

## Option 2: The Rawang Trail Combination with Malikha River Rafting (5D/4N) Putao - Namkham - Machanbaw - Mulashidi – Putao

**Putao** - Situate 1499 ft, 457 meters above sea located far north of Myanmar in Kachin State, descendent from eastern Himalayan region. Lies were in a flat valley, famous as a jumping-off point for trekkers who want to explore the region's deep forests, wildlife sanctuaries and snow-capped mountains. Local tribal communities in Putao region are of Hkamti Shan, Doolin Jimphaw (Kachin), and White color Rawan, Myanmar's gypsy Lisu, Pigmy Tarong, hunting community of Htalu and Tibetan who lives in the far north in the Himalayas.

### Explore scenic beauty of the Putao plain enchanted with thrills of rafting experience in Mula River!

**Namkham** - Originally by Hkamti Shan name meaning "Golden River", has become the centre of cultivation place for the fruits that first missionary team have introduced thus to day famous for its sweet fruits production. Located on the bank of Malikha river at the bottom of Namhti mountain range, enrich with biodiversity of flora and fauna.

**Machanbaw** - A small administrative town, located 22 km away from Putao across Malikha river, beautifully set up with colonial style, connected by 213 meter long Malikha suspension bridge.

**Mulashidi** - Meaning in Lisu "the village stands in the thatch field along Mula River". 13 km away from Putao, a beautiful settlement next to 159 meter long Mulashidi suspension bridge.

**Mula River** - This leisurely day return journey on the pristine Mula river which later join in with famous Malikha river gives you a relax journey through thickly forested canyons, with a closer insight into a people and way of life unchanged for centuries. This river journey is an incredible combination of scenery, life style and truly quiet and introspective spots along the beauty of river banks. Relaxing a day at truly un-spoilt Fairy Island will be of an un-forgettable memory.

Tour Program Name	Trekking House Guided Activities Combination with Malikha River Rafting
Type	Soft Adventure Trekking, Rafting
Tour Code	EMT- 01R
Converge	Putao - Namkham - Machanbaw - Mulashidi - Putao
Duration	5 Days/4 Nights
Availability	Nov – May
Grade	Easy

### Day 1: Arrival Putao

Upon arrival at Putao airport meet and greet by Exotic Myanmar Travel's representative and transfer to your hotel. Putao, lies in a flat valley, jumping-off point for trekkers who want to explore the region's deep forests, wildlife sanctuaries and snow-capped mountains etc. After a brief fresh up, have light lunch and take a walk in and around Putao for the orientation. Dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house,

### Day 2: Putao - Htawadum - Namkham (Jeep/ Trek)

Breakfast and we visit attractive Putao market often busy with local ethnic tribes. We then depart by jeep/truck through the vast Putao plain on pebbled road to Htawadum with the distance 14 km which takes us about one hour. Here we cross Malikha River by long-tailed boat to visit famous Kanugmulon Pagoda, said to be one of the 84000 pagodas built by Thiri Dhamma Thawka, the great king. We proceed walking toward Salundum but turn to Nambandum from Lona suspension bridge. From here we continue walk to Namkham with the distance 5 km which should take us about 3 hours passing through smaller villages such as Salundum and Htrandum etc. Namkham, a large Rawan village, situates at the bottom of Namhti mountain range which is rich with biodiversity of flora and fauna.

Name after Hkamti Shan name meaning "Golden River" has become the centre of cultivation place for the fruits that Father Robert Moss has introduced thus to day famous for its sweet fruits production. We settle in at our guesthouse and walk around the village. We shall have our dinner and overnight at local guest house.

### Day 3: Namkham - Machanbaw - Mulashidi - Putao (Trek/ Jeep)

Breakfast and we start walk to Machanbaw with the distance 15 km which should take us about 6 hours through relatively low land terrain with occasionally ups and downs passing through some smaller villages such as Inwaingbaw and Inbubaw. Machanbaw is a small administrative town ex-Putao with beautifully set up colonial style town. We visit so-called "stone dragon" park which should take about 20 minute walk and we cross a suspension bridge spans across Malikha river to Naungkhine where our jeep awaits us and take us back to Putao. Afternoon is free to relax either at hotel or walking to tour to nearby villages. Dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house,

### Day 4: Putao - Mulashidi - Nat Kyun - Putao (Jeep/ Raft)

Breakfast and we transfer by jeep to Mulashidi, 14 km south of Putao (approx 20 minute), a beautiful Lisu settlement next to famous Mulashidi suspension bridge, from where this exciting combination of rafting and cruise adventure starts. At first we travel by raft along leisurely journey on the clear and fast flowing waters of Mula river through occasional gentle rapids. Later we arrive at confluence of Mula and Malikha rivers from where we venture downstream onto the Malikha river through forested hills and past white river beaches.

This part of the river probably one of the most beautiful spots in the wilderness world having high reef with lush tropical evergreen forests. Lunch will be served in a spectacular riverside beach inside the gorge follow a free time to relax swim, read and write. Afternoon we then cruise up river back to Machanbaw from where return by jeep to Putao. Dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house,

### Day 5: Departure

Breakfast and perhaps a last minute shopping at Putao market, Later we transfer to airport for our onward departure flight to conclude this unique experience.