

Fuel-efficient 3-Day Living Root Bridges Itinerary

Planning a trip to see the famous **Living Root Bridges in Meghalaya** can be tricky as they are scattered across separate valleys. To save you from unnecessary driving and physical fatigue, here is a highly efficient, time-saving 3-day action plan mapped out in a seamless sequence.

Day 1: Cherrapunji Hub & Warm-Up Walk

- **Morning:** Drive straight from Shillong to Cherrapunji (Sohra). This is a 55 km drive that takes about 2 hours.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Laitkynsew Root Bridge** (locally called *Jingkieng Deingjri*). This requires very little walking and serves as a perfect warm-up before the big trek tomorrow.
- **Evening:** Explore nearby tourist spots like Nohkalikai Falls or Mawsmai Cave. Sleep early to save your energy.

Day 2: The Main Challenge (Nongriat Double-Decker)

- **06:30 AM:** Drive from Cherrapunji to **Tyrna Village**. The drive takes about 30 minutes.
- **07:00 AM – 01:00 PM:** Start the famous trek to the **Nongriat Double-Decker Root Bridge**. You need to walk down 3,500 stone steps. If you still have energy, you can walk further to see Rainbow Falls.
- **02:00 PM – 05:00 PM:** Climb back up the 3,500 steps to reach Tyrna Village.
- **Night Stay Shift:** Drive directly from Tyrna to **Pynursla** or **Mawlynnong** (about a 2-hour drive) and stay the night there. This sets you up perfectly for Day 3.

Day 3: The Grand Finale (Rangthylliang → Riwai → Padu)

- **08:00 AM – 10:30 AM:** Visit the **Rangthylliang Root Bridge** near Pynursla. This is one of the longest root bridges in Meghalaya, spanning over 50 metres.
- **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM:** Drive to the **Riwai Root Bridge** near Mawlynnong. This is a very easy 15-minute flat walk from the car park.
- **01:30 PM – 03:30 PM:** Take the Amlarem road to see the **Padu Root Bridge** in West Jaintia Hills. It is a quiet, peaceful double-span bridge with no tourist crowds.
- **03:30 PM onwards:** Drive back to Shillong or Guwahati airport/railway station via the Dawki or Jowai route for your journey home.

Reaching to Living Root Bridges in Meghalaya

- **By Air:** The nearest domestic airport is Umroi Airport near Shillong. You can check schedules directly on the official [AAI Shillong Airport Portal](#). Alternatively, you can fly into Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati (120 km away), which offers much better flight connectivity across India.

- **By Rail:** The nearest railway station is Guwahati. You can plan your train journey and book tickets via the official [IRCTC Booking Platform](#) or check live train statuses using the [Indian Railways National Train Enquiry System](#).
 - **By Road:** You can check local transport availability, approved taxi rates, and curated packages on the official [Meghalaya Tourism Portal](#). Private and shared cabs run regularly from Guwahati to Shillong, and onwards to Cherrapunji or Mawlynnong.
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