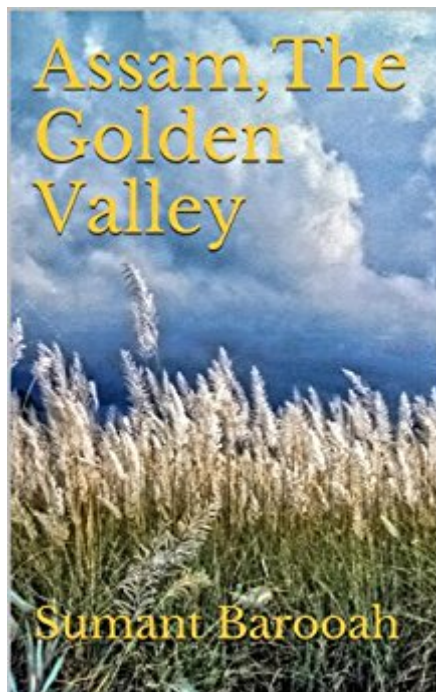


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# Assam, The Golden Valley



## Synopsis

Assam is a state in north-eastern part of India. It is the only state of its kind in India which has an assimilation of people from four ethnic roots who have travelled from the various corners of the world. This gives it a unique cultural identity; a mixture of the various customs, beliefs, cuisine, dress and festivals. Today in the travel world it is one of the undiscovered areas of the world and very appealing. Being located in the sub-Himalayan region of the Eastern Himalayas it has a very rich diversity of plants and animals. There are many Game Sanctuaries in the state for close sightings of the famous One Horned Rhinos, Tigers and many species of Deer, Elephants and other tropical animals. This is also the largest Tea growing area in the world famous for its Assam Tea and most of the roads meandering through the state pass through Tea cultivations. Until recently, Assam was considered the area where the actual Rice Grain was discovered. The origins of the rice culture the staple food extending from China to the Afghanistan. During harvest the whole valley turns to various shades of gold. This is Assam, the Golden Valley. The state was assimilated by a great Ahom king named Sukhapa who came from the kingdom of Mong, located on the China- Myanmar border, in the 13th century. The cultural identity was formed by the Vaishnuite Saint Sri Shankardev in the 15th century. This photo-book is an illustration of the people, their history, culture, cuisine, brew, festivals, dress and their way of life; highlighting the historical and cultural places to visit, the game sanctuaries and the chance to intermingle with the people during the festivals.

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