



Destination Spotlight: **Nacho**

Located in the Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh, Nacho a tiny SDO Head Quarter of about 900 people, is nestled among pristine natural surroundings, lush forests, and scenic landscapes. The densely forested hills are separated by streams and rivers Subansiri, which flow mostly towards south and have deep gorges. The landscape of the region allows several species of birds to call it home and is rich in biodiversity. Local communities at Nacho engage in traditional farming along the terraced paddy fields, a rich culture of handicrafts including the intricately woven traditional 'Tagin hat', and bamboo-based items for daily use.



A visit to Nacho SDO Head quarter promises to be an educative experience of how indigenous people live their lives perfectly in tandem with nature, in the most sustainable manner. Discerning travellers and those with niche interests like cultural tourism, voluntourism, photography and bird watching have exciting opportunities for an immersive experience. The weather at Nacho SDO Head quarter is typically at its best from November to May. Temperatures rarely rise above 25° C during the winter season and nights can be chilly.

How/ When to Reach?

Arrive by Air: Hollongi, Itanagar is the nearest Airport (394km). A journey of up to 15-16 hours takes you to Nacho SDO Head quarter via Aalo and Daporijo. It may be ideal to break journey at Daporijo and proceed the next day towards Nacho. Dibrugarh Airport is 375km from Nacho. A journey of up to 15-16 hours takes you to Nacho SDO Head quarter via Aalo and Daporijo. It may be ideal to break journey at Daporijo and proceed the next day towards Nacho.

Helicopter Service: Every wednesday there is a Helicopter service from Naharlagun (to Nacho SDO Head quarter)

Best time to visit: November to May

Accommodation: Govt. Inspection Bungalow & Circuit House is available for tourist accommodation at Nacho. Home stays and lodges are available at Daporijo (112km).

Note: An Inner Line Permit issued by Govt. Of Arunachal Pradesh must be secured before travelling.

Festival Spotlight:

Si Donyi Festival

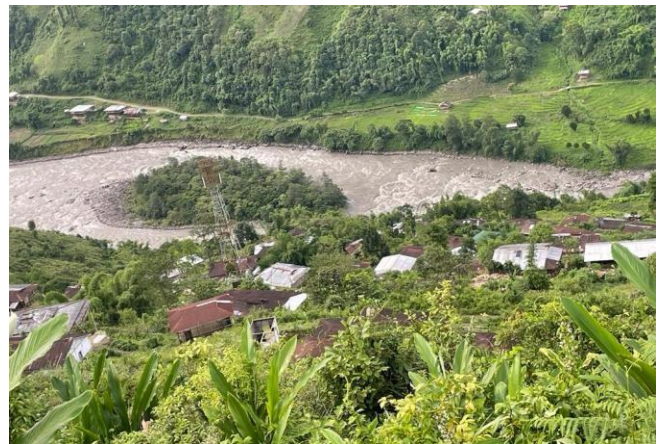


Si Donyi is the most important festival Celebrated at Nacho in the Upper Subansisi district of Arunachal Pradesh. Celebrated by the Tagin tribe of the region, the festival marks the beginning of anew year, where the sun, the earth along with other deities, and involves animal sacrifices to ward off evil spirits. Hymn recital by the high priest who is received by traditional dances, a variety of cultural performances and other elements make the festival an interesting experience.

Dates: 4-6 January, 2024

Go Local at Nacho:

Indigenous Community Villages



What makes Nacho an interesting destination is its community villages designed and built along the mountain slopes by the Tagin and other communities. The 'hill slope villages' present an imagery that is unique and one that can be experienced with the warm and friendly local population. Homes made on bamboo and timber stilts are the visual identity of the region, that showcases the skillful local architecture suitable to the terrain, craftsmanship and resources management. The villages here allow people to live harmoniously with nature and the natural terrain of the land – making it a sustainable practice.