussions, and street food reinvented. With free entry, 'Culinary Cascade' invites all to experience Meghalaya's evolving food story—rooted in tradition, enriched by collaboration, and bursting with creativity.



Shillong

Cherry Blossom Festival

November

The Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival is one of its kind. It marks the autumnal bloom of the wild Himalayan cherry blossoms (*Prunus cerasoides*) in Shillong. First launched in 2016, this homegrown festival was envisioned as a way to promote eco-tourism, celebrate the region's natural beauty, and foster a dynamic cultural connection. Unlike the spring cherry blossoms of countries like Japan, Shillong's streets are graced by pink blooms in November. Over time, the festival has evolved into a lively celebration of music, food, art, fashion, and cultural performances, attracting visitors and highlighting Meghalaya's distinct seasonal charm.



Every year the Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival welcomes diplomatic presence, international and local artists who grace the stage with lively performances. The previous editions include artists Ne-Yo, Ronan Keating, Akon, Clean Bandit, Boney M, R3hab, Jasleen Royal, Kanika Kapoor, Korn SK, and Queen Sensation.

Festivals like the Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival celebrate the region's natural wonders while providing a platform to showcase and strengthen this heritage. By blending traditional art forms with contemporary expressions, the festival encourages the youth to honour tradition while embracing global influences.

Monolith Festival

March

As the hills echo with the sound of soulful music and melodies, the Monolith festival comes to life with traditional tunes, folk dances and stories narrating the history and spirituality of the Khasi tribe. Celebrating the diversity across language, geography, religious beliefs and art, the festival brings together people of all ages under the vast Meghalaya sky. Every art form is a display of tradition with intention, where music, dance and food tell stories of the ancient past. From dance to music to indigenous cuisines and games, this festival unites the Khasi people amidst their cultural intricacies.



Me-Gong Festival

November

Named after the *baubinia purpurea* flower, the Me-Gong festival is a lively tribute to the region's rich biodiversity and conservation of its natural resources. The festival symbolizes the close connection shared between the people and the hills they inhabit. Held annually in November or December, this festival showcases the people's music, art, and dance. The festival features traditional and modern music, drawing visitors from across India and beyond. It has increasingly attracted renowned national and international artists. The Me-Gong festival offers a perfect platform to explore the distinct identity of the Garo Hills, where tradition, culture, and nature seamlessly blend.

