

Delightful Darjeeling & Sikkim Tour

5 Star Hotel Package

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per person

*Including healthy meals

Trip Style: Cultural Tour

Trip Difficulty: Leisurely



The spiraling mists at Darjeeling and Sikkim rise upwards to reveal the Kanchenjunga in different aspects each new day. In like manner, one is enthused in a spirit of rediscovering the East. On one hand, there's the vivacity in Kolkata - the land of Rabindranath Tagore, Satyajit Ray and Mother Teresa, presided over by the immense Victoria Memorial in white marble and on the other hand, there's the golden triangle of temple towns: Bhubaneswar - temple city of India, Puri - home of Lord Jagannath, and also a popular beach resort and Konark where you can join the spectacular Rath Yatra or gaze spell-bound at the stupendous Sun Temple of Konark rising amidst the sand dunes from the blue waters of the bay. Fall in love with orchid-bedecked Sikkim - the land that time forgot. See the Buddhist prayer flags fluttering in the breeze at the Buddhist Monasteries, such as Pemayangtse - an oasis of serenity and a repository of centuries-old wisdom and scriptures, surrounded by mountains and glaciers and passes, where time stands absolutely still. Sample the cheese in Kalimpong, a quaint bazaar town set in rolling foothills and deep valleys at the foot of the mighty Himalayas. Drink in Assam - as famous for its tea, as for its wildlife reserves - tigers at Manas and the one-horned rhinoceros at Kaziranga. Or holiday in Shillong, "the Scotland of the East" an ideal holiday resort through the year. Truly every day in East India is a new discovery.

DURATION: 11 days

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Day 01:: Darjeeling Transfer

On arrival at Bagdogra Airport, our representative will meet and greet you with welcome drink. Drive to Darjeeling via Mirik, Snacks or Lunch at Mirik. After enjoying horse riding and boating at Mirik Lake for 1 hour you will be transferred to Darjeeling via Pashupati Indo – Nepal border town Pashupati Nagar. The road continues to meander along the massive rolling hills of the Himalayas.

Drive time: 4 hrs plus.

Distance: 110 km.

Altitude: 2134 meters/ 6800 feet

Overnight @ Darjeeling

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 02:: Darjeeling Local Sightseeing

Early morning trip to Tiger Hill, if weather permits you will be able to see the spectacular sunrise over the majestic Kanchenjunga and top of the world "Mt. Everest" on the way back Ghoom Monastery and Batasia loop. After breakfast, you could take the joy ride (10:40 hrs) on the famous toy train of Darjeeling. It is a heritage railway established during the British Raj. After a memorable joy ride lunch break will visit the Himalayan Institute of

Mountaineering and Zoological Park (Thursday close), Cable car, Tea Estate, Tibetan Refugee Centre (Sunday closed) and drive back to Mall and stroll around @ Mall Road.

Overnight @ Darjeeling

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 03:: Pelling Transfer (West Sikkim)

After breakfast, you will be driven to Pelling, West Sikkim. If weather permits; the majestic Kanchendzonga will be visible during most of your journey. En-route you will visit the Tukvar tea estate to experience the stages of “Darjeeling Tea” Processing (Sunday closed). The road continues to meander along the massive rolling hills of the Himalayas.

On reaching (the border town of Sikkim), we break journey here where westerners will be asked to show Inner line permit to enter the region of Sikkim and as for the Indians they will be asked for their identity cards for the safety reason. The process will take approximately 15 minutes.

Here on you will drive via small settlements known as Jorethang that cater to the needs of the daily commuters and the people residing in the locality. For most of the time you will be driving along the mighty Rangeet River. We will drive via the West District Administrative centre – Gyalzing to Pelling last 20 kms to Pelling is gradual uphill climb.

Drive time : 4 hrs.

Distance: 85 km.

Altitude: 2038 meters/ 6,600 feet.

Overnight @ Pelling.

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 04:: Pelling Local Sightseeing

Today, you could start your day early and visit the Pemayangste Monastery for their morning prayers. Singsoe Bridge drives over the “Singshore-bridge”, Asia’s 2nd highest suspension bridge. Urbanization in Uttarey progressed rapidly since the 1990’s after the bridge was installed. While in Uttarey, enroute visit Dentam Valley, Cheese factory (Sunday Closed), Changay Water falls, the Rabdentse ruins (the 2nd capital of Sikkim which was destroyed during the invasion by the Gorkha’s around the 4th century).. Evening @ leisure

Evening stroll around Pelling Town.

Overnight @ Pelling.

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 05:: Gangtok Transfer (East Sikkim)

After breakfast, you will be driven to Gangtok, East Sikkim (Capitol of Sikkim). En-route to Gangtok, we will be driving via Namchi make a short detour to visit Samdruptse, the Magnificent 135ft tall statue of the patron of Sikkim “Guru Padmasambhava”, known for the vast knowledge of “Tantra-yana” he shared with us beings by founding the ‘Tibetan-Buddhism’ around the 8th century in Tibet. If weather permits, the himalaya’s are visible

from here and the Temi tea estate. The road continues to meander along the massive rolling hills of the Himalayas. The last 12 kilometers to Gangtok town is a gradual uphill climb. Evening stroll around Gangtok town

Drive Duration: 4 to 5 hrs

Distance : 125 kms

Altitude: 1,780 mtrs/ 5,800 feet. approx (Gangtok)

Overnight @ Gangtok

Accommodation:

Day 06:: Gangtok Local Sightseeing

Post breakfast you will visit the Institute of Tibetology (Museum dedicated to the study of Buddhism. It was founded by the late Chogyal Sir Palden Thendup Namgyal), Chorten, you will be ferried uphill to the Secretariat (the Official Administrative office of the State of Sikkim) on the rope-way. We will walk along the Royal Palace Road via the White Hall (flower shows are conducted every now and then) to the Directorate of Handloom and Handicraft Center (Sunday closed).

After Lunch, you will drive for 30-45 minutes to visit the Rumtek Monastery (the Headquarters of the Kagyu sect of Buddhism).

Evening stroll around M.G. Marg.

Overnight @ Gangtok

Accommodation:

Day 07:: Lachen Transfer and Sightseeing (North Sikkim)

Drive to Lachen, Lachen is a town in North Sikkim district in the Indian State of Sikkim. It is located at an elevation of 2,750 metres. The name Lachen means "big pass". The town is being promoted as a tourist destination by the Sikkimese government. The town forms the base to the Chopta Valley and Gurudongmar Lake annual yak race, the Thangu is held here in summer en route Tashi View Point, 7 Sister Water falls, Singhik View Point and Lunch @ Phodong.

The road continues to meander along the massive rolling hills of the Himalayas.

NOTE: You need to carry photocopy of ID Proof and 2 passport photo of all travelers for North Sikkim. You may also consider the distance to Lachen on the first day, to be tiring. Acclimatization being of top priority, warm clothes should be kept in mind and water to be the essence of life should always be kept by your side.

Drive time : 5 hrs plus.

Distance: 112 kms

Altitude: 2,750 mtrs/ 8745 feet

Overnight @ Lachen.

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 08:: Lachung Transfer and Sightseeing (North Sikkim)

After breakfast – drive to Thangu (14,000 ft) Gurudongmar Lake , Chopta Valley, and lunch @ Lachen . After lunch drive to lachung. A Bhutia village with a unique local self governing body called the Zumsa, which substitutes the Panchayat. Lachung has emerged as a tourist destination with the soaring popularity of Yumthang Valley, which is just 25 km from Lachung.

Altitude: 9600 ft approx Lachung

Distance: 47 km plus

Travel time: 2 hrs plus

Overnight at Lachung.

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 09:: Gangtok Transfer

Drive to Gangtok with mesmerizing memories of North Sikkim.

Evening stroll around Gangtok town.

Drive time 6 hrs.

Distance: 126 km

Altitude: 5,800 mtrs

Overnight at Gangtok

Accommodation & breakfast

Day 10:: Kalimpong Transfer and Sightseeing

After breakfast, you will be driven to Kalimpong via Mongsoog road en route visit Dr. Grams Homes, Delo Hills and you will check-in at your hotel. Kalimpong has a lot of flower nursery. Flowers from Kalimpong travel quite a distance to meet the demand of many florists across the world. You could visit a nursery, Monastery and Golf Course.

Evening at leisure or stroll around Local market

Drive Duration: 3 hrs plus.

Distance : 90 kms

Altitude: 1,243 mtrs. approx (Kalimpong)

Overnight @ Kalimpong

Accommodation & Breakfast

Day 11:: Train Station / Airport Transfer

You will be driven to the Airport (IXB) or NJP to meet your scheduled Flight or Train journey with everlasting memories to your next destination.

Please double check your flight/ Train departure timing

Drive time: 3 hrs.

Distance: 65 km