OTHER LOCAL EXPERIENCES IN LOIKAW

Visit the Loikaw Weaving Centre and explore the Natural Dyeing Trail

Visit Loikaw’s inspiring weaving centre and organic garden to discover the process of natural dyeing, experience traditional weaving and meet local youth, being trained at the centre. The tour can depart any day of the week, with 2-6 participants.

It costs $3/person (1 hour) including the visit to the centre and garden, and a chance to practice natural dyeing, with guidance from a natural dyeing master. Your tour fees contribute to a Trainee Start-Up Fund, supporting trainees from vulnerable families, in the first steps of their professional careers.

The Kayah Sausage Experience: learn to make Kayah’s signature dish!

This tour welcomes you into the home of a Loikaw Kayah sausage producer, to enjoy a safe, unique cooking experience. Learn how to make original Kayah sausage, flavoured with distinctive Kayah pepper. The tour departs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00am to 12:00pm, with 2-6 participants.

Each group pays a fixed charge of $15 for the sausage ingredients (2-6 people), plus $5* per person for the cooking class (2 hours). This includes local tea, sausage ingredients and guidance during the cooking class by a local master of Kayah sausage! Providing these cookery experiences for tourists provides additional income for the sausage producers, and helps keep these delicious recipes alive.

*Prices exclude the cost of an English speaking guide, and tour operator service fees (10%) for booking the tour

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CULTURAL COMMUNITY TOURS

Your invitation to join inspiring, local experiences in Kayah

THE ITC INCLUSIVE TOURISM PROJECT

NTF III Myanmar: Inclusive Tourism focussing on Kayah State project is implemented by ITC in collaboration with CBI and funded by the Dutch Government. The initiative assisted the local communities and service providers (featured in this leaflet) to integrate into tourism value chains, through training, product development and market linkages.

Learn, share and roll with the rhythm of local life, exploring Kayah’s vibrant tapestry of ethnic villages
WELCOME TO KAYAH

COMMUNITY CULTURAL TOURS

Better, more inspiring experiences

Would you like to explore Kayah’s mountains with expert woodsmen, try your hand at traditional weaving, or learn to play a tune on an ancient, bamboo guitar? Perhaps you would like to taste authentic Kayah food in a local family home, enjoy a lakeside picnic, or enjoy a “jungle lunch” with a stunning mountain view? If the answer is “Yes”, these tours are for you!

Deeper insights

The tours are designed to share very special aspects of local life, which community members feel proud of and are comfortable to share with guests. Trained, local community guides ensure that you learn about local life, from local people, in their own words.

Benefiting local people

Before welcoming guests, community members were trained in skills as diverse as safety, hygiene, guiding, and bookkeeping. They were introduced to responsible business partners, and assisted to work as a team with tour guides and tour operators. Local people designed the experiences and defined the prices.

PAN PET, KAYAN VILLAGE

Trek into the green heart of Kayah

In Prem Song hamlet, nature enthusiasts can enjoy forest treks, with stunning views of the local countryside. Village guides share fascinating stories about local livelihoods and beliefs. The trek takes 2 hours. A tasty “jungle picnic” is available.

Share the life of local artisans

In Salong Kana hamlet, guests can visit the homes of local artisans making traditional Kayan arts, jewellery and textiles. You can try your hand at craft-making. Lunch at home is available. In Reng Ku and Doh Khee hamlets, you can meet local musicians, and visit small handicrafts shops, run by the fun loving “Long-necked”, Kayan people.

*Prices depend on activities. Tour operators can book a tour and organize an English speaking tour guide for a 10% service fee

HTA NEE LA LEH, KAYAH VILLAGE

Discover ancient traditions

In Hta Nee La Leh village, local guides are proud to introduce you to their spiritual beliefs and local legends. Visit the Kaetoebu animist hall, hunting shrine, and lotus pond. A fun way of exploring the village is travelling by traditional ox cart!

Enjoy a traditional Kayah barbecue by the 7 Lakes

A highlight of visiting Hta Nee La Leh is tasting a delicious local barbecue, on the banks of the 7 Lakes, one of Kayah’s most scenic spots (price based on min. 6 guests). Smaller groups can enjoy a barbecue or seasonal menus at a local home (price based on min. 3 guests).

Experience Kayah dress and music

Local artisans continue to conserve traditional Kayah dress, and a collection of unique musical instruments, including bamboo guitars. Guests can meet artisans at their homes. Large groups can be accommodated at the community hall.