## **Sikkim Tourism**

Sikkim, a small northeastern state of India, is known for its stunning Himalayan landscapes, including Mount Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak. It is celebrated for its pristine environment, vibrant Buddhist culture, and diverse flora and fauna. Major attractions include Tsomgo Lake, Rumtek Monastery, and the Nathula Pass. The capital, Gangtok, is a hub of tourism and culture. Sikkim is India's first organic farming state and is famous for its eco-tourism, warm hospitality, and unique festivals like Losar and Saga Dawa. Its serene beauty and peaceful vibe make it a must-visit destination.



**Tourism Highlights** 

Natural Beauty and Scenic Destinations: Gangtok (The Capital): MG Marg: A lively promenade with shops, cafes, and vibrant local culture. Tashi Viewpoint: Offers panoramic views of the Kanchenjunga range. Hanuman Tok and Ganesh Tok: Peaceful temples with stunning views of the Himalayas. Tsomgo Lake: A glacial lake surrounded by snow-capped peaks, often visited for its scenic beauty and yak rides.

**Nathula Pass**: A historic trade route on the Indo-China border, offering breathtaking views of the mountains. **Yumthang Valley (Valley of Flowers)**: Known for its colorful alpine meadows and hot springs, this valley is especially stunning in spring. **Gurudongmar Lake**: One of the world's highest lakes, revered for its crystal-clear waters and spiritual significance. **Pelling**: Offers spectacular views of Mount Kanchenjunga and attractions like Pemayangtse Monastery and Rabdentse Ruins.



**Lachung and Lachen**: Picturesque villages that serve as gateways to Yumthang Valley and Gurudongmar Lake. **Zuluk**: A quaint hamlet known for the winding roads of the Old Silk Route and mesmerizing sunrises.

**Spiritual and Cultural Attractions: Rumtek Monastery**: One of Sikkim's largest and most important monasteries, showcasing Tibetan Buddhist architecture. **Tashiding Monastery**: A sacred site believed to purify visitors of sins. **Enchey Monastery**: A tranquil monastery near Gangtok, surrounded by lush forests. **Namchi**:Home to the towering **Statue of Guru Padmasambhava** and the **Char Dham complex**, a replica of India's four pilgrimage sites.

**Adventure Activities : Trekking**: Popular treks include the **Goecha La Trek** and **Dzongri Trek**, offering unparalleled views of the Kanchenjunga range. **River Rafting**: Enjoy thrilling rafting experiences on the Teesta and Rangit rivers. **Paragliding**: Soar over Gangtok and enjoy panoramic views of the valleys and mountains. **Mountain Biking**: Explore rugged terrains and scenic routes around Gangtok, Pelling, and Yuksom.

**Flora and Fauna: Khangchendzonga National Park** (UNESCO World Heritage Site): A biodiversity hotspot, home to snow leopards, red pandas, and rare flora. **Singalila National Park**: Known for stunning trekking routes and diverse wildlife, including the red panda. **Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary**: Famous for vibrant rhododendron blooms during spring.

**Unique Experiences:** Kanchenjunga Base Camp: A trekker's paradise offering up-close views of the majestic Kanchenjunga. **Hot Springs**: Enjoy natural hot springs in places like Yumthang and Reshi, believed to have therapeutic properties. **Rural Tourism**: Stay in villages like Dzongu (a Lepcha reserve) or Ravangla to experience local life and organic farming. **Old Silk Route**: A historic trading route offering mesmerizing views, particularly from Thambi Viewpoint.

#### **Best Time to Visit**

- Spring (March to May): Ideal for blooming flowers and pleasant weather.
- Autumn (October to November): Perfect for clear mountain views.
- Winter (December to February): Great for snow lovers, especially in higher altitudes.

## **Sikkim**

Destination : Gangtok (02 Nts) - Pelling (02 Nts) - Kalimpong (01 Nt) - Darjeeling (02 Nts)

## Day 01 Arrival NJP / IXB – Gangtok

Gangtok (5412 Ft / 1650Mts, 130 Kms / 04 to 05 Hrs Drive)

On arrival at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (NJP) / Bagdogra Airport (IXB) (413 Ft / 126 Mts), you will be met by our local representative, who will assist you to board the vehicle to Gangtok. On reaching Gangtok, check in and overnight at hotel.



# <u>Day 02 Gangtok – Excursion to Tshangu Lake & New Baba Mandir</u>

Tshangu Lake (12400Ft / 3780 Mts / 43 Kms / 02 Hrs Drive one way) & New Baba Mandir (13100 Ft / 3994 Mts / 18 Kms / 01 Hrs further drive from Tshangu Lake)

- Today after breakfast, start for full day excursion to Tshangu Lake & New Baba Mandir. Return back to Gangtok. Overnight at hotel.

#### Note:

- Documents for Tshangu Lake & New Baba Mandir 02 Passport Size Photo along with Photo Copy of Photo ID Proof (Passport or Driving License or Voter ID (<u>Pan Card & Adhaar Card is not accepted</u>). For Children below 18 years, <u>Date of Birth certificate written in English is mandatory</u> along with School Id / College Id as supporting document. Original to be brought with self while travelling.
- 2. Incase visit to Tshangu Lake is not possible, due to landslide or any other unforeseen reasons, alternative sightseeing will be provide.
- 3. Process for Foreigner, OCI & PIO Card holder are completely different, kindly inform us well in advance to plan out the itinerary accordingly.

#### **Travel Support Services**

### **Optional:**

1. Nathula Pass (14137 Ft / 4310 Mts) Indo China Border (<u>remains closed on Monday for tourist</u>), visit is limited to Indian nationals only, <u>allowed on the basis of advance permit</u> on extra cost. For rate, kindly refer to Supplement & Optional Cost Column, given below the main package cost.



## Day 03 Gangtok - Pelling

Pelling (5500 Ft / 1675 Mts, 116Kms / 05 to 06 Hrs drive)

- After breakfast check out and go for a half day sightseeing of Gangtok covering Flower Show, Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom (Closed on 2<sup>nd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup>Saturday, Sunday, Local Festival and State & National Govt. holidays), Do-rulChhorten, Research Institute of Tibetology (Closed on 2<sup>nd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup>Saturday, Sunday, Local Festival and State & National Govt. holidays) and Banjhakari Falls.
- Later transfer to Pelling. On reaching Pelling, check in & overnight at hotel.

#### Note:

1. Alternative sightseeing of Bakthang Waterfalls&Ropeway (If operational, ticket on direct payment basis) will be provided incase of Research Institute of Tibetology & Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom is closed.

## **Optional:**

1. Detour for Buddha Park at Ravangla(8000 Ft / 2439 Mts).

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# Day 04 Pelling

## Pelling (5500 Ft / 1675 Mts)

- After breakfast, proceed for Pelling local sightseeing covering Pemayangtse Monastery, Chenrezig Statue & Skywalk. Post lunch; proceed for sightseeing of Rimbi Water fall, Khecheopalri Lake & Kanchanjunga Water fall. Overnight at hotel.

# **Day 05 Pelling – Kalimpong**

## Kalimpong (4091 Ft / 1247 Mts, 115 Kms / 04 to 05 Hrs drive)

- After breakfast, checkout & then transfer to Kalimpong. On reaching Kalimpong, check in and overnight at hotel.



#### **Optional:**

1. Detour for Sing shore Bridge(5904 Ft / 1800 Mts, 26 Kms / 1.5 to 2 Hrs drive one way from Pelling). For rate, kindly refer to Supplement & Optional Cost Column, given below the main package cost.

#### **Travel Support Services**

## Day 06 Kalimpong - Darjeeling

Darjeeling (6710 Ft / 2046 Mts,70 Kms / 03 to 04 Hrs drive)

- Today after breakfast check out and go for local sightseeing of Kalimpong covering **Dello hills, Flower Nursery, Panoramic view of Golf Course & Jang-Dong-Palriffo Brang and Durbin Dara Hills.**
- Later transfer to Darjeeling. On reaching Darjeeling, check in and Overnight at hotel.

### **Optional:**

- **1. Paragliding in Kalimpong** (for rate, kindly refer to Supplement & Optional Cost Column, given below the main package cost)
- **2. Teesta River Rafting at Melli**(for rate, kindly refer to Supplement & Optional Cost Column, given below the main package cost).



# **Day 07 Darjeeling**

### **Darjeeling (6710 Ft / 2046 Mts)**

- \*Early morning at around 0400am (subject to clear weather) for visit to **Tiger Hills** (8482 Ft / 2586 Mts) to view the sunrise over mighty Kanchendzonga Peak (Third highest peak in the world). Back to hotel for breakfast.
- After breakfast go for a half-day sightseeing of local Darjeeling covering Japanese Temple & Peace Pagoda, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park & Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Closed on Thursday, Local Festival and State & National Govt. holidays), Tenzing & Gombu Rock and Panoramic tour of Tea Estate.
- Back to Hotel. Overnight at hotel.

#### Note:

1. \* Tiger Hill visit is subjected to availability of coupons, as only 600 vehicles are allowed in the morning. In case of non availability of coupons we will provide the Tiger Hill visit after breakfast.

#### **Travel Support Services**



### **Optional:**

1. **Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) popularly known as Joy Train Ride**. For rate, kindly refer to Supplement & Optional Cost Column, given below the main package cost.

# Day 08 Darjeeling - NJP / IXB

New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (NJP) / Bagdogra Airport (IXB) (413 Ft / 126 Mts, 100 Kms / 03 to 04 Hrs drive) - After breakfast transfer to New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (NJP) / Bagdogra Airport (IXB), for onwards connection.

### **Optional:**

1. **Detour,** drive via \*Pashupati Nagar visit (Indo-Nepal border) for shopping &Mirik Lake (4905 Ft / 1495Mts, Horse riding & Boat is available in & around the lake on direct payment basis). For rate, kindly refer to Supplement & Optional Cost Column, given below the main package cost.

#### Note:

1. \* For Pashupati Nagar visit (Indo-Nepal border) for shopping, our vehicle will stop at the Indian side of the boarder & the guest will have to walk to the Nepalese side of the border, where they can easily hire a local taxi which will cost INR 400 to 500 one way to drop the guest at Market. The guest can also easily walk to reach the market which is just 2 Kms from the boarder gate.

**Tour Ends**