



# MECHUKHA

Dear Reader,

Dechenthang, is a charming village in the tranquil valleys of Arunachal Pradesh. Join us as we embark on a journey through this picturesque haven, exploring its serene landscapes and gain insight on its warm community. We will also uncover the remnants of Dev Balu's Dzong, offering a glimpse into the region's rich history. As you make plans for travel, hope these places will inspire you to go beyond what is known, and explore new and unseen places.

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## Dechenthang Village

Set amid the serene valleys of Arunachal Pradesh, Dechenthang village is with its picturesque landscape promises to stay etched

in the mind for a long time. 8.1km from Mechukha Town. Dechenthang is unexplored and thus is an opportunity to discover everything new.



Lush in greenery and surrounded by rolling hills, the village offers breathtaking views that are sure to calm the mind. The village is ideal for nature lovers, and those who revel in nature photography. For those craving for simple pleasures like walking amidst the greens, look no further. The nearby Yargyap Chu river and streams, with its crystal-clear waters, adds to the village's charm.

Dechenthang village is home to Memba tribe, known for their warm hospitality and traditional customs. Visitors can immerse themselves in the local culture witnessing folk dances, savouring local delicacies and even participating in their traditional festivals. The traditional houses, built with wood and stone, reflect the architectural style unique to this region.

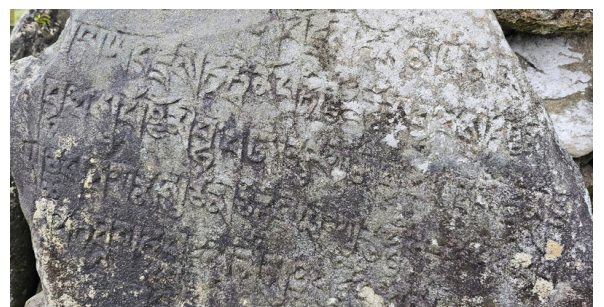


Mani( Prayers)

Dechenthang also has its spiritual significance. The village is dotted with several ancient Mani stones, Stupas and prayer flags fluttering in the wind, lending colour to its air. These offer a glimpse into the spiritual life of the villagers.

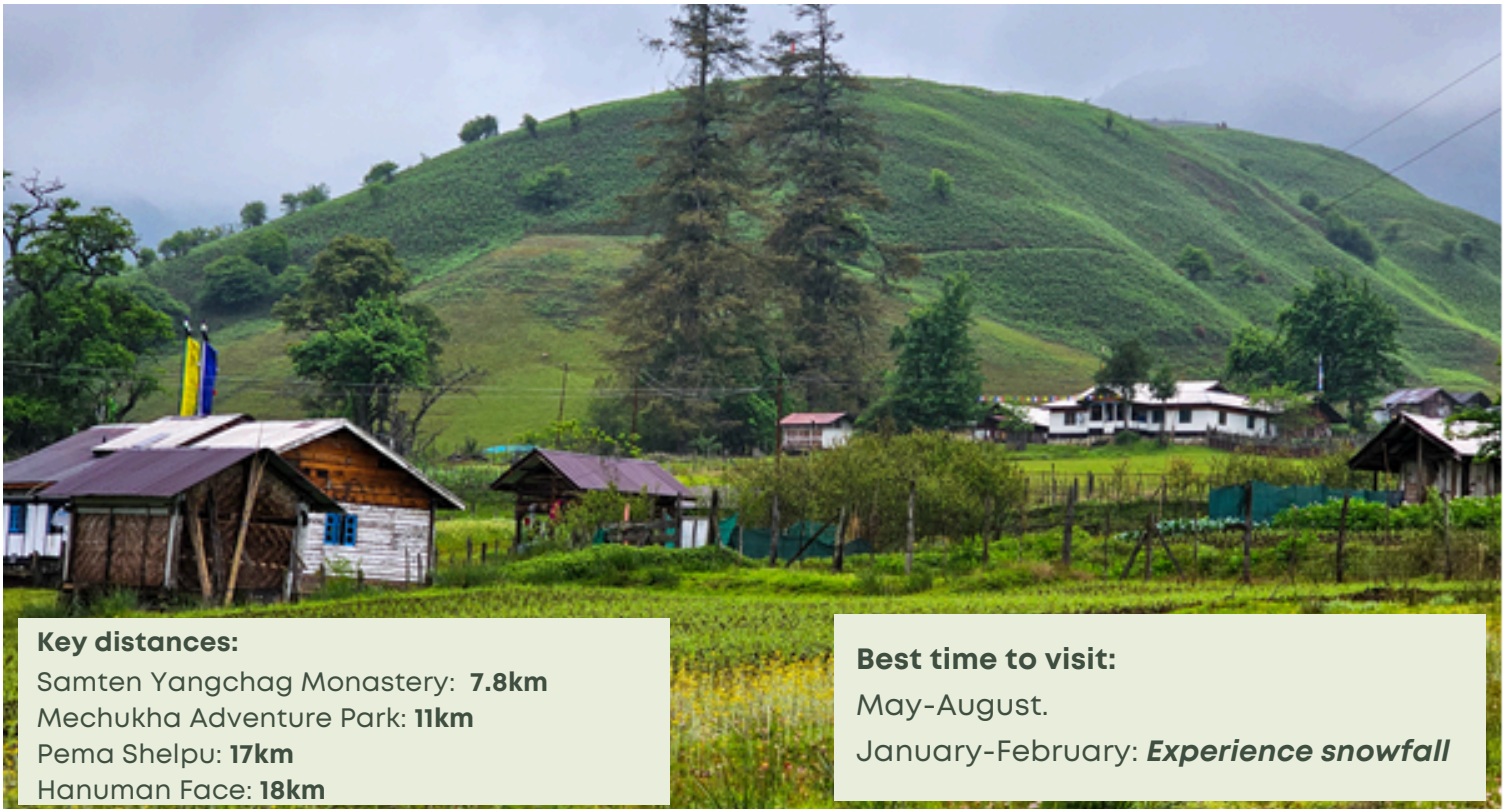


Stupa in Gompa at Dechenthang



Stone stacks filled with prayers inscribed on stones in a language akin to Sanskrit, believed to date back over 600 years, as recounted by the local inhabitants.

Begin this scenic journey to reach Dechenthang village by crossing the Bumjipanga Bridge. Once across, turn left and continue while you pass through the Durigyap Village, Mechukha Village and Galling. Then, proceed to Dechenthang Village. While on the journey, relish the the allure of each village, its houses, people and arresting imagery. Crafting memories for a lifetime.



**Key distances:**

Samten Yangchag Monastery: **7.8km**  
Mechukha Adventure Park: **11km**  
Pema Shelpu: **17km**  
Hanuman Face: **18km**

**Best time to visit:**

May-August.  
January-February: **Experience snowfall**

**DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT**

**Dev Balu's Dzong/Fort**



In close proximity to Mechukha lie the remnants of the Memba tribe, which once fell under the jurisdiction of Tibetan kings who implemented the "Dev System" for governance. These remnants include Dev Balu's Dzong, where "Dev" signifies the title bestowed upon the leader or governor of the Memba Community, and "Dzong" denotes a fort. The fort's appellation honors Balu, the inaugural Dev of the Memba community. Here, visitors can explore the architecture of the fort while learning about its significance.

