

## Option 4: Malikha River Rafting (5D/4N) Putao - Mulashidi - Fairy Island - Machanbaw – Putao

**Experience a thrill of rafting in scenic Mula/Malikha River!**

**Mula/ Malikha 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 unforgettable memory.

### Trekking House Guided Activities Combination with Malikha River Rafting

Tour Program Name	Malikha River Rafting
Type	Leisure Rafting (based on PTH existing programs)
Tour Code	Malikha River Rafting
Converge	Putao - Mulashidi - Fairy Island - Machanbaw - Putao
Duration	Day Return
Availability	Oct – 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. Check in at hotel and have light lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon walk through plain of the paddy fields to Majaw Lisu village. Explore this unique village, interaction with local and walk along Majaw creek leaving beautiful sites behind having backdrop of Mt. Madoi Razi blazing with snow over the horizon. Return to Putao, dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house. (total walking hour - approx 2).

#### Day 2: Machanbaw, Namkham and Kamunglon Excursion (Easy)

Breakfast and depart by jeep through the vast Putao plain on pebbled road to Naungkhine (20 km, approx one hour), we get off the jeep, cross suspension bridge span across Malikha river to Machanbaw, a small administrative town ex-Putao with beautifully set up colonial style town. Here we walk up to the so-called stone dragon park which should take about 30 minutes to visit a park where there is a so-called "stone dragon" the snake-like rock formation. Later we board on a local fishermen boat for our upriver journey to along Malikha river (approx 40 minutes) to Namkham, a large Rawan village, situated 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 have Follow by a lunch stop we explore the village, social and cultural interaction with its friendly people and continue travel by boat up river to (about 20 minutes) to the site of famous Kanugmulon Pagoda, said to be one of the 84000 pagodas built by Thiri Dhamma Thawka, the great king. We cross the river to Htawadum where we meet our jeep and transfer back to Putao (14 km, approx one hour). Dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house,

#### Choice of Tour A or B

##### Day 3 (A): Walking tour to Hopaing village (Easy)

Breakfast and visit small but attractive Putao market and extended walk to Lonsut village, through vast paddy fields, cross over Namhtun creek and walk up to small plateau for a nice over view of Putao valley. Continue walk through beautiful bamboo grove to Hopaing Shan village, beautifully located on the valley of Lonsut. Visit beautiful Buddhist Monastery and village, social and culture exchange with friendly Shan people. Our return walk would be along Namhtun creek with optional visit to some of the Lisu villages on the way. Check in at hotel. Dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house, (total walking hour - approx 3 - 5),

##### Day 3 (B): Walking tour to Mudon village (Easy)

Breakfast and visit attractive Putao market. Perhaps visit one of the local orphanage schools and later take an easy walk to Paneling Hkamti Shan village and visit unique Mahamuni Image and other attractions. Continue walk to Putaung Shan village through paddy field and gardens having small Buddhist Shrine with a back drop of Blue Mountains and snow-capped Mountains far in the horizon. Continue walk to Gyinyankan Lisu village and finally walk to Malawagy village, located on a small plateau which gives you a panoramic view of Putao valley. Our return walk will be through Lonsut village back to Putao and check in at hotel. Dinner and overnight at Putao trekking house, (total walking hour - approx 3 - 5),

#### 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 we should do a last minute shopping at Putao market. Later we transfer to airport for our onward departure flight to conclude this unique experience.