

Majestic Sikkim Darjeeling - 5N/6D Gangtok - 3N, Darjeeling - 2N



DAY 1 : ARRIVAL AT IXB / NJP / SILIGURI AND TRANSFER TO GANGTOK [125 KMS/5 HR]

Welcome to the Cleanest State in India - Sikkim, and transfer to the capital city. As the aircraft lands at the nearest airport, our representative waits outside to meet & greet on arrival at Bagdogra and drives towards Gangtok (Alt.5550Ft/1675M). The drive is about 4 hours following the most scenic way through the beautiful lanes of Sikkim along with the picturesque Teesta River.

On arrival, check in to the beautiful view rooms of the hotel well equipped with modern amenities and sink into the soft bed to get off the exhaustion. In the evening, take a stroll in the neighborhood or enjoy some hot coffee sitting at the balcony while admiring the beauty of the place. Overnight at Gangtok.

DAY 2 : DAY EXCURSION TO CHANGU LAKE, BABA MANDIR AND NATHULA PASS

As the morning sores in, the warm rays of the sun knocks through the window to give a startup call for the second day. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in its peaceful surroundings, and load the bags with dry foods before leaving for a full day trip to Tsomgo Lake with Baba Mandir / Nathula Pass Excursion.

Tsomgo Lake (12400ft) - Also known as Changu Lake is an oval shaped glacial lake which is only 40 km from Gangtok City, and almost about 1Km in length with 15 meters depth. The name Tsomgo is made of two words in Bhutia Language 'Tso' means 'lake' and 'Mgo' means 'head' in a short 'source of the lake'. This high altitude lake is surrounded by snow-capped steep mountains and remains frozen during wintertime. As summer beings to step-in, the glacier melts and the lake gets its origin. The locals consider the lake to be sacred, and it reflects different colors with the change in seasons.

New Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir - The Baba Mandir was built in the Memorial of Baba Harbhajan Singh or the 'Hero of Nathula', a soldier in the Indian Army. It is situated at a distance of 12Km from Tsomgo lake, and 52Km from Gangtok city. Baba Harbhajan served as a part of border patrol force, and in the year 1968 while escorting a mule column he felts on a fast-flowing stream and got carried away by the powerful water current. Soldiers found his remains after 3 days and cremated with full military honor along with a shrine on his Samadhi built as per Baba's wish, which he expressed through his friend post-death. The original bunker of Baba Harbhajan Singh is located further up near the Gnathang valley which is the Old Baba Mandir but because of its difficult terrain tourist can't reach there so they build a New Mandir for easy access. This shrine believed to have wish-fulfilling powers along with that Baba is still guarding the international border between India and China. On Sundays, a 'Langar' runs at the temple, which provides free meals to the visitors.

Nathula Pass - A major mountain pass in the Himalayas in East Sikkim district, which is a corridor of passage between India and Tibet before it was closed in 1962 but reopened in 2006. Located around 56 km from Gangtok at an altitude of 14450 ft, the road to Nathula is the highest motorable roads, passes through the Tsomgo lake, and requires an entry permit to visit. The view from this international border is breathtaking and allows the tourist to get a glimpse of China on the other side along with their Chinese militants. On a clear day, the road winding down the Chumbi valley can be seen.

(Nathula Pass is closed on Monday /Tuesday and Permit depends on Weather condition). and ALWAYS ON EXTRA PAYMENT BASIS

Overnight at Gangtok.

DAY 3 : GANGTOK LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

The morning in hilly areas is always beautiful, with the glittering rays of the sun spreading its golden hues on the snowy mountains, the chirping of the birds, the murmuring river, and the floating clouds makes promise every day of a new beginning. After feasting on sumptuous breakfast itâ€™s time for Gangtok Local Sightseeing. Post breakfast, start for a tour in and around Gangtok. Visit -

Tashi View Point - Located in Tashi about 8 Km from Gangtok town built by Tashi Namgyal, which offers a panoramic view of Mt Kanchenjunga on a clear day. Binocular and Telescopes are mounted at the viewpoint which can get an unobstructed view of the mountains and forest on the opposite side.

Gonjang Monastery - The monastery is located 6 Km away from Gangtok near Tashi View Point. This monastery was established in the year 1981 and the founder is H.E. Tingkye Gonjang Rimpoche. He got recognition as an incarnation of Yolmo Terton Ngakchang Shakya Zangpo, a 15th-century Nyingmapa Terton. The monastery follows the Jangter tradition of the Nyingmapa school of Tibetan Buddhism.

Do-drul Chorten - The huge Stupa or monument built by the Venerable Trullshi Rimpoche, head of the Nyingma order of Tibetan Buddhism, in 1945. Inside the stupa, there is a complete set of Dorjee Phurba (Vajra Kilaya), a set of Kang Gyur relic (Holy Book), completes "Zung"™ (mantras) and other religious objects. Around the Chorten, there are 108 Mani Lhakor (Prayer Wheels) all of which have mantras inscribed on them in Tibetan, and they consider this place as one of the important Chorten of Sikkim.

Namgyal Institute of Tibetology - - It is considered as prestigious and renowned research institute of its kind **Namgyal Institute of Tibetology** - - It is considered as prestigious and renowned research institute of its kind in the world, NIT is a treasure of a vast collection of rare Lepcha, Tibetan and Sanskrit manuscripts, statues and rare Thankas (colorful tapestries used in Buddhist liturgy). Apart from an attractive museum, it has over 200 Buddhist icons and other prized objects of art along with a majestic image of Manjushri (Bodhisattva of knowledge and wisdom) brought from Tibet.

Hur Hurray Dara - Also known as the Nam Nang viewpoint, provides a breathtaking view of the lush green forests, and the beautiful valley. This serene area is less crowded, for which it is best for a morning or an evening walk with a pleasant view of the hills in the lap of nature.

Tsukla Khang Monastery or Palace Monastery - This monastery is located inside the complex of Tsuklakhang royal palace of the Chogyal™s, the former rulers of Sikkim, and is the most accessible monastery within the city. Built in typical Sikkimese style, there are exciting murals and images of the Buddhist pantheon.

White Memorial Hall - A two-storied structure with typical British architecture, the hall built in the year 1932. The hall gets its name not because they paint it white but as they construct it in the memory of Sir John Claude White, the first political officer of Sikkim. The hall has historical values and is on the Ridge.

Flower Show Hall - A popular permanent exhibition of Sikkim diverse flowering fauna, near the White Hall, which holds the annual Orchid Show between March to June. This place is perfect to take photographs of the various colorful flowers and shrubs.

Gangtok Ropeway - One of the major attractions of Gangtok is the cable car ride at Deorali. The ropeway has 03 entry points or stops with the lowest point being the Deorali market, Nam Nang as mid-point, and the highest point is at Tashiling. This is a standing ride for everyone that offers a panoramic birds-eye view of the mountains, the valleys, the flowing river along with the mesmerizing view of the Gangtok city and snow-covered Mt. Kanchenjunga.

As the sightseeing ends for the day

back to the Hotel, and evening is free to roam around the MG Marg where one can taste the Sikkim delicacies at local restaurants or spend some bucks in shopping handicrafts and other items.

Overnight at Gangtok.

DAY 4: GANGTOK TO DARJEELING TRANSFER [95 KM/3 HR]

Soon after the vibrant Sunrises has begun to warm the day, a shrill noise from the bustling city wakes you up as the locals begin their daily chores. Let your tummy fill with the morning delicacies before Check out from Gangtok and drive for 4 hours towards Darjeeling (Alt 7100Ft/ 2100M).

"**The Queen of Hills**" - Darjeeling, a gem of a place known for its youthful vibe combined with modern as well as colonial charm. The dreamy town is situated at an altitude of 7100 ft, surrounded with tall mountains, coniferous trees, and green tea plantation. Darjeeling is a favored spot for everyone whether it's a tourist, trekker, photographer, artist, or a botanist apart from its World famous Darjeeling Tea.

On arrival, check-in at the hotel surrounded by Mother Nature with big, clean rooms facing the Mt. Kanchenjunga standing head up high. In the afternoon or evening, stroll about and shop -

Chowrasta & Darjeeling Mall - The heart of Victorian Darjeeling, this place is the commercial hub, set on the ridge above Darjeeling town, dotted with many curious centers and other shops selling excellent blended Darjeeling tea. There is much heritage and old stores lined up inside of the roads which sell unique handicrafts items along with food stalls selling hot dim sum, thukpas. Young children can enjoy a pony ride in the mall while elders can sit on the benches and feel the real vibe of Darjeeling while watching the people and their activities. Overnight at Darjeeling.

DAY 5: DARJEELING LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

As the chilly night continues to dominate over Darjeeling this day calls to wake up even before the sun to witness the stunning view of sunrise from the viewpoint along with full day city tour Post breakfast. Early morning visit to -

Tiger Hill Sunrise Point - An early morning visit to the tiger hill is perfect to witness the unforgettable sunrise over the snow-covered peaks of the majestic Himalayas. As the sunrise beings, the dazzling snow cover peaks of Mt. Kangchenjunga gloriously enlightens with a magnificent view, and on a clear day glimpse of the World's highest peak Mt. Everest is visible. The sunrise from Tiger Hill has earned international fame for the magnificent view of the sunrise over Kanchenjunga and the great Eastern Himalayan Mountains.

Batasia Loop - The Batasia Loop is a spiral narrow-gauge railway track where the Toy Train negotiates a sudden sharp descent from Ghoom. This place provides a breathtaking view of the surrounding mountains with a 360-degree view of the Darjeeling landscape in the backdrop of the majestic Kanchenjunga. The loop is decorated with grass, shrubs, and seasonal flowers.

Ghoom Monastery - Yiga Monastery or Old Ghoom Monastery is one of the oldest Tibetan monasteries in Darjeeling build in the year 1850 and below the Ghoom railway station. It follows the lineage of Sakya Sect of Vajra yana Buddhism and also has a small philosophical institute. This monastery has the biggest and the oldest statue of Buddha in Darjeeling and is being bought from Tibet. Back to Hotel for breakfast and freshen-up before heading towards city tour.

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park - Also known as Darjeeling Zoo is now one of the best Zoo in the world after bagging the International Earth Hero Award in 2014. The unique feature of this zoo is, it houses animals of high altitude, and mostly from the upper Himalayas with rare animals like Red Pandas, Snow Leopards, Tibetan Wolf, etc. The zoo contributes significantly to the breeding programs of endangered animals and safeguards the vulnerable ones.

Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Closed on Thursday) - HMI is a pilgrimage for all climbing enthusiasts of the world. Established in honor of Tenzing Norgay, it has a well-stocked museum with mountaineering displays and many expedition artifacts. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru laid the foundation stone of the Institute, and now it comprises a residential school for mountaineering providing students with basic and advanced courses.

Japanese Temple and Peace Pagoda - Also known as Darjeeling Peace Pagoda are on the Jalapahar hill. They build the Temple under the guidance of Buddhist monks from Japan in traditional Japanese style, and this place is the house of four avatars of Buddha. Close to it is the Peace Pagoda, where it showcases the four large avatars of Lord Buddha. The view from the top is magnificent with the panoramic view of the Darjeeling town, and Mt. Kanchenjunga. During the visit, tourists can join for morning or evening prayers in the temple along with the monks.

Tenzing Rock & Gombu Rock - This huge and giant natural rock named after Tenzing Norgay who created history after climbing the Mt. Everest is at Lebung Cart Road, also known as Monkey Rock. Located opposite of Tenzing rock is the Gombu rock name after Nawang Gombu, the nephew of Tenzing Norgay, who was the first person to climb Everest twice. Tenzing Norgay and his nephew used to climb this rock to train them for Everest climbing, and now these two steep rocks are being used by HMI during their Rock climbing training courses.

Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre - The help center was established on 1st October 1959, to rehabilitate the Tibetan refugees who followed Dalai Lama and escaped from Tibet. The workers in the center produce excellent Tibetan handicrafts like carpets, woolens, wood, and leather works which they sell and export to different countries for a living.

Rangiet Valley Passenger Ropeway - Also known as The Darjeeling Ropeway is the perfect spot to enjoy the breathtaking view of the valley below with the dreamy Darjeeling town, the lush green tea plantations, dense forests, mountain streams in their full flow, waterfalls, and the impressive snow peaks the background.

You can also enjoy the World UNESCO Heritage world-famous Darjeeling railway or the Toy Train to Ghoom subject to track conditions. It's the main and best attraction for visiting this hill train in Darjeeling. The path in which the train runs is well decorated by nature with lush green trees, flowering plants, small bushes, and vast Kanchenjunga dominating its presence throughout the journey.

The evening is free to visit the Darjeeling Mall for shopping as this is the last spot to crack a great deal and grab something unique from this trip. Overnight in Darjeeling.

DAY 6 : DARJEELING TO BAGDOGRA / NJP

"Goodbyes are always difficult". With the arrival of the morning at the doorstep, it's time to sign off from this little gem in the hills with sweet memories and a bag full of souvenirs. After the hot breakfast with some finest Darjeeling tea, proceed towards Bagdogra airport.

Tour / Service ends



DELUXE PACKAGE (3* Equivalent)			
Destination	Hotels	No of Nights	Meal Plan
Darjeeling	R j resort / Udaan / Nirvanaa / Silverstar / Villa Everest / Similar	02	Breakfast and dinner
Gangtok	Tempo Heritage/ North Star / Kingsway Boutique (Veg) / Mendang Residency / Similar	03	Breakfast and dinner

Rs. 34,500/- Per adult on twin sharing basis (2 person in 1 room) + **Airfare**

Supplement Cost for Nathula Pass @ Rs. 5,800/- per car will be charged extra (Monday & Tuesday closed).

PREMIUM PACKAGE (4* Equivalent)			
Destination	Hotels	No of Nights	Meal Plan
Darjeeling	Crescent Resort / Similar	02	Breakfast and dinner
Gangtok	Lemon Tree (Superior) / Tashiling Residency (Balcony Deluxe) / Sterling Gangtok / Orange Village / Similar	03	Breakfast and dinner

Rs. 44,500/- Per adult on twin sharing basis (2 person in 1 room) + **Airfare**

Supplement Cost for Nathula Pass @ Rs. 5,800/- per car will be charged extra (Monday & Tuesday closed).

Tour price Includes :

1. **Meal Plan:** Breakfast and dinner included at the hotel
2. Accommodation on twin/Double Sharing Basis
3. All the room are based category
4. Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for transfers & sightseeing. **Please note – The vehicle will not be at disposal it will be available to guest as per itinerary only (point to point basis)**
5. All permit fees & hotel taxes (as per itinerary).

Tour cost Excludes Airfare, 5% GST, Any additional meal like Lunch etc., Laundry, tips, and anything which has not mentioned above in **Tour cost Includes** list

Warm regards :
SHRADDHA TOURISM
Mr. Sandeep Deshpande -
Call – 9158720002

NOTE:

- 1: The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise we will confirm similar category hotel.
- 2: Itinerary might be re-arrange as per hotel availability at the time of booking



Important Facts for Traveler's:

Nathula Pass: (We can not give you any guarantee for nathulla pass but we will try)

- **The Permission for Nathula Pass is completely subject to availability.**
- Nathula visit is subject to availability of permit & road condition. It can be done on the same day with Tsomgo Lake – Baba Mandir, except Monday and Tuesday. Only limited permits are issued by the Sikkim Tourism Department before 24 hrs. of tour (OR on the day of tour depends on road condition) to those travel agencies registered with Sikkim Tourism Department on Rotation basis. It is **closed on Mon & Tue.** NAME, ADDRESS, AGE & GENDER i.e. naming list of all guests traveling are required for processing of permit. Normally organizing permit at the eleventh hour is not possible, minimum time required is 72 hours before the arrival to apply the permit with all documents. We will try our best, but in case of non-availability of permit, the tour will only be till Baba Mandir. In case the permit is available one can opt for the trip with an extra charge approx. Rs. 5,500/- per vehicle.
- It is mandatory that guest should carry photo proof identity card such as Voter Id / Passport / Driving License / Aadhar Card and passport size photograph. (PAN Card is not considered as a valid ID proof). For above 05 yrs. child School ID card is valid.
- As permit is mandatory and very limited number of permit are issued per day for visiting Nathula, Guest have to travel by any car whichever is available (like Xylo/Scorpio-Maxx/Bolero/Sumo) as per permit issued. We cannot give any choice on Vehicle type. This is to inform you that in order to control and send more tourists to Nathula pass, the department of tourism after consulting with travel agents laid down the following rules :-
- In case of less than 6 people from one travel agent the department generally club small number with another travel agent's small number of tourists just for 4 km up and down before Nathula pass.
- The Indian Army allows visiting Nathula from 11:00AM to 12:30PM only .Guest have to start early from Gangtok. If guest makes delay in starting ex Gangtok we cannot guarantee the visit in spite of having confirmed permit.
- In high season limited permit will be issued by authorities. We will try to get the permit but if we will not get the permit then we will refund the supplement amount after end of the tour.
- Please note if Nathula pass permit not done due to weather conditions / Land slide / any other reason than we will refund the supplement amount after end of the tour.
- Also note that if Nathula Pass permit is issued and due to any other reason they can't visit Nathula Pass then we are unable to refund anything.

Note:

∅ The above costs are Net & Non Commissionable and valid for Indian nationals only.

Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances, etc. (To be borne by the client, this is directly payable on the spot).

∅ We need Guest Name & Arrival / Departure details to process your booking.

∅ Permit require for Tsomgo Lake. It is mandatory that guest should carry 02 copies of passport size photograph, original photo ID proof with photo copy (identity card – Voter ID card / Pass-port / Driving License / Aadhar Card) for processing the permit. **PAN Card is not acceptable for issuance of the Permit.**

∅ Permit also require for traveling to North Sikkim (Lachung & Lachen). Requires 02 more copies of passport size photographs along with original photo ID proof.

∅ As Innova is low chassis car and not ideal to travel North Sikkim and Tsomgo Lake – Baba Mandir. Alternative in Luxury vehicle like Scorpio / Xylo will be provided.

Child Policy:

- Child Below 04 yrs complimentary
- Child 4 -10 yrs. without extra bed as mention in cost column CNB (Child no Bed)
- Child 4 -10 yrs. with extra bed as mention in cost column CWB (Child with Bed)
- Above 10 years / Extra adult with an extra bed sharing room are same & charged as per.

About Vehicle:

∅ We provide exclusive vehicles in our packages.

∅ Non a/c Wagon R/Alto for 1-3 Pax including child.

∅ Non a/c Sumo / Max for 4-8 pax including child.

∅ Scorpio/Xylo for 6 pax including child.

∅ Gangtok city tour is done only by Maruti Van/Wagon R (4 people in a car).

∅ If guests are booked for luxury vehicle, Scorpio/Xylo will be provided as per availability.

∅ Only 06 heads are allowed in 01 Scorpio/Xylo including child. In case the number of heads traveling increases, then the guest will have to take another vehicle.

∅ Most of the hotels do not have parking place & vehicle cannot be parked in front of the gates for longer period hence guests should wait at the reception 5 minute before the departure to avoid the inconveniences.

∅ Due to vehicle-parking difficulty, most of the areas are restricted to entry of vehicle & specific time is allotted for entries. Kindly follow the time strictly as given to you.

∅ In No Parking Zones, the vehicle will get parked in an available parking area. In such a case, you will have to wait for the vehicle to come to your designated area. Please be patient as the driver will have to come through traffic. Please coordinate with the driver

About Transfers:

∅ Transfer from Bagdogra/NJP railway station will be provided from 06:00 hrs. To 17:00 hrs.

∅ All hill destinations are 3 to 5 hrs. Drive from station or airport. So, we do not recommend traveling in inadequate day light.

∅ In unavoidable circumstances the guest may have to stay back at Siliguri at an additional cost.

Ø If there is any late arrival at NJP railway station, we suggest the guest, considering their safety that they should stay back at the station. Our representative will meet and arrange their transfers at 6:00 a.m.

Ø Keeping in mind the road condition of any hilly region, the guest should decide upon themselves (with their train and flight timings) as to when they should start the departure transfer. We suggest a buffer time of 2 hours at least.

Ø **All transfers from Gangtok / Pelling / Darjeeling to onward destinations will be provided either in morning from 07:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. or in afternoon from 01:00 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.**

For Luxury Vehicles

Please note that this Luxury Vehicle (Scorpio / Xylo) will be provided to the guest for the complete tour. The vehicle changes every day/Sector wise & will be on contract as per the itinerary. This vehicle is not on disposal. Also while opting for Luxury Vehicle please informs the guest to travel light with minimum baggage of one piece per person. In case of excess baggage, the guest will have to opt for an extra vehicle for carrying the excess baggage. The cost for this will be directly paid by the guest on the spot. Maximum 06 Heads (Including adult & children) will be allowed in a Scorpio / Xylo. **AC of this luxury vehicle will only operate in plain & not in hills.**

In case the guest is opting for Scorpio/Xylo inform the guest to travel with minimum baggage of one piece per person. In case of excess baggage, the guest will have to opt for an extra vehicle with an additional cost for carrying the excess baggage. The cost for this will be borne by guest directly.

About Hotel:

Check-in 14:00 hrs. / Check-out time is 12:00 hrs.

- The tourism infrastructure in Sikkim & Darjeeling is not very developed and one should not expect or compare it with the standards of plains & other developed destinations there is always scarcity of water and power in the region and so you would come across situation like water (hot) being supplied on time basis – morning & evening.
- Room Heater available with an extra cost Bourned by the guest directly (Except at Premium+, Premium & Luxury categories)
- Category of Rooms in the packages normally remains to base category of rooms.
- A valid photo ID proof for all guests staying at the hotel is mandatory.
- For Extra adult in the room we will provide an extra bed (wherever possible), but most of the hotels only provide extra mattress or roll away bed. Most of the hotels have no provision of an extra bed.
- Operator reserves the right to re-arrange itinerary to suit hotel availability without changing the total number of days in each destination and without compromising with any services.
- In the area almost all the hotels do not have a lift facility and in all the hotels the guest will have to climb stairs. In case if any guest is having problem of blood pressure, knee or other ailment for which they cannot climb the higher floors they will have to intimate us during the time of booking so that we can try to arrange rooms at the lowest possible floor of the hotel enabling the guest to climb the minimum number of stairs.